

New Cowboy Movie to be Made in Westcliffe Confirmed!!

by Carol Clemenson

It has been CONFIRMED!!!!!! There will be yet another western film made here in Westcliffe and the surrounding areas. Rick Simpson from Skeleton Creek Productions, based in Enid, Oklahoma, has verified that they will indeed be filming another western movie in the Wet Mountain Valley this summer, the Sentinel was informed via a phone conversation.

Skeleton Creek Productions has a solid history of western movie making here in Fremont and Custer Counties, including their last one, "Cactus Creek", that was partially filmed at Buckskin Joe's in Cañon City.

Rick, his brother Larry Simpson, and one of their

cowboy actors, Michael Stewart, from Pueblo West, were in the Wet Mountain area last June inspecting possible filming sites for this movie. Areas they inspected were the Pines Ranch, Hardscrabble Canyon, upper Sangre areas, and the Beckwith Ranch.

Michael Stewart, of Pueblo West, is an actor, site manager, and one of Skeleton Creek Productions' marketing people. He played Buck Taylor, the marshal, in "Cactus Creek" and he also played the part of Drago in another one of Skeleton's western films. He has also worked with Jodie and Dean Rusk at the Pines Ranch. Being raised in Westcliffe he knows the area very well.

Of historical interest, Rick recalled when they were filming here in Westcliffe

many years ago, they often visited Susie's Cafe for breakfast and snack runs. One day, while they were having breakfast, guess who was sitting in the dining room? Famous movie star Lee Marvin (who was a World War II combat veteran), who was there taking a break from filming the movie, "Cat Ballou".

One can purchase Skeleton Creek Productions' movies at their website, skeletoncreekproductions.com. These include "Cactus Creek", "Guns Along the Bravo", "Showdown at Devil's Butte", "Curse of the Sacred Mountain" and others.

Of interest to our readers is that Skeleton Creek Productions hires many local



Skeleton Creek Productions-Michael Stewart as Marshall Buck Taylor

Courtesy Photo from Michael Stewart

people to be extras in their films (sorry, for free). You must have western period dress and be able to get to the filming sites at the proper time. At their last film in Cañon City ("Cactus Creek"), they hired over a hundred locals to be in the

film. So, cowboys and cowgirls, git those chaps and blouses ready, you might be on the big screen!

The Sentinel will post all updates to this story as soon as they become available.

If the Clinic/Ambulance Service Doesn't Survive

by Joe Cascarelli

Recently, I interviewed four real estate agents to get their take on the impact that the closing of the clinic and/or ambulance service would have on local property values. I would like to thank Jean Canterbury, Brenda Bosse, Elizabeth Maestas and one agent who wanted anonymity. Each was asked five questions:

- What do you know about the current status of the county's ambulance service?
- Is the clinic in sound financial condition in your opinion? Explain.
- If the ambulance service went out of business, what effect would it have on valley real estate values?
- If the clinic went out of business, what effect would it have on valley real estate values?
- If the clinic became an emergency care facility, would that be good for the community? Explain.

I started with an inquiry about what they knew about the financial problems that

the clinic and ambulance were having. All were aware of the problems, but their familiarity with the details varied a great deal. This led to questioning if potential buyers asked about health care in the valley. The visiting public is largely unaware of the problems and few ask about them. Realtors respond to the few questions with the fact that at this time the clinic and the ambulance exist. Two agents did relate that they had each lost a sale because of the clinic's problems.

I tried to get an idea of which service was more important, but the clinic and the ambulance are tied together in their minds and likely in the minds of local residents. Three of the four believe that the closing of either or both facilities would have a big impact on property values. One thought that if these closings happened, there would be little interest on the part of buyers. It should be noted that this agent is a longtime resident with a good deal of rugged individualism and she and her family were used to

being more self-sufficient. When faced with an illness or an emergency, they rely on the family to get the injured party to a hospital or doctor and "have done so all our lives." While I admire this kind of "grit," one can only wonder how many potential "new-comers" share this outlook.

One outspoken realtor was more concerned. She, too, is a longtime resident, but recognizes the need of ambulance services for the local public events in the valley. She asked me, "How will event sponsors get insurance with no ambulance?" The rodeo was brought up as an example. With no local ambulance, the Saddle Club would likely have to hire an independent service which could be very costly. She actually said that without the ambulance service "we would have to close-up shop."

All were concerned that many, particularly the elderly, in the valley would likely

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County Assembly: Tuesday, March 25

by Rob Canterbury

The Custer County Republican Assembly convenes Tuesday, March 25th, 7 p.m., at the Custer County Court House.

The purpose of this Assembly is to determine who will be placed on the ballot in the upcoming Primary Election. We have three seats in Custer County this year that will be addressed at the assembly. They include the office of Sheriff, The District 1 County Commissioner seat, and the County Coroner.

Each candidate who has participated in the caucus will be given a brief time to speak. The chairman will then call for nominations. When nominations have ceased, a vote will be taken for each seat that is open. Only the delegates who were chosen at the March 4th caucus are allowed to vote.

The results of the vote are then tabulated. A candidate must have thirty percent or more of the votes, to be placed on the primary bal-

lot. If a candidate gets more than ten percent, but less than thirty percent of the votes, they can still petition on to the ballot. However, if their vote tally is less than ten percent, their bid for election is concluded for this election cycle.

The next order of business is to elect nine delegates to go on to the State Assembly held the 11th and 12th of April. In order to be a state delegate you have to have been a county delegate. Nine alternates will also be chosen.

The ratifying of Republican Central Committee members is the final order of business during the Assembly.

The meeting is run by the Republican Central Committee Chairperson who is currently Sheron Berry. Everyone is welcome to attend, but only the elected thirty delegates will be allowed to vote during the proceedings.

The primary election will be held via mail-in ballot on June 24.

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When the godly are in authority, the people rejoice.
But when the wicked are in power, they groan.
Proverbs 29:2
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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

What Time Is It? And Why?



A few weekends ago we all "lost" an hour of sleep. Daylight Saving (no 's') Time was mandated at 2:00 AM on Sunday, 9 March. At that time it magically became 3:00 AM. Most of us set our clocks one hour ahead (spring forward in the Spring, fall back in the Fall) before we go to bed. We have heard that purists wake up at 2:00 AM and change their clocks. NOT! Actually those that forget just show up late for church or brunch. Thankfully it's done over Sat-Sun rather than Sun-Mon or a lot of people would show up for work one hour late on Monday or the kids would miss the bus. Why do we do this? When did it start? Who thought of it? Do the animals care? We've always been told the cows want milked when it's time to be milked and they don't care what time humans say it is. We believe that. Anyway, we did a little research on the internet (mostly Wikipedia) and found out there is a great deal of conflicting information and different ideas about the who, what, where and why of Daylight Saving Time (DST). We thought you might enjoy some of the information we found. We cannot verify all these "facts" but hope you find them interesting.

DST is the practice of advancing clocks during

the lighter months so that evenings have more daylight and mornings have less. The practice has been both advocated and criticized. Adding daylight to evenings benefits retailing, sports, and other activities that exploit sunlight after working hours, but can cause problems for evening entertainment and other activities tied to the sun (such as farming) or to darkness (such as firework shows). Although an early goal of DST was to reduce evening use of incandescent lighting (formerly a primary use of electricity, modern heating and cooling usage patterns differ greatly, and research about how DST currently affects energy use is limited or contradictory). While the times of sunrise and sunset change at roughly equal rates as the seasons change, proponents of Daylight Saving Time argue that most people prefer a greater increase in daylight hours after the typical "nine-to-five" workday. Supporters have also argued that DST decreases energy consumption by reducing the need for lighting and heating, but the actual effect on overall energy use is heavily disputed. Modern DST was first proposed by the New Zealand entomologist George Vernon Hudson, whose shift-work job gave him leisure time to collect insects, and led him to value after-hours day-

light. In 1895 he presented a paper to the Wellington Philosophical Society proposing a two-hour daylight-saving shift. Many publications credit DST's proposal to the prominent English builder and outdoorsman William Willett, who independently conceived DST in 1905 during a pre-breakfast ride, when he observed with dismay how many Londoners slept through a large part of a summer's day. Some even credit Benjamin Franklin for the original idea. Starting on 30 April 1916, Germany and its World War I allies (Austria-Hungary) were the first to use DST as a way to conserve coal during wartime. The United States adopted it in 1918. Beginning and ending dates are roughly the reverse in the southern hemisphere. For example, mainland Chile observes DST from the second Saturday in October to the second Saturday in March. DST is generally not observed near the equator, where sunrise times do not vary enough to justify it. Only a minority of the world's population uses DST because Asia and Africa generally do not observe it. Daylight saving has caused controversy since it began. Winston Churchill argued that it enlarges "the opportunities for the pursuit of health and happiness ..." and pundits have dubbed it

"Daylight Slaving Time". Historically, retailing, sports, and tourism interests have favored daylight saving, while agricultural and evening entertainment interests have opposed it, and its initial adoption had been prompted by energy crisis and war. U.S. retailing and manufacturing interests led by Pittsburgh industrialist Robert Garland soon began lobbying for DST, but were opposed by the railroads. The U.S.'s 1917 entry to the war overcame objections, and DST was established in 1918. Congress then repealed DST after 1919. President Woodrow Wilson, like Willett an avid golfer, vetoed the repeal twice but his second veto was overridden. Since Germany's adoption in 1916 the world has seen many enactments, adjustments, and repeals of DST, with similar politics involved. The history of time in the United States includes DST during both world wars, but no standardization of peacetime DST until 1966. On January 4, 1974, President Nixon signed into law the Emergency Daylight Saving Time Energy Conservation Act of 1973. Then, beginning on January 6, 1974, implementing the Daylight Saving Time Energy Act, clocks were set ahead. On October 5, 1974, Congress amended the Act, and Standard Time returned on Oc-

tober 27, 1974. Proponents of DST generally argue that it saves energy, promotes outdoor leisure activity in the evening (in summer), and is therefore good for physical and psychological health, reduces traffic accidents, reduces crime, or is good for business. For example, a study in 2005 in Indiana found that more was actually spent on energy use. Groups that tend to support DST are urban workers or professionals, retail businesses, outdoor sports enthusiasts and businesses, tourism operators, and others who benefit from increased light during the evening in summer. Opponents argue that actual energy savings are inconclusive, increases health risks such as heart attack, that DST can disrupt morning activities, and that the act of changing clocks twice a year is economically and socially disruptive and cancels out any benefit. Farmers have tended to oppose DST. Arizona still doesn't practice DST. How does DST affect us here in Custer County? Do you like it or hate it? Let us know how you feel. And the answer to the question of what time it is. It's time to help restore Colorado's conservative values. Plan to get smart on the issues and candidates and VOTE in the important upcoming elections.

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Where Are Custer County's Leaders?

by Joe Cascarelli

The subject of leadership always haunts me at election time. For many years, I believed that leadership was like charisma... difficult to define, but we know it when we see it. For many years, I made a good portion of my income by conducting three day workshops for managers. At one in Chicago, a young manager asked me if leadership could be taught. I told him that I'd have trouble defining leadership, but that I'd get back to him. During the following three months, I read about two dozen books on leadership.

All the most recognized authorities-Bennis, Kouzes and Posner, Covey, Scheenberg, etc.-each had their own theories. What I was looking for was what they saw that was common to the greatest leaders. The best minds on the subject seemed to agree that an effective leader must be a visionary and be able to articulate that vision in a way that enrolls others. That is to get "followers" to accept that vision as their own. One of the reasons that Custer County lacks lead-

ers is that there is no vision.

As an active volunteer, a candidate for school board, a town Trustee and a concerned citizen, I have been frustrated by the leadership vacuum in the county. It often seems to me that people run for office for the money. If you look around, the highest paying jobs in the community are government jobs. In an area with so few private sector job opportunities, getting elected seems to provide some financial stability. Once elected, ignoring the tough decisions is the most effective way to keep the most voters happy. I once worked for a guy who was never guilty of a bad decision because he was never guilty of a decision.

So, here we are just days away from delegates in the assembly voting for those who will stand for election. Of all the candidates for Commissioner, Sheriff, Coroner, US Senator, Governor and all those other offices, where are the leaders? Where are those who want to make decisions and policy for the people who have distinguished themselves as honest,

competent, forward-looking (visionary), inspiring, intelligent, fair-minded, broad-minded, courageous, straightforward and imaginative? These traits came from a breakthrough survey conducted by Santa Clara University. It is the most frequently sighted list quoted by the experts on leadership.

Does the community need a commissioner or a sheriff who possesses these traits...I say yes it does? After all, we pay these officials a lot of money. We expect them to establish and enforce policy that will make the community something special. We do not want a "go-along-to get-along" wishy-washy person who stands for nothing. Personally, I want official with vision, courage, honesty and intelligence.

To get the best that the community has to offer requires voters who are willing to think for themselves and who will hold their choices accountable. This kind of analysis takes courage. It is not something that I see in the local electorate, but then I've only been here for 15 years.

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sell if the clinic and/or the ambulance service closed. It was pointed out with a sharp increase in real estate "inventory" property values would go down for all. One staff member at a local realtor told me that in 2000 the average age in the community, according to the census, was 45 years old. By

2010, the average age had increased to 54 years old. As we age, things like speed of emergency response will become more and more important. This along with all the national publicity about healthcare insurance will no doubt shine a light of life in all rural communities.

It was interesting to me how little detail information each of the four had about the status of the clinic and am-

bulance service. All seemed to follow the news reports, but little is known about the history, the mission, the personalities, and the potential outcomes that surround the Hospital District, and its fall from prosperity. I will be very interested to discover if residents are concerned about their property values. Maybe some will write letters to the editor to share their observations and concerns.

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Faith Lakota Overholt, 10 years old, of Cotopaxi, Colorado, and a student at Cotopaxi Elementary School, reaches out to the community for help. Faith, at the young age of 3 months was given unsterile immunizations that gave her a blood infection and a severe fever that lasted for several days. Medical staff treated Faith for spinal meningitis, but gave her the wrong medication: medication meant for an adult cancer patient. Faith almost passed away but remained to fight the infection.

Faith has suffered some minor brain damage that has caused her to have severe developmental delay problems. She has always struggled to fight her health problems. This year Faith was sent home from school several times from vomit-

ing and not feeling well. She has been through several tests to find out her GI system is not functioning right and is developmentally delayed. Faith is not able to digest her food properly and has major problems with her whole digestive system. Faith needs ongoing treatments, a nissen fundoplication surgery and other surgeries to fix her digestive system.

Family and friends opened an account at Wells Fargo branches in Faith's name for donations to help with her medical needs that her insurance will not cover. Faith will also have donation jars around the community for donations. Friends & family extend their gratitude to the community for any help.

Thank you!

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An Endorsement for Supan & Nordyke

Dear Fellow Citizens,

I would like to start off by saying it is wonderful to see so many educated and well qualified candidates running for a position to serve the citizens of this community. The credentials for the Sheriff race are very impressive. I feel that the candidates all have a strong background in administrative duties, all have experience in budget matters, and all have law enforcement experience. It is refreshing to have such qualified individuals interested in the position of Sheriff. I would like to express my support for candidates Tony Supan (candidate for Sheriff) and Art Nordyke (candidate for Coroner). I have worked with these two candidates for approximately 15 years. I would like to tell you why these two individuals will have my support at the voting booth. I have worked for Sheriff Jobe for over 15 years. The best quality and what gives me the most respect for Sheriff Jobe is that he does not expect his staff to do anything he is not willing to do himself. I have seen this quality in Undersheriff Supan time and time again as he has worked his way through his career. My first professional encounter with Tony was with the 911 Authority Board. I had a big project of upgrading the county emergency answering stations. I will be honest that Tony and I didn't necessarily agree on this project. To look back on this project now, I realize that I was coming at it from the technology side

and Tony was adamant that I dotted my I's and crossed my T's with the amount of money I would be responsible for spending when it came to the cost of the system. I remember thinking "What do you know about technology". Reality was, he was teaching me to be accountable for the finances that ultimately made me responsible to all the citizens and the emergent technology. I became more familiar with Tony's work ethic when he started as a Detention Officer. During this time, he saved the county a lot of money by using his handy man skills on repairs. This has continued through the years of his employment making repairs to the department and working with the offenders on projects. One project that really stands out in my mind is the year the Sheriff Office was in charge of the Christmas for Kids project and the offenders made wooden toys for the kids in need. This project brought joy to small kids and the offenders had a really good time and gave them a sense of joy during the holiday. Over the years, Tony has moved up the ladder from Detention Officer, to Sheriff Deputy, to Sergeant and now is the Undersheriff. Through all these steps he has continued to assist with projects and repairs that has saved the county a great deal of money. Tony is the man that is not afraid to get dirty, he works hard, he always takes call outs, he has been out on many fire lines for long hours as a fire-

man and now as, a Deputy Sheriff, assists with DOW calls. A very strong supporting factor I have is that Tony "KNOWS" the current staff. I feel that the current team is one of the best I have seen over my career. He has worked with the current employees and knows the current staffs strengths as well as our weaknesses. This is a strong asset in knowledge of how to assist current staff and help them learn and work together.

As well as knowing Tony on a professional level, I have learned qualities of him as a person outside the office. Tony is a caring man. Tony helps the ranchers with projects, pulled many a person out of the ditch during a snow storm and respects his elders. This past fall I had the pleasure of encountering Tony while I was out hunting. A very dear man Chuck Kastendieck wanted to go hunting elk. Tony took his personal time to help this man. Although many of us go hunting with others, I feel it takes a special person to take the time out of their busy lives to help the elderly. Chuck got his elk, slipped and then fell on his face but that was the happiest gentleman I have seen in a very long time. I guarantee that Chuck will never forget that day or how happy he was. That day brought up my respect for Tony another notch. That moment was probably my deciding factor. I consider Tony to have a wonderful work ethic and a very big heart.

Art Nordyke has been the coroner for a very long time. The amount of time and the years of service he has put in as the County Coroner are very commendable. That is not a job many people can handle. I have worked with Art for the past 15 years as well and I have been out on a few calls with him. Art does his job, takes continuing education classes for the Coroner position, and has a great deal of compassion for the family members that are left behind. Art has been very involved in the community with his volunteer activities as a trustee, a search and rescue member, a posse member. This does not take in to account the numerous times I have known him to pick up stranded motorists in snow storms or help with medical fund raisers for many of our community families. Art has a good working relationship with law enforcement and current administration and his heart must be made of gold for all he has done for this community.

So as you consider this election process, I appreciate your consideration of who has their heart in their job and their community. I like the phrase. "If the wheel isn't broke why change it". Lets build on what we have. To all the candidates, it is great to have such a well educated and experienced group of people that wish to serve their community.

Kristina Geroux
Rural Custer County

Laws and Morals

The new marijuana laws are shortsighted. With every law passed, whether it's pot laws, gun laws, abortion laws, or health care laws, there are unintended consequences that go far beyond what the politicians' mind can foresee. The lead end of the rubber band has launched forward but the tail end has yet to catch up and it soon will with a vengeance. The end result of this law has not been seen yet and may not for years to come, but then the damage is done. You can't undo like a typo on today's computers. If pot is the panacea for revenue, why not become like Nevada and allow gambling, why not prostitution? That would bring in lots of revenue. We could have the drug lords, the pimps and the gambling syndicate in abundance; families be d---ed. Why not put a price or tax on every hedonistic act known to man, thereby condoning it and at the same time reaping money for the state coffers? With the extra money we can open new mental health treatment centers for the slaves to gambling, drug and sexual addiction? We can hire new law enforcement specializing in DUI whether its drugs or alcohol; families be d---ed. Prostitution is fueled by human trafficking, intim-

idation, coercion, drugs, corrupt morals and greed. Why not allow dog fights, bull fights and cock fights, regardless of the inhumane bloodshed by dumb animals, to reap the benefit of tax revenues; families be d---ed.

How far do we go for the almighty dollar before we cut the government waste whether federal, state, county, or city? We need to stand on principles, lead with moral conviction, govern with humility, judge without prejudice, and teach with the future already in mind. A nation, state or local government cannot live by laws without morals. So the laws passed must reflect our morals and we must be governed by a higher moral law, a law that transcends ethnic groups, gender groups, religious groups, and political groups. It must transcend time as well. That law can only come from a transcendent God, one who knows all, sees all, and one who has the unalterable, and sovereign right to govern. If we use any other source of intelligence (like depending on ourselves) we are doomed to repeat past errors and we are doomed to fail.

by Bill Bailey,
Westcliffe, CO

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Custer County School Board Meeting

by Candi Sage

The monthly school board meeting was held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. Reports were heard from the students, staff and board members.

Students from the junior class reported details about the planning of Prom at Beckwith Ranch to be held on May 3. Staff member, Mr. Bistodeau sought and received approval for the upcoming History Club trip in May. Band and music teacher, Brittan Braddock's letter of resignation was accepted as she has received a full-ride scholarship for an out of state Master's program and will be moving.

Board President, Brenda Gaide, reported on attending a two-day legislative conference in Denver. The rural session discussed issues similarly faced in rural areas with the top three concerning funding. Others were lack of representation in legislature, the 'one size fits all' legislation, and testing in general that included technology issues surrounding testing. Information she shared with the board indicated rural participants were encouraged to keep advocating for their school districts by making sure representatives understand the 'negative factor', they adopt a legislature, attend advocacy days at the Capitol including board members, parents and teachers, and start a letter writing campaign.

Paperwork provided to the board for approval included Resolution 14-01 of the Board of Education Custer County School District

C-1 to be signed by President Gaide and Secretary Rowland. This resolution supports concerns regarding inadequate funding for Colorado schools by the 'negative factor' which in Custer County has resulted in larger class size, delay of purchasing needed buses, losing potential teacher candidates, and creating additional responsibilities without compensation; basically causing all funding in Custer County Schools to be sorely effected. This resolution included that superintendents representing 99% of the public school students which was 168 of the 178 districts, called on the State General Assembly to restore \$275 million including the Governor's proposed increase. The board approved signing this Resolution on March 11.

New items approved by the board include a new Internship Work-Study Program and the new district calendar for the 2014-2015 school year. The first day of school will be August 19 and the last day will be May 21, ending the school year before Memorial Day 2015. The new district Strategic Plan in draft form will be the discussion of the next Board Workshop scheduled for April 1 from 6-8 p.m.

Elementary Principal, Holly Anderson, reported Beth Kruis and Donna Eldridge are working on the new Colorado READ plan requirements, the students are in the process of the state T-CAP assessments, and student strengths and concerns that the computerized MAP testing indicated. The MAP assessment

showed areas that teachers need to target or retarget with more instruction in reading/language and in math.

Secondary Principal, Barb Jones, reported on recent letters send to parents. Parents are asked to join with students and staff to rewrite the Sponsor's Handbook for High School and fund raising activities. Second, the letter for parents to note is the school calendar as this year unfortunately has the last two days scheduled for after Memorial Day and these will be final exam days for freshmen, sophomores and juniors. Students will not be given permission to take earlier exams, unless under extreme emergencies. Last, Mrs. Jones shared information regarding graduation events for seniors including parents to be on committees to plan Senior Night scheduled for May 23, Baccalaureate scheduled for May 30, and Graduation scheduled for May 31. The first senior parent meeting was held on March 5.

Superintendent, Chris Selle, reported on the Student Success Act which if passed would provide an extra \$79,000 to Custer County, but with many unfavorable strings attached. There are legal requirements for the graduation guidelines that Custer County needs to adopt for the 2015-16 school year. Regarding the E-rate; notice was received that out of the \$95,000 appealed for approximately two thirds is approved, and the \$5,000 FCC appeal was received on March 11.

The Real Estate Coach's Corner The Over-Personalized Home

by Pamela Gentry
Cotopaxi, CO

Why can your Colorado mountain home take longer to sell than you expected? Let's examine one possibility... the over-personalized home.

In rural mountain areas there are simply fewer people. That is why we move here in the first place. People who move to the mountains are fulfilling lifelong dreams to get away from the busyness of the city. It often has been in the planning stage for years. Dreams of the ultimate home fill the minds of all future mountain residents. This sometimes leads to home features that are "one-of-a-kind."

As a custom home builder, when one of my new clients wants to do something really unique, like a climbing wall in the living room, a two-story waterfall in the great room, or a fully-automated horse wash... yes, I have actually built one of these... my question to them is, "Are you really planning on living here forever?" Of course, the answer is always affirmative.

But honestly, at some point, no matter how good our intentions, we age. We can't keep up with the maintenance anymore. The kids start having grandbabies and we want to be closer to family. The altitude starts having an effect on us and for the first time ever, we

consider selling our dream. Now as a realtor, I see why de-personalization is so important to consider while building your home, not after having your home on the market for 751 days.

When people are looking for a new home, they are looking for a place that says "home" to them. Step back and see your home through the eyes of a stranger. You may only have a few dozen buyers in the prime season of a market, so you need to make your home appealing to as many people as possible or you will diminish your pool of potential buyers. Remember the 3D's of seller preparation: de-clutter, de-personalize and "detach."

This is often difficult for sellers, but after their home has not had an offer in weeks, or months, or even years, suddenly homeowners wish they would have thought twice about those turquoise-painted cabinets selection or the purple Greek columns in the master bath.

So here are some tips while considering your finish selections:

Choose colors that are neutral. Select natural, local, or at least domestic wood species and stains. Avoid overly ornamental imported species. Avoid brightly colored carpet and specialty decorative

border tiles. Personalize your home with art and accessories that can be taken down and put away when it comes time to sell.

Always have a staging specialist (or a friend with good taste) go through your home and make suggestions to neutralize the space. Remove pictures of family and friends and replace with simple art. Put away art projects and hobbies. Keep the window coverings, linens and pillows in non-distracting patterns. Think "relaxing resort" not "relative's homestead."

If you are a hunter, minimize the mounted wildlife and firearm displays. I wouldn't dream of asking you to remove all of it, after all, this is Colorado and we are Americans, but it shouldn't look like we are running a taxidermy. Why? We are trying to make anyone who walks into this house feel like they have found "their new home."

If your home is on the market now, has been difficult to sell, or you are just now beginning to consider selling, take some time and walk through your home and see if employing some of these suggestions would increase the probability of selling your beautiful home quickly and for the best price possible.

Until next time, remember: "From Colorado, Heaven is a local call!"



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Local Mountain News & Notices

Bobcat Youth Basketball "Wrapped Up" an Amazing Season

by Kristen Foster

The Bobcat Youth Basketball season ended last Saturday with a packed house.

The Junior Division Champion was the Bulls coached by Julie Olomon, with the Blue Jays placing second. The Junior Division was led by Garrett Stepanich, from the Bulls, in scoring with 155 points for the season. He received the High Scorer Award. Garrett also received the Cory Schlabach Award, which was presented by the Schlabach Family. AJ Stolzhus, from the Blue Jays, received the Team Player Award, Morgan Foster, from the Blue Jays, received the Most Improved Award and the Defensive Player Award went to Brooke Flynn, from the Grizzlies. Coach's Awards were given to Samantha Gray, from the Heat, Christopher Mullett, from the Blue Jays, Ty Bomgardner, from the Grizzlies, and Cameron Penkoff, from the Tigers.

The Senior Division Champion was the Thunder coached by Gary Fischer, with the Heat placing second. The Senior Division was led by Patrick Post, from the Heat, in scoring with 74 points for the season. Patrick received the High Scorer Award. Patrick Post also received the Cory Schlabach Award, which was presented by the Schlabach Family. Elias Zeller, from the Bulls, received the Team Player Award, Colin Hess, from the Thunder, received the Most Improved Award, and the Defensive Player Award went to Wesley Curtis, from the Heat. Coach's Awards were given to Lindsey Gillmore, from the Thunder, Memphis Curry, from the Heat, Skylar Runnalls, from the Bulls, and Dillon Kinsey, from the Nuggets.

Special thanks to the league's volunteers! There was quite the assistance from a lot of dedicated individuals this year. To name a few: Coaches: Gary Fischer, Kristen Foster, Julie Olomon, and Shelly Penkoff. Sub Coach: Trent Stafford. Referees: Rog-



Junior Division Champions: Bulls

Left to Right: Back Row: Weston Jones, Samantha Gray, Garrett Stepanich, Sheyenne Shy. Front Row: Ben Stafford, Zach Smerchek, Lily Bomgardner and Mia Sayhouse. Not pictured: Willie Bo Cline and Coach Julie Olomon.

courtesy photo



Senior Division Champions: Thunder

Left to Right: Back Row: Colin Hess, Lindsey Gillmore, Patrick Post, Coach: Gary Fischer. Front Row: Zach Fischer, Garrett Stepanich, Grace Moos

courtesy photo

er Squire, and Corb Griffin. Score table: Duane Foster, Ross Penkoff, and Troy Bomgardner. Set up and tear down: Eugene Berry and crew.

Thank-you ALL for your support. See you next season!!

The Bobcats at the "Banana Belt(?) Classic"

by Jim Silver

The Custer County Bobcats Track Team has now come up against its first competition this season, as of this past Saturday, March 15. Twenty members of the team travelled to the CSU-Pueblo campus for the "Banana Belt Classic," a big event attracting 20-plus schools from as far away as Durango and Denver and up to Class 4-A. The Bobcats' roster this season is a team of 24, consisting of 6 seniors, 7 juniors, 4 sophomores, and 7 freshmen. Head Coach Bruce May is pleased to see this number out for track, since it's double that of some years in the past.

An easy breakdown of a track team is to describe what the athletes do: They run, they jump (hurdles do both), and/or they throw things. The runners are divided into "distance" and "sprinters." Distance runners are coached by Assistant Coach Brian Bass, those who run 800, 1600, and 3200 meters (think half-mile, mile, and 2 mile runs). Coach Bass, who also coaches Cross-Country, sees the distance program as a strong segment of the Bobcats team. At the Banana Belt, Corey Lewenkamp placed 6th in the 1600 meter run. As a 10th grader, Corey placed in 3 events at "State" last year: 3rd in the 3200 meter, 11th in the 1600, and 13th in the 800, running the races in that order. Last weekend's meet was cut short, before the 800 and 3200 meter races.

Assistant Coach Joy Perrish takes charge of the

shorter distance runners—the "sprinters." They run the "dashes," which are the 100, 200, and 400-meter races. She also instructs the long and triple-jump and hurdles, as well as relays. At the Banana Belt, Dillon Wommack and Serenity Ham both placed first in their respective heats of the hurdles. At the end of the day, Serenity's time gave her 5th place overall in the girls' 100 meter hurdles.

The shot-putters and discus throwers are coached by Coach May, and he also handles high-jumping. Serenity Ham, a 9th grader and with middle-school experience, placed 6th in the high jump. Denver Mullett competed in the boys' high jump and showed good possibility for the weeks ahead. Throwers are looking strong, as well. Smokey Solis was rated 10th in the shot-put last season and has teammates out at the shot and discus pads who will also produce well as the season goes on, both boys and girls.

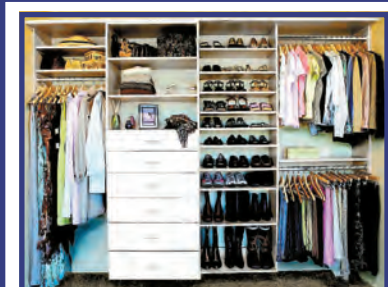
Coach May noted that, all-told, the coaching staff is preparing the team to compete in 18 events. The meet in Pueblo was anticipated as a good place to start the 2014 track season. The team had 3 weeks to practice for the Banana Belt, but the snow storm of the previous weekend hampered them in that preparation. Hurdles practiced with only 3 hurdles placed diagonally across the gym. Sprinters ran "wind-sprints" (run up, walk back) uphill on the street at the east end of the school. And Smokey lost a discus for a day, as he and

his teammates threw in the snow.

Then unfortunately, this year's "Banana Belt" didn't live up to its name. The day before the event, Coach Perrish was heard reminding the team to hydrate (ie., drink) and to not stay out in the sun. That turned out to be perhaps harder to keep in mind than expected, given how windy-cold it was in Pueblo, with an occasional hint of precipitation. The 9:00 a.m. start-time was delayed for more than an hour for the track events because of technical problems, and as the day went on the wind grew stronger. Shortly before 4:00 p.m., the decision was made by the organizers to cancel the remaining track events. This meant that some members of the Bobcat team headed home without the fun and challenge of what they showed up to do—noteably some distance runners.

Following this first outing for his team, Coach May said that in spite of the way the day turned out, he was very encouraged with their showing, and he's excited for the rest of the season. They knew going in that at such a big meet the Bobcats would face tough competition from athletes from the bigger schools, especially. He states that what the team comes away with is having had the opportunity to see things to work on and to get better, as they go on to the Center Invitational this Friday, March 21. This will be a smaller meet but still about 16 schools in the San Louis Valley,

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Baseball Bobcats Beat Salida 9 to 7

by Jim Silver

The Bobcats Baseball Team faced Salida on Saturday, March 15 and came out on top: 9 to 7! Coach Jay Lont said following the game that he's "a very proud coach!" The players worked hard in practice and saw the benefits in how they played this first game. The game stats say it all, both on offense and in fielding. Three players batted 2 for 3—Shreve, Flynn, and Staton. Three players batted 1 for 3—Rowley, Byerly, and Bell, and Travis Stuart hit 1 for 2. Fielding stats are impressive, as well.

Lane Byerly was the starting pitcher, and the coach substituted Shreve, Staton, and then Rowley as clos-

er. Conner Rowley faced 4 batters and struck out 3 to end the game time-wise, at 2 hours and 15 minutes at the top of the 5th inning. Lane Byerly threw 87 pitches as Winning Pitcher and Conner Rowley is credited with the Save. He was also named "Player of the Game."

Conner Rowley had been scheduled to start as pitcher for the second game of the double-header, but was used to close game one because all indications said that there would be no second game. The umpire's decision was to cancel that game, since at the time the first pitch was thrown, the temperature was 25 degrees. And, the wind was blowing with gusts of 20-30 mph. Coach Lont gave his

team a lot of credit: "Playing in such brutal conditions says something about the players." The pitcher's throwing hand was too cold to even feel the ball. A rescheduled make-up game will have to be played sometime in the future.

With this win over a 3-A team, the Bobcats next play the JV team of 4-A Canon City in Canon City on Thursday, March 20. This is once again a double-header, and will have been played by the time this issue of the Sentinel comes out. The game following will again be "away" against the rival Rye, a double-header on March 29, first game at 11:00 on that Saturday. Keep watching the Bobcats!

Custer County FFA Annual Oyster Fry and Auction

by Candi Sage

On Friday, March 15, FFA members held their annual oyster fry. For the approximately 160 community members who came to eat, their choice was chicken as some pointed out, "For the chickens" and Rocky Mountain Oysters, "For the brave". After serving the meal, FFA members continued serving the crowd and provided extra rolls, chicken, oysters, french fries and refilling drinks.

When the time came for the auction of the member's services to the community, many area ranches, busi-



FFA members serve up oysters, chicken, and sides during their annual fundraiser.

Sentinel photo by Candi Sage

nesses and private homes helped raise funds for FFA by 'buying' the eight hours of service provided. They paid for various work to be done by the 26 FFA members such as; moving cows and horses, cutting and

stacking wood, house work, babysitting, house sitting, fence building and fixing, and yard work. A total of nearly \$5900 was raised which included other items made by FFA members.

Custer County Lions Fundraising Dinner

Spring is in the air! Please join the Custer County Lions' of the Sangres for a great dinner, silent auction, and fun with great friends.

Custer County Lions' of the Sangres received our charter in May of 2012. Since that time, we have assisted children and adults in need with eye surgeries, eyeglass pur-

chases and KidSight screening of small children.

In order to continue providing these services, we need your support! On Saturday, April 12, at the Lutheran Fellowship Hall, we will be serving a delicious meal of beef brisket, baked potatoes, green salad, rolls, and

homemade peach crisp. Cost of the meal will be \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under. Please RSVP to Elaine Hall @ 783-0432 by April 5, 2014. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$30 per person.

See you all at the Spring Fling!!

Bobcats Sport Schedule

BASEBALL
Saturday, March 29, 2014
11 a.m. and 1 p.m.: Double Header - Rye at Rye
Thursday, April 3, 2014
3 p.m.: Sargent at HOME
Friday, April 4, 2014
11 a.m. and 1 p.m.: Double Header - John Mall at HOME

GO TEAMS!

TRACK
Friday, March 21, 2014
8 a.m.: Center Invitational at Center
Friday, April 4, 2014
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Custer Conservation District's Annual Spring Tree Sale

The Custer Conservation District Annual Spring Tree Sale fundraiser has begun. The District is offering six to seven foot trees and also three foot potted trees that are suitable as wind-breaks, shade trees, or for landscaping. The potted species that are available include Colorado blue spruce, Austrian pine and bristlecone. Examples of the potted trees may be viewed at the District Office. Our tall trees include pinon pine, white fir, Ponderosa pine and

Engelmann spruce. Ten to twelve foot aspens are also available. The trees are dug locally; thereby the trees are already acclimated to the local conditions. To order trees, complete the order form found on the following website www.custercounty-conservationdistrict.org or by visiting the District office at 10 Hermit Lane, Silver Cliff. If you have questions please call 783-2481. Discounts are available when larger numbers of trees are ordered. The deadline for

ordering trees is Friday, May 2nd, and the trees will be ready for pick-up by mid-May (this timeline is subject to change due to weather & snow conditions). The proceeds of the tree sale help the District provide workshops and conservation education programs to landowners and to the local school district. Custer County Conservation District is a nonprofit organization dedicated to conservation education and helping landowners manage their natural resources.

Jones Theater to Show the Film "Son Of God"

The Jones Theater, Westcliffe is proud to announce it has booked the highly acclaimed biblical film "The Son of God" for Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12, at 7:30 p.m. and April 13 for a Sunday matinee at 2:00

p.m. This means that local movies goers will not have to drive sixty five miles to see it elsewhere.

This major motion picture tells the story of Christ's life and works through a biblical

perspective and is a perfect introduction to the Easter season. Tickets to the movie are \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students up to the age of 16, and \$5 for children 12 and under.

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1-A to 3-A. All 11 meets to come—including State (May 15-17)--are "away". As Coach May puts it, "We

spend a lot of time in the 'yellow limo.'"

At the final practice before the meet, the Coach had these words for the team: "Get the most out of this

stage of your life. Give it your best." From all appearances, that's what this team, and its coaches, are about. Watch here for their results and progress as the season goes on.

After-Prom Committee Begins Fund-Raising Effort

The CCHS After-Prom Committee is busy preparing for this year's After-Prom event. The event is sponsored by the CCHS Student Council and follows the annual Prom event. The After-Prom event will run from 12:30am-5:30am and provides the CCHS students a drug and alcohol FREE party to attend. There is adult supervision during the event and if a student chooses to leave, an adult will contact the student's parents.

The After-Prom event was re-instated by the Student Council last year and was a big success. "I would estimate we had 50% of the students who attended Prom come to the After-Prom event," said CCHS STUCO sponsor Troy Bomgardner. "The students had a great time last year and there is a lot of excitement for this year's After-Prom."

The committee of parents and students is busy planning the events that will include a trip to Horn Creek, a local church, and a local restaurant. "The students came upon this idea of a 'party bus' theme and we just all pile in and move around our community having a great time that is drug and alcohol free," commented Bomgardner.

The big draw of the night is

the prize giveaway that happens as the sun is rising over the Wet Mountains. "With the gracious donations of our community, we were able to give away nearly \$3,500 in prizes to our students last year!" exclaimed Bomgardner. "To see the look on the face of one of our students when they win a big-screen high-def TV or a mountain bike, that just makes all the planning and hard work worth it!"

The committee is busy canvassing the community for donations to help with this year's event. Bomgardner mentioned that with expected increase in numbers the goal is to raise \$5,000 to help purchase prizes for the students. "It was amazing last year," Bomgardner noted. "Everyone pitched in and gave a little and we raised the funds for an awesome event. I have no doubt our community will come together again to provide this drug and alcohol free event for our students."

If interested in donating towards the After-Prom event, please contact Troy Bomgardner at 783-4927 or checks made payable to Custer County School District can dropped off at the school office Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm (District closed for Spring Break March 24-27th).

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Custer County Bobcat 2014 Track Team

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Sprinters, Jumpers and Hurlers Front row from left Serinity Ham, Katlyn Freeburg, Sarah Gerringer, and Lilly Gerringer. Back row from left Andrew Feldman, Dillon Wommack, Denver Mullett, Michael Franta, Brian O'Connor, and Casey Brandon.



Distance Front row from left Jessica Sturtevant and Seani Millard - Mgr. Back row from left Michael Parsons, Dillon Wommack, Michael Franta, Layne Geroux, Kaylan Stoering and Corey Lewenkamp. Kayli Short not available for the photo.



Throwers Front row from left Kaylee Chase, Madyson Marron-Mgr. and Caitlyn Johnson. Back row from left Manny Pedigo, Cody Lyons, Smokey Solis, Ryan Young and Tyler Havens. Not pictured is Amanda Schmutzler due to injury.



Player's Name	Team Roster Event	Grade
Casey Brandon	Sprinter	9
Kaylee Chase	Thrower	9
Andrew Feldman	Sprinter, jumper	9
Michael Franta	Distance, jumper	11
Katlyn Freeburg	Sprinter, jumper	10
Layne Geroux	Distance	11
Lilly Gerringer	Sprinter, jumper	12
Sarah Gerringer	Sprinter, Jumper	10
Serinity Ham	Sprinter, jumper, hurdles	9
Tyler Havens	Thrower	12
Caitlin Johnson	Thrower	12
Corey Lewenkamp	Distance	11
Cody Lyons	Thrower	9
Denver Mullett	Jumper, sprinter	11
Brian O'Connor	Jumper, sprinter	12
Michael Parsons	Distance	9
Manny Pedigo	Thrower	12
Amanda Schmutzler	Thrower, sprinter	11
Kayli Short	Distance	10
Smokey Solis	Thrower	12
Kaylan Stoering	Distance	11
Jessica Sturtevant	Distance	10
Dillon Wommack	Sprinter, hurdler, jumper	11
Ryan Young	Thrower	9
Madyson Marron	Manager	
Seani Millard	Manager	
Bruce May	Head Coach	
Brandon Bass	Assistant Coach	
Joy Parrish	Assistant Coach	



New Internship Work-Study Program Offered

by Candi Sage

Custer County High School has been working on parameters for implementing an internship work-study program for seniors and qualifying juniors beginning the 2014-2015 school year.

This program is aligned with the CDE (Colorado Department of Education) graduation guidelines that state all students should be ready for postsecondary education AND the work-force.

Secondary Principal, Barb Jones, and Counselor/Head Football Coach,

Troy Bomgardner, have been working on putting this program into place for students to participate in the workforce and comply with part of the graduation guidelines. Businesses or agencies in the Westcliffe/Silver Cliff area will be receiving letters (delivered by the student seeking participation in the program) to inquire about their willingness to have the student work for them as an intern or work-study. Before students can participate a parent approval form must be signed.

Students participating in this program can work from 72 hours per semester

to 216 hours per semester and receive .5 credit to 1.5 credit based on their hours worked. Students can elect for a paid work-study or unpaid internship; both require hourly verification and the business or agency completing a monthly rubric grading the student on their ability to meet the job expectations.

This program provides another way for the businesses and agencies in the community to participate in the future of the workforce as well as the education and valuable experience our youth need to be successful.

FFA Student of the Month

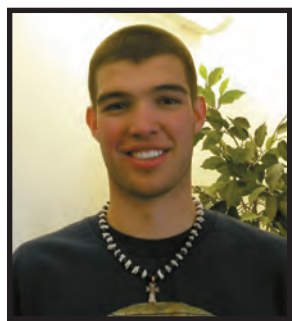
by Candi Sage

Lane Byerly has been voted FFA Student of the Month for March 2014. He has participated in FFA events and fundraisers for four years and has applied for an FFA State Degree where he will get recognition at a state level. Lane originally came to Custer County from Cotopaxi in fourth grade.

He is interested in sports and plays football, basketball and baseball. Lane has been heavily involved in 4H throughout the years; last year as Vice President and currently as Secretary. His other interests include

hunting, fishing and the outdoors. Lane also has volunteered by assisting patients, cleaning, and running lab results at St. Thomas More Hospital in Canon City.

He has served in capacity of Treasurer of his Junior Class and is now Vice President of the Senior Class. He has been accepted on an ROTC scholarship to the University of Wyoming in Laramie, yet has also applied for a Baseball scholarship to the University of Washington in Tacoma. Lane said he will have a choice to make. If attending the University of



Wyoming, he will then go into the Army with career hopes in mind. If attending the University of Washington, he will head toward a degree in Criminal Justice and become a State Patrolman. Congratulations Lane, on your accomplishments!

Sheriff's Report...

There were only 2 fire calls. Seven men and one women are in the jail at this time.

3/6 - Jake Platchek, age 22, was arrested off a Custer County warrant for failure to comply. He is being held on a \$5,000 bond. Original charge was sexual contact with a minor.

3/17 - Paul Schleser, age 79, of Westcliffe was arrested off a Custer County warrant for failure to ap-

pear. Charged for driving under restraint and backing into another vehicle. He was originally held on a \$500.00 bond but was later released on a personal recognizance bond.

3/16 - Joshua Batur of Silver Cliff reported the theft of prescription drugs from his residence in the 300 block of First street.

3/15 Timothy Leach, age 42, of Westcliffe, was ar-

rested in Westcliffe off a Sheriff's warrant for domestic violence. Booked and held on a \$3000.00 bond.

3/13 Paul Copeland of Silver Cliff reported someone stole his 1084 Van while parked at the 700 block on Butler. Later recovered in Florence. Believed to have been taken by a known suspect.



Tony Supan Candidate for Custer County Sheriff

Once in a while events happen that effect the path that our lives take, that event was a fire that started at the Raccoon Saloon on Main Street (where Jess Price Memorial Park is today). I went to help put it out, not long after that I started training to be a fireman at the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District.

I became Firefighter I certified, and was one of the first to achieve Firefighter II certification. I also qualified yearly for my Red Card which would allow me to fight wild land fires. Historically wild land fires have been the largest natural disaster in Custer County.

For 29 years I served on the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District retiring as a captain. During that time I served 6 years on their Board of Directors, being elected to that position the final 4 years. I also served on the 911 Authority Board as a representative of the Fire Department, we brought the first 911 system to Custer County, something that team of board members took pride in.

When the Iron Mountain and Cuerno Verde fires took place I served as a firefighter, to protect homes. During the Duckett Creek and Wetmore fires I served as a deputy to evacuate homes and protect the people. Over the years I have helped the ambulance corps as an extra driver, and as a deputy to protect the EMTs so that they could do their job.

My experience with the Fire Department and the Sheriff Office has given me hands on knowledge that none of the other Sheriff candidates have, especially pertaining to the Fire Marshal. I know the Fire Marshal duties well, and have gone through the "Delegation of Authority" process during a wild land fire. This process is crucial to getting immediate response teams to our fires when every second counts.

All in all it is important to keep the people of Custer County safe no matter which branch of emergency services you are part of, and I am proud to have served with them all in the past, today, and into the future. Giving back to this community is something I have always felt strong about, being involved with emergency services here has given me a way to do that.

If you would like to contact me:

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Saturday, March 29

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\$35 per ticket, Corporate tables available: \$325 for a table of 10

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Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

Big City Crime Rocks Cañon City Time to Get Tough on Crime

by: Barbara Penezic

While many Cañon City residents are still wrestling with the idea of marijuana being legal, and the possibility of pot bakeries filling our empty store fronts, we are now dealing with the horrendous news of the Phay Street murders. A young mother and two of her three children killed in their own home on what was otherwise a lovely Sunday evening. A teenage girl forcefully raped and held captive in the same home where her mother and siblings lay dead or dying. What courage and fortitude it must have taken for this young girl to wait, not knowing what her abuser might do next, would he kill her as well? Thankfully he fell asleep and the girl was able to escape to the safety of a neighbor's home.

This crime was not committed by the "boy next door," that wonderful young man suddenly gone so horribly wrong. It was not a fluke act of violence that no one could have seen coming. Not by any stretch of the imagination. The perpetrator, Jaacob Van Winkle, had been known to law enforcement for quite some time. Van Winkle was sentenced to four years in prison in 2004 by the Indiana Justice System for child molestation and vicarious sexual gratification. Now remember this was in 2004 in the state of Indiana, but he was again facing the criminal justice people in Indiana in 2007. According to my math that was only three short years later and he was again convicted of molesting a child. His prison term this time was for 2 years, not that the "time given" is a big deal since the criminal is usually released early at any rate.

Jaacob Van Winkle must have felt he had worn out his welcome in Indiana as he left with questions looming about the death of his former landlord and the State of Indiana leaning toward the passage of Jessica's Law. This law was so named and enacted in many states in memory of a girl who was abducted, sexually assaulted, and brutally murdered. It mandates a

minimum sentence of 25 years and a maximum of life in prison for first-time child sex offenders. Quite often these heinous crimes against innocent children are punished by a mere slap on the wrist. Three to four year sentences that are many times reduced to little more than time spent in jail awaiting trial by a soft on crime judge.

Now as we trace the path of this rapist turned murderer he shows up in Colorado and in trouble with the law. Van Winkle is involved in a child custody case filed in Adam's County. Hopefully that child will be lucky and this vile predator will be dealt with in a way that will preclude his ever harming this little, "in-harms-way innocent child". The Fremont County Courthouse has records on file that show Van Winkle was arrested on July 29, 2012. Charges included third degree assault, false imprisonment, reckless endangerment, and domestic violence. This was the way he treated the woman pregnant with his own child. Once again however, this person who has seemingly caused harm to others whenever the opportunity arose was allowed to plea bargain. August of 2012, Jaacob Van Winkle was allowed to enter a plea agreement right here in Fremont County for the alleged incident. He pled guilty to assault in the 3rd degree, a class 1 misdemeanor offense. His punishment was 18 months in jail, domestic violence treatment and an order of protection for the victim. Obviously the domestic violence treatment did not meet with success.

I have spoken with several area residents and they all have the same question, "WHY?" Carl Jenkins a long time Fremont County resident summed it up this way, "A shocking criminal history and yet he was back on the streets to commit this crime. Had he been locked up where he belonged this wouldn't have happened. In my opinion whoever let him out should be equally responsible and should face the same fate as him. It is high time we start holding D.A.s and judges accountable!" This was one of the

milder statements I heard. One gentleman thought maybe it was time to "Hang 'Em High" on Main Street. Emotions about the Phay Street murders are running very high in this small town. Many area residents are fed up with the soft approach to crime and want to see our laws enforced. A lady who did not wish to disclose her identity said, "I don't lay the blame for this awful incident at the feet of our Sheriff, Jim Becker, or Police Chief Paul Shultz. Their people risk life and limb to apprehend violators only to see them let go. If our laws were enforced as they should be, many of these killers would be behind bars and not out killing our children."

Jessica's Law, the original law, would be a great start to getting some of these vicious predators off our streets for good but Gov. Hickenlooper has not seen fit to enact this law for the State of Colorado. Colorado is one of 7 states moving away from passage of this lifesaving legislation. This may be a good time to ask (no, tell) the Governor that we are fed up with this inaction and we want to see results. The children of Colorado deserve protection. We need also to make our voices heard right here at home. Tell the D. A. we are tired of seeing criminals plea bargain. If they do the crime they should do the time. In the past we have heard statements such as: we have laws in place.... we don't feel the need for more laws.... Well, that may well be true but, the perpetrators are almost always given a reprieve by a soft on crime legal system. Mandy Folsom and her two children will not be given another chance to live their lives. There will be no do over for those children. A 15-year-old girl will live the rest of her years in recovery always wondering what if? And why was I spared? Let's be sure these lives were not lost in vain. Become a voice for those children and demand action from our D.A., Tom Le Doux and Governor Hickenlooper. Demand the death penalty!

Be Informed
Get Involved

Taxpayers Bill of Rights in Danger

by Edward Whitcraft,
Royal Gorge Tea Party

Remember our history Lesson from years ago about Paul Revere and his midnight ride. He was to warn the colonists that the British were coming. We need several Paul Reveres today to warn us about our government that is coming to get us, the tax payers. Day after day we hear how our local, state or federal government wants to help us by implementing a program or regulation to make our life better. Of course, this always comes with a cost. As we know there is no free lunch.

Now we find out that a lawsuit has been filed to eliminate the Tabor Amendment also known as the Tax Payers Bill of Rights. A group of lawmakers, city council members, and school board members think that Tabor restricts them from having a say in tax decisions and prohibits Colorado, a republican form of government. The 10th U.S. Court of Appeals agreed that this case could go forward. Three judges made the decision that the plaintiffs in this case have been injured by the Tabor law.

The Taxpayers Bill of Rights has been a real blessing for the tax payers of Colorado and have helped to keep our elected officials in check at every level. There is no doubt that without this law there would be uncontrolled and oppressive growth in our state and local governments. One only has to look at the federal government to see how

out of control and obtrusive it can become. According to The Heritage Foundation Members News magazine, winter 2014 edition, the President Jim DeMint provided these figures-\$3.5 trillion in spending; \$17 trillion in federal debt; more than 4 million federal employees-plus uncounted battalions of full-time contractors; and 175,000 pages of federal regulations. Our liberal progressives are still not satisfied - they're still screaming for more.

Friends and neighbors of Fremont County, it's election time. One of the questions we must ask our candidates is how they feel about the Tabor Amendment. If they waiver on the answer or think we need to get rid of it, be leery of that candidate. They want free rein to do as they please and not have to answer to the very people that will elect them. We must make all our politicians accountable to We the People. Are you not tired of seeing your hard earned money being paid in taxes wasted and abused?

John Adams in 1826 made the following statement: "there are two ways to conquer a nation one is by the sword, the other is by debt." There should be no doubt that our federal government is rapidly putting us in debt to where our national security is in jeopardy. We certainly don't want the state of Colorado or our local governments to add to this debacle.'

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Deer Mountain Community Fundraiser TODAY! Friday, March 21

The Deer Mountain Community Organization (DMCO) will serve spaghetti with meat sauce and trimmings to raise funds to build a community center. The dinner will be served at the Vineyard Church in Cañon City, at 245 S. Reynolds Ave.

Tickets are being sold in advance for two seatings, one at 5:00pm and one at 7:00pm. Dinner is \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12. For tickets call Rob or LeeAnn Adams, 942-3278; Becky Girdler, 942-4776; or Betty Warner, 942-4443. Tickets are also available at the Vineyard Church Connection Café and at the door Friday evening. Dinner includes spaghetti with DMCO's special home-made meat sauce, salad, bread, beverage, and dessert.

The Deer Mountain/Copper Gulch area is in need of a community center where neighbors can meet and hold events. DMCO's property at 2995 County Rd. 27A (Copper Gulch Rd.) is the perfect place, and they invite everyone to enjoy dinner with them and help raise funds for the Deer Mountain community center. Visit their website at www.deermountaincommunity.com to learn more.

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

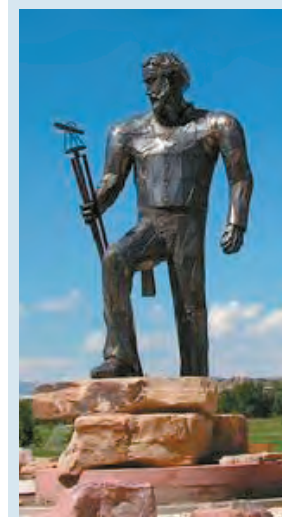
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1st and 3rd
Mondays at 6 p.m.
City Hall
128 Main St.
Cañon City**

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Rev. 21:8 NIV

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

Lawlessness and Climate Change

by Bill Wilson

The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) reports that the White House has made yet another change to the socialist mandate on health care. This time it was hidden at the the bottom of a seven-page technical bulletin that a rule in a previous bulletin would be extended until 2016. According to WSJ, Health and Human Services (HHS) has created a “hardship” standard where “Now all you need to do is fill out a form attesting that your plan was cancelled and that you “believe that the plan options in the Marketplace in your area are more expensive than your cancelled heath insurance policy” or “you consider other available policies unaffordable.” There is no burden of proof. Just say it and you’re out.

There have been at least eight changes to this law by executive fiat. In other words, without any Congressional approval the occupant of the Oval Office has changed eight times a law passed by Congress that he signed. This, in of

itself, is unconstitutional and unlawful. Imagine if you just didn’t like certain laws and you decided not to follow them. When the authorities catch up with you and arrest you, your defense is that you just thought the law was in need of change, you didn’t like it, or it wasn’t fair. I can tell you for a fact that these same defenses the White House is using would not hold up for you in a court of law. You would end up with fines, jail time, or both.

The White House is selectively enforcing the law based on the very same arguments I just presented. Marriage between a man and a woman isn’t fair to a certain group of people. The White House just doesn’t like the law allowing offshore oil drilling. Immigration laws need to be changed. Terrorists are often allies we can fund because we are not “officially” at war with Islam. These are just four examples of excuses used to not enforce the law by the very office whose job it is to uphold the laws of the land.

Moreover, Congress, which has the authority to remove from office such a usurper of the Constitution, hardly acknowledges these acts of malfeasance and treason.

By default, this makes law enforcement arbitrary and selective. It is prejudicial. When no law is enforced, any law can be enforced at any time. When this occurs, your freedom to speak your mind, to worship and practice your faith, to peacefully assemble, to protect yourself, to maintain your privacy, and so on, is abridged and infringed. The absence of law in civil society equates to anarchy. And anarchy breeds hate. Jesus said in Matthew 24:12, “And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.” We understand sin and wrongdoing because of the law. When there is no law, iniquity abounds. The result is the love of many waxing cold. Now that is true man-made climate change.

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

‘Sundays Are the Worst’ Website Lets Waiters Anonymously Vent About Horrible Experiences With Christian Customers

by Billy Hallowell,
TheBlaze.com

(Editor/GG: I was shocked, shocked, to hear this might be going on in Westcliffe!).

A pastor has opened up an online forum for waiters and waitresses in Tennessee to anonymously vent about the low tips and poor treatment they received from Christian customers.

“Sundays Are the Worst,” a website created by Chad Roberts, lead pastor at Preaching Christ Church in Kingsport, Tenn., offers “a place of pure honesty and testimony” for restaurant staff to share the frustration they’ve experienced as a result of interacting with people after church.

The idea for the site came last year after Roberts heard about the St. Louis pastor who famously wrote, “I give God 10 percent — why do you get 18?” on an Applebee’s receipt. After that incident went viral, Roberts and his staff members decided to take action.

“I think everyone knows there’s a disconnect between the serving community and what’s quote-unquote the ‘Sunday church crowd,’” Roberts told Tennessee’s Kingsport Times-News this month. “Mainly when we saw the comments that people were making about [the situation in St. Louis], that’s when we knew we needed to address this issue.”

Roberts first tried to launch a Facebook page, but that effort wasn’t successful due to the need to protect servers’ identities. That’s when he decided to launch a website where local restaurant workers in Tennessee could share their experiences completely anonymously.

“We have the ability to edit, but the way we feel, the story is going to be what it is. If they drop the F-bomb,

curse, it is what it is, but if a server puts their name or a restaurant name or a customer name, we will take that out,” Roberts told the Times-News. “We want to protect the servers and we want to protect the restaurant owners. We’re not going to allow restaurants to be bashed on there.”

Dozens of stories of servers’ experiences have already been posted since the site launched March 1. Roberts wrote that his goal is to “create conversation.”

“Our hope is that the church crowd will read the thoughts and experiences from the serving community and that it would cause them to re-think their actions and attitudes on Sundays,” he wrote. “We also hope that servers who have been legitimately hurt by Christians would realize that there is a church that really cares about how they are treated. It bothers us, angers us and saddens us when we read these stories of how some Christians have judged, belittled and mistreated the serving community.”

One former server wrote that they “teared up” after hearing about Roberts’ effort.

“When I was put into a position that I had to wait tables in TN, I always dreaded the inevitable Sunday morning,” the server wrote. “Being single and not particularly religious, I was always scheduled to work. As the title of your site says, Sundays were the worst. Tips were lousy.”

The server wrote that they had seen religious literature left instead of tips, including the “fake \$20” — a Christian tract that resembles a \$20 bill, but isn’t.

Another individual who worked at a local grocery store shared more hard-hitting views on what it was like to deal with Christian

customers on Sundays.

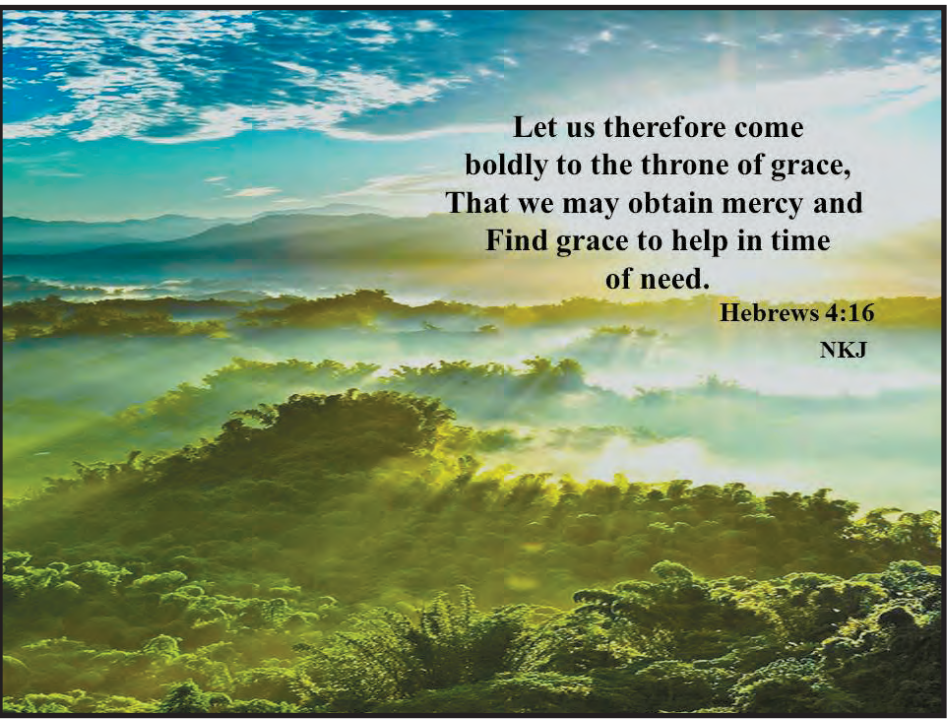
“The arrogant churchgoing customers I helped looked down their noses at me, snapped their fingers like I was a dog, refused to answer my questions and huffed if they thought I was working too slowly,” the person wrote. “Cool, I’ll just trim your flowers so that they wilt in a day, not in a week or I’ll pick out the nastiest, most blown-open flowers I have because you refuse to sully your graced-by-God fingers picking them out yourself and you won’t notice because you’re feeling too high and mighty to actually inspect your purchase.”

Each of these stories receives an apology response from Preaching Christ Church. And every week during the eight-week campaign, one server who contributed is chosen to receive a supermarket gift card. In the end, Roberts said, he’s trying to change the narrative and confront both those responsible for the negative behavior and those impacted by it.

“The church does so many things that are counterproductive to our message, so we try to be intentional, we try to be strategic, we try to think through everything we do: Does this advance the cause of Christ? Does it advance the Gospel, and does it help people?” he said. “We want it to be practical.”

Some research has concluded that Christians really aren’t bad tippers at all, though some with anecdotal experience clearly disagree.

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Texas Voters Take A Stand:

9 out of 10 Want Obamacare Repealed and Welfare Recipients Drug Tested

by Marc Slavo,
SHTFPlan.com

Just because one part of the country has seemingly lost its mind and is willing to give up their freedom for the promise of more security doesn't mean everyone is on board.

In Texas, where voters took to the polls Tuesday night, a completely different set of ideas is at play. And if nationwide sentiment is any indication, other conservative and libertarian leaning states will soon follow.

Though only about half of the votes have been tallied so far, the people of Texas have spoken. It's a roar, in fact. Voters are standing in unison and have overwhelmingly approved a variety of propositions that may well send shivers down the spines of supporters of things like universal health care, rampant welfare dependency, special privileges and gun rights.

The following results speak for themselves.

First on the chopping block is the Patient Affordable Care Act, more commonly known as Obamacare. Apparently, 93% of Texans don't take well to having the federal government mandate what they should or shouldn't buy with the penalty for non-compliance being IRS harassment and prison time:

The Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare", should be repealed.

Rep. Prop 6: Repeal Obamacare		
50% Reporting		
For	955.022	93%
Against	70.232	7%

This one might be a little scary for those folks who spend their lives on their couches smoking weed or mainlining heroin while hard working Americans pay for their dope:

Texas recipients of taxpayer-funded public assistance should be subject to random drug testing as a condition of receiving benefits.

Rep. Prop 4: Welfare Drug Tests		
50% Reporting		
For	975.981	95%
Against	49.187	5%

You'll never see the U.S. Congress vote for this, because they're way too special:

All elected officials and their staff should be subject to the same laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances as their constituents.

Rep. Prop 5: Official Privileges		
50% Reporting		
For	1,021,871	99%
Against	6,543	3%

If you're an anti-gunner this is where you should stop reading:

Texas should support Second Amendment liberties by expanding locations where concealed handgun license-holders may legally carry.

Rep. Prop 2: Expand CHL Locations		
50% Reporting		
For	883,269	97%
Against	130,757	13%

It's a sad state of affairs when the public has to actually vote on their right to pray in public places. Isn't that covered by the First Amendment? Just in case it isn't Texas will make sure you can worship and pray as you see fit:

Texans should be free to express their religious beliefs, including prayer, in public places.

Rep. Prop 1: Religious Expression		
50% Reporting		
For	996,725	97%
Against	27,084	3%

Silly Texans. Didn't anyone tell you that it's government, not businesses, that creates jobs and grows the economy?

Texas should abolish the state franchise tax, also known as the margins tax, to encourage business growth.

Rep. Prop 3: End Franchise Tax		
50% Reporting		
For	876,563	89%
Against	113,335	11%

Common sense laws and regulations. What a novel concept.

There's a reason why Americans all over the country are flocking to Texas in the hopes of finding the American Dream that has been lost in so many other parts of the Union.

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Parents Told to Stop Cheering at Kid's Games

By Allen West,
AllenBWest.com

(Editor/GG: These are the educators we trust our children with. Can you imagine what it is like in the teacher's colleges where these socialists are indoctrinated. No wonder more people are home-schooling. And again, tenure is a crime against our children.)

It started with not keeping score at games. It expanded with every kid gets a trophy. Now the whole demented social egalitarian aim to eliminate competitive nature from sports competition has been elevated to a new level.

According to a report in the Washington Times, "Parents at one Idaho high school were told if they don't quit cheering for their child basketball players, they'd be sent to the penalty box for a minute. "They think the only way they can encourage their kids is verbally," said Justin Brown, the recreation coordinator for Post Falls,

in The Coeur d'Alene Press.

Yes Justin, that's my kid out there and I want her to hear my encouragement, specifically intended for her.

Mr. Brown said some basketball events are touted as "Silent Cheer Day," where parents are allowed to hold up signs to support their children on the court — but are banned from yelling. If they're caught, they get a red penalty card, which sends them to a designated spot in the gym for a full minute.

I wonder how that whole no yelling thing would play out with the 12th man of the Seattle Seahawks? Folks, I wish I could say this was all a hoax.

But the problem is, "cheering can lead to negativity" according to Mr. Brown.

But parents and fans are puzzled by the policy. "Nobody had ever heard of this before," said Lorna Allen, a grandmother who attended one of the games, "I'm going to get thrown

out right off the bat." What world did Mr. Brown come from? Where is the negativity of a parent verbally cheering on their child? I would consider that positive reinforcement to do well, by showing love and support. Maybe Mr. Brown thinks if you cheer your child on to hit a three pointer, it hurts the feelings of the kid who was defending. Or if you cheer when your daughter blocks a shot, the other girls feel inadequate.

I think Justin had a bad experience as a boy and wants to impose his emotional imbalance on others.

What do you all think? Is Silent Cheer Day a good idea or just another example of the "bureaucratic thought police" trying to control our feelings?

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Ask a Pro: Why do I have good pressure except for...

Many have said: I have low water pressure yet after further conversation most reveal that only one point is affected; usually a sink or shower. Most cases prove to be a plugged shower-head, aerator or water restrictor. Some pressure problems are plumbing related; too long a run with too small a pipe. Sometimes the ports in valves or shower diverters are too small. If you're problem lies with the whole home or just the upper level; it is necessary to raise the system pressure. Please don't just start adjusting the pressure switch; there's more to it than that.

If you have great pressure in the shower but the pressure drops to nothing when others start using water then the problem lies with small pipes or an undersized pump. Whatever your ailment it's best to find and fix the problem rather than treat the symptom.

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Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear - not absence of fear.

~Mark Twain



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Surgeon General Nominee Murthy Thinks Guns are a Health Care Issue

by Allen West,
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One of the most memorable lines from the movie Forest Gump was "stupid is as stupid does," a little maxim that seems to apply to the Obama administration. And so it goes—while Obama lost the Senate confirmation for Debo Adebile, nominated for Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, he has no problem sending up another radical for a different post.

Hat tip to Howard Portnoy at Liberty Unyielding who writes, "President Obama has jumped right back into the fray with another radical nominee, this time for Surgeon General. But what makes Vivek Hallegere Murthy, 36, such a controversial choice for the post is not what you might expect. The problem with Murthy is his position on guns.

Namely, he thinks one of the questions doctors should ask patients during a routine medical history is whether the person has any guns in his home."

Portnoy reports that Murthy is president and co-founder of Doctors for America, an anti-gun group that advocates making gun control a facet of the practice of medicine. He also wants to spend tax dollars on more research to prove that fewer guns mean a lower crime rate—never mind that numerous reputable studies prove the opposite.

Before the 2012 presidential election, Murthy tweeted that "guns are a health care issue" and believes not only should doctors counsel patients against gun ownership, but patients' private medical records should include gun ownership—which of course would be available to gov-

ernment scrutiny under Obamacare."

Obama and his radicals just keep coming regardless of the exposure of this insidious agenda. They are relentless and I wish we had the same manner of resolve and aggressiveness in the GOP side on Capitol Hill. Republicans continue to play by self-imposed restrictive rules of engagement that are simply asinine and afford every advantage to these progressive socialists. Why is Murthy being nominated? It's simple—he's yet another radical progressive, just like the fella in the White House. Birds of a feather do indeed flock together.

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by Ol' Remus
The WoodPileReport.com

Ammo

stash. And, almost as if it needed saying, don't rely on Obama and DC to be reasonable.

The best time to self-supply 7.62×39 is when it's (when it was?) being sold by the four-foot pile. The prudent already have their supplies, the laggards and the inattentive had better get theirs. It should have been part of your plan long before this. No, you shouldn't go all speculator and back up the truck, but there are those who will. That's not reasonable either, but it's the new reality. You can ignore it, but you can't ignore the consequences of ignoring it, to paraphrase Ayn Rand. Then, supply in hand, you can philosophize about the supply being adequate and condemn the ignorant masses for getting an unwarranted case of the vapors. Who knows, you may even be right. But you won't really care.

Now the bad news. It isn't just 7.62×39. This is from Bob Owens at Bearing Arms, Think the ammo market is about to get better? Think again:

My contacts have said there is a run on Russian caliber ammunition, 7.62×39 specifically. But, it seems to be in response to what is going on in Russia.

Not because there has been a ban on export ...

The real issue this year is the "ongoing" powder shortage. It is going to be worse this year than the last two previous years. I have spoken to executives from the three major powder manufacturers in the US. And it is bad, I am talking really bad. I am not trying to scare anyone. Or cause an arbitrage in the market. I am simply telling you what I have been told. No manufacturers are taking new customers ...

Mr. Owens goes on to say:

Note that the current demand is 17 billion rounds of ammunition, just for the commercial market, excluding military and law enforcement markets. Let me say that again: that excludes the military and law enforcement markets. The government isn't to blame. That's about 5 billion rounds a year more than we were producing during the height of the Second World War.

There is currently a glut in the market on .223/5.56 NATO, but even that is expected to dry up by mid year.

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PoliceOne.com Releases Survey of 15,000 Law Enforcement Professionals about U.S. Gun Control Policies

March 2013 survey of police officers covered proposed legislation and attitudes about arming citizens

SAN FRANCISCO – PoliceOne.com, the leading online resource for law enforcement, today released findings from a national survey of police professionals that provide insight into the opinions of American law enforcement regarding gun control policies and the root causes of and potential solutions to gun crime in the United States.

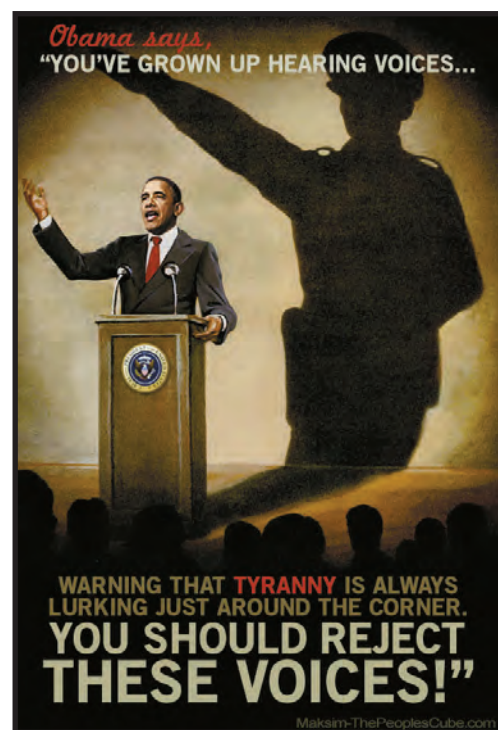
The survey, which was conducted in early March 2013, received 15,000 responses from law enforcement professionals. It found that the overall attitude of law enforcement is strongly anti-gun legislation and pro-gun rights, with the belief that an armed citizenry is effective in stopping crime. Response percent-

ages varied only slightly when analyzed by rank and department size. Among the results:

- 86 percent feel the currently proposed legislation would have no effect or a negative effect on improving officer safety.
- Similarly, 92 percent feel that banning semi-automatic firearms, or "assault weapons," would have no effect or a negative effect on reducing violent crime.
- Demonstrating the opinion that the best way to combat gun crime is through harsher punishment, 91 percent said the use of a firearm while perpetrating a crime should lead to a stiff, mandatory sentence with no plea bargains. Likewise, 59 percent believe increasing punishment severity for unlicensed dealers would reduce crime.

- Respondents were more split on background checks, with 31 percent agreeing that mental health background checks in all gun sales would help reduce mass shootings, while 45 percent disagreed.
- 71 percent support law enforcement leaders who have publicly refused to enforce more restrictive gun laws within their jurisdictions.
- 82 percent believe gun buyback or turn-in programs are ineffective in reducing the level of gun violence.
- 91 percent support the concealed carry of firearms by civilians who have not been convicted of a felony and/or have not been deemed psychologically incapable.

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This Is The Reality Of It: “We Are Factually In A Recession. Period.”

by Marc Slavo,
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We can cite scores of statistics and financials that prove without a shadow of a doubt that the U.S. economy is in a tail spin and won't be recovering any time soon. Abysmal home sales, continued degradation in the national employment numbers, sky rocketing national debt, and ever rising consumer prices all point to serious problems.

But one number in particular pretty much sums it all up. It depicts not just the worsening state of our economy, but puts the lies and machinations of the U.S. government on full display for the world to see.

You'll often hear the media cite the U.S. Growth Domestic Product (GDP) as a measure of economic growth. It measures the rate at which our economy grows.

In 2013, for example, our GDP was \$17.08 trillion, up from the previous year's \$16.42 trillion. So, all of the goods and services sold throughout the United States (essentially, all of the money spent by Americans) rose about \$661 billion dollars year-over-year.

Most people might look at the number, see 4% growth, and say it's a no-brainer. How can the economy not be growing if the GDP rose?

The answer is simple. And when you look at it from the perspective Karl Denninger of the Market Ticker outlines below, you can't help but realize that you've been purposely duped into believing that things are getting better. Just the opposite is true.

When looking at GDP you absolutely must account for the manufactured credit infused into the system during this same time period. When you do you'll see just why the economy

is not growing in any way, shape or form.

It is, in fact, contracting.

However, The Federal Reserve added \$1.112 trillion in credit (unbacked by anything) during the same period of time; that's a debase-ment of the units in which GDP is reported of 6.51%.

So the real change in the economy is in fact negative 2.51%.

We are factually in a recession.

Period.

There can be no progress economically or politically until the lies are stopped. These are not mistakes; both the hosts and guests are fully-aware of The Fed's balance sheet.

That extra trillion dollars slammed into the system by The Fed pretty much wipes out any growth noted by the Federal government's statistics, because we never actually earned that money. It's debt. Not growth!

Incidentally, the other oft cited measure of economic health is the Dow Jones Industrial Average, which currently sits around record all-time highs of 16,000 points, is likewise benefiting from this illusion. Guess where that stock market "growth" came from? Yes, the very same credit being used to prop up the economy (that \$85 billion or so in Fed Treasury purchases every month) is also keeping stocks at record highs.

Back on Main Street, where most Americans live, we're feeling the effects. Do we need to mention that the Patient Affordable Care Act has just forced working Americans to spend up to quadruple on their monthly premiums? Or that millions of Americans who are unemployed and no longer counted in the official statistics have absolutely no income whatsoever because their unemployment

insurance has run out? Or that the price of everything from food and energy to rent and clothing is rising?

That kind of thing tends to happen when you debase your currency.

Last week famed contrarian economist John Williams noted that the economy gave a powerful recessionary signal in January that had not been seen since right before the market crash in 2007. Furthermore, one of the leading economic indicators of a recessionary environment is the price of copper because it is so closely associated with global growth. It has dropped significantly in recent months and it could well be signaling a coming crash in stocks just as it did in 2008.

When, not if, this thing buckles again we're going to be in for an unprecedented period in U.S. history.

The system was on the brink of total collapse in 2008, as evidenced by Representative Brad Sherman on the House floor:

Many of us were told in private conversations that if we voted against this bill on Monday, that the sky would fall, the market would drop two or three thousands points the first day, another couple thousand the second day, and a few members were even told that there would be martial law in America if we voted no.

They've used up all of the tricks in their magic hat. One misstep here and we're going down. Any number of domestic or geo-political events could trigger a meltdown in U.S. stock markets and send the broader economy crashing.

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Ohio: Muslim College Professor Ali Yedes Threatened to Kill Female Professor,

“In [my] Culture, I could have the Female Department Chair Killed”

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(Editor/GG: This is the environment you are sending your college kids to. The academic administration community in our country, from high schools to colleges, is morally corrupt and has sold out our freedom to ideologies like Islam and diversity. Wonder why homeschooling enrollment is skyrocketing?)

According to this news report, Muslim Professor Ali Yedes attacked and berated a fellow female professor in the French and comparative literature department. Calling her a whore and physically threatening her, Yedes allegedly told another professor in August 2013 that he brought his nephew to the United States on a student visa specifically to “stab and kill someone from his department.” When the nephew didn't follow through with the demand, Yedes beat him and the nephew fled the country.

A harassment suit filed by an Oberlin College professor last week accuses a colleague of making death threats.

EunJung An, associate professor of French and cinema studies, is seeking at least \$25,000 in damages from the college, which she said did nothing to protect her.

Now An fears for her safety.

She filed papers in Lorain County Common Pleas Court saying fellow professor Ali Yedes crossed a line with women who work in the French and comparative literature department.

Her fears fell on deaf ears. The school was notified

of the death threat and did nothing. Worse, they never told her. Instead, she was punished.

An said she was moved to another building, then to a basement — creating a number of job burdens — to avoid more hostile interactions with Yedes. Another female worker who the suit said was harassed was moved as well.

Meanwhile, Yedes was given tenure and a larger office.

The suit **also accuses Yedes of calling her a whore and other defamatory words, and disrupting meetings with outbursts. His behavior has been erratic and abusive and caused turnover of five acting French chairs**, the court papers said.

This behavior by a “**Muslim religious life affiliate**” is not surprising. It's expected. But the college's refusal to act is unconscionable. The school sanctions his brutal behavior for fear of offending Islam — or worse, appearing racist (though Islam is not a race).

It is clear he meant to kill this woman, and no action was taken. How many other Muslim professors get tenure by bullying and intimidating? I hazard no guess.

The problems allegedly started in January 2006, when An said **Yedes pointed his finger in her face and accused her of betraying and undermining him.**

During a 45-minute tirade, **Yedes told An that “in his culture, he could have had the female department chair killed because of his perceived mistreatment** by her in postponing his

tenure,” the lawsuit claims — and when finished yelling, he tightly hugged An.

The **Oberlin College website identifies Yedes as a “Muslim religious life affiliate”** with the Islamic Center of Cleveland.

The confrontation was so loud that a security officer appeared and asked if everything was all right, according to the suit.

An said she felt physically threatened and when she complained to a senior department member, she was told she “needed to develop a thicker skin.”

The worker in whom Yedes confided reported that information to the Oberlin College dean of arts and sciences. An's suit said the college failed to tell her of Yedes' threat against her life.

The dean later told An the college was not aware of the threat, according to the suit.

The suit cites other run-ins with female professors, including incidents in April 2008 and February, April, and July 2009.

One involved Yedes allegedly putting his hand in a faculty member's face and forcing her away from him, backing her into an administrative assistant's office.

Oberlin College was sent a summons on Monday. No further court dates have been set as of publication.

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Why a Catholic Leader Is Calling for a Beer Boycott

by Billy Hallowell,
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(Editor/GG: Oh folks, this is painful. Just after I saw this story I emailed the U.S. headquarters of Guinness and told them that I was going to NEVER buy one of their beers again because of their political correctness pandering. Been drinking this beautiful stout for over 40 years. Now folks, it is boycott time. Enough is enough.)

There's a battle brewing after popular beer brands Guinness, Heineken and Sam Adams pulled their sponsorships of St. Patrick's Day parades in New

York and Boston, each citing organizers' restrictions on gay and lesbian participants as a central reason for cutting ties.

Catholic League President Bill Donohue responded Monday with a call for Catholics to boycott all three companies.

“No gay person has ever been barred from marching in any St. Patrick's Day parade, anymore than the parade bans pro-life Catholics or vegetarian Catholics,” Donohue said in a press release. “They simply cannot march under their own banner. The parade has one cause: honoring St. Patrick. Those who disagree do not

have to march — that's what diversity is all about.”

Noting that St. Patrick's Day parades are Catholic in nature, he charged activists with engaging “in a bullying campaign” against the events, claiming that these individuals and forces have “contempt for the constitutional rights of Irish Catholics.”

Donohue's claims came after Guinness brewery became the latest company to announce it was cutting ties with the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade, citing diversity concerns in a statement that was widely touted and praised Sunday by GLAAD, a gay and les-

bian rights organization.

“Guinness has a strong history of supporting diversity and being an advocate for equality for all. We were hopeful that the policy of exclusion would be reversed for this year's parade,” read the Guinness statement. “As this has not come to pass, Guinness has withdrawn its participation. We will continue to work with community leaders to ensure that future parades have an inclusionary policy.”

Heineken, too, pulled sponsorship from the New York parade.

“We believe in equality for all,” said a Heineken USA

spokeswoman, according to CNN Money.

And Sam Adams, a popular beer brand owned by Boston Beer Company, decided to pull its sponsorship of the Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade.

“We were hopeful an agreement could be reached to allow everyone, regardless of orientation, to participate in this parade,” the Massachusetts-based company said in a statement. “However, given the current status of the negotiations, this may not be possible.”

GLAAD praised the companies' decision, specifically citing Guinness' choice to pull sponsorship.

“Today, Guinness sent a strong message to its customers and employees: discrimination should never be celebrated,” GLAAD CEO and president Sarah Kate Ellis said. “As a gay mom who has fond memories of the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade, it saddens me that I can't give those same memories to my own kids because my family isn't welcome.”

Gay and lesbian activists were also given a boost by Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio. While Walsh

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CAIR Tries to Shut Down Briefing on American Jihadi Networks

by Allen West,
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Some might say these are all isolated incidents. But connect these dots: this week we reported on the activists tied to the Muslim Brotherhood hosting a Democrat fundraiser. The Muslim Brotherhood's own Explanatory Memorandum says "their work in America is a kind of grand Jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and "sabotaging" its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers." Our own president said, "I consider it part of my responsibility as President of the United States to fight against negative stereotypes of Islam wherever they appear."

So is it any surprise that the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) tried pressure tactics, threats and even a \$15,000 cash bribe to shut down a recent counter-terrorism training program for Virginia law enforcement? As reported by World Net Daily, Culpepper County Sheriff Scott Jenkins did not stand down, and the training took place as scheduled — albeit with extra security.

Talk about audacity. CAIR was an unindicted co-conspirator in the Holy Land

Foundation trial, the largest terrorism funding case in America's history. Where was the Virginia Attorney General? Where was U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder? (Oh, never mind).

Washington-based CAIR, an Islamic lobbying group shunned by the FBI due to its ties to terrorist groups, launched a weeks-long campaign to intimidate Culpepper County Sheriff Scott Jenkins into canceling the three-day program, titled "Understanding and Investigating Jihadi Networks in America."

The lead trainer, former special FBI agent John Guandolo, presented evidence of the radical Muslim Brotherhood's operations in the U.S. and their jihadi support network, along with a large amount of evidence demonstrating CAIR was created and continues to be an entity of Hamas, a U.S.-designated terror group.

Guandolo detailed for officers how this dangerous Islamic network in America radicalizes, trains and logistically supports jihadi operations in the United States and those launched from the U.S. against overseas targets.

World Net Daily also noted "CAIR has cultivated

a number of political supporters, mainly among leading Democrats in Washington, including senior White House officials. Secret Service entry logs show CAIR officials have visited the White House several times during the Obama administration."

Ladies and gents, first of all, please call Culpepper County Sheriff Scott Jenkins and applaud him for his stand. And if any of you reside in Virginia, please bombard the office of your State Attorney General and ask him "Whiskey-Tango-Foxtrot"? As well, make the calls to the office of House Homeland Security Chairman Mike McCaul to hold an investigative hearing.

My fellow Americans, this is deadly serious. Further, since we appear to have an administration that embraces, supports and enables our enemy how can those actions not be described as "high crimes and misdemeanors?" And as for you progressive socialists, how exactly will you defend this?

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BEYOND THE TOPLINE: Diving Into the Numbers Behind Newest Rasmussen U.S. Senate Poll

by ColoradoPeakPolitics

Why has seemingly every Democratic activist and surrogate piled on Rep. Cory Gardner using every stereotypical "Republicans are the devil" attack imaginable as of late? They know their boy Udall is on the ropes.

In a poll put out by Rasmussen Reports on Monday, liberal U.S. Sen. Udall leads Gardner 42% to 41%. In any campaign, you start to hit the "oh-crap" button when your incumbent candidate drops below 46% or 47%. At 42% you might as well start packing your bags. This is because your candidate is already a known quantity, they have spent their last term out in front of the people, and if the people don't know you or don't like you by now, they sure as hell aren't coming around to you on Election Day. This is especially true of Udall, who has been in the public eye for decades.

What must be even more disheartening for Udall's campaign are the numbers behind the numbers. De-

spite having no primary, Udall can only manage the same amount of in-party votes as Gardner does (e.g., 80% of Republicans support Gardner and 80% of Democrats support Udall). Expect Gardner's numbers to rise even slightly higher after the primary has concluded. This is also reflected in the fact that Gardner, despite just announcing last week, and not having as high of name ID as Udall, is already pulling more Dems than Udall is pulling Reps (9% to 7%, respectively). In a race this close, every R to D or D to R vote will count like two.

Furthermore, unaffiliated voters are breaking for Gardner 40% to 34%. Self-identifying moderates and people unsure of their ideological preference also prefer Gardner more (39% to 37%, 85% to 15%, respectively).

Adding context, two numbers make Gardner's performance even stronger. Gardner is topping Udall even though almost 19% of voters have never heard of Gardner, which is 15 points

higher than Udall. Gardner's favorability among those who know him show that the more people get to know him, the more his overall approval numbers will rise.

On the other hand, despite polls saying how toxic President Obama is right now (Udall won't even campaign with him), Rasmussen has Obama's approval/somewhat approve numbers at 49%, while his disapprove/somewhat disapprove at 50%. Other polls have had Obama drastically worse in Colorado, and with no recent news to bump up O's poll numbers, it wouldn't be hard to conjecture that this sample of people are noticeably more Democratic than the electorate will be in November. Translation: those seemingly close numbers Udall started with up top suddenly turn into a Gardner landslide that could bury Udall in November.

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A Sheepdog Barks!

It's time to bark about the Liar-in-Chief again. It just never ends with this guy and his pack of wolves. On Monday of this week the truth about Obama's "strong" stance on deportation of illegal aliens was exposed. He & his administration, with their supporting media clowns, have been bloviating about how he's deported more illegals than Bush or other previous presidents. Just more lies. Turns out, just like his other government statistics, they were "cooking the books." Seems like they were kind of loosey-goosey with the numbers and they were counting the ones caught at the border and immediately returned. These numbers are not normally counted in deportations. So, once again, he prides himself in phony numbers. All of which, of course, are to fool us clueless and stupid citizens. HOWL! Now he's told the immigration authorities, using his powerful pen and phone, to stop deporting just about everyone including known criminals. This man is dangerous to the security of the United States. He very selectively enforces the law. Remember when Kerry said that Climate Change was one of the biggest threats to our security because it was a Weapon of Mass Destruction (WMD). In my way of thinking I believe God is all powerful and in total control of the earth. If He wants to destroy it, He will. The only out-of-control American WMDs I see lately are Obama, Biden & Kerry. Oh, we also need to include the recently retired Secretary of State Hillary. She is poised to be the main weapon if Americans don't wake up. For now though let's stick with Obama and the harm he's doing to our country. He thinks he is a Government of One, threatening us all with his pen and phone. He truly thinks he's the King. Well he's not! Consider his soft diplomacy doctrine. It's made a big mess of the whole world. The United States can no longer be trusted to keep its word. We can no longer be counted on to back up our promises

and commitments. Right out of the chute, Obama goes around the world apologizing for America's strength and dominance. He encourages the Muslim world to rise up and when they do he's nowhere to be found. In Egypt they were carrying signs that asked "Where are you Barack?" AWOL we call it. He acted when he shouldn't have in Libya based on "possible" atrocities because he said "That's not who we are." Really? It seems that's exactly how we are since he hasn't stopped the real and ongoing atrocities in Syria. He continually fails to act when actions are necessary and when they are possible. He ignores the situation for too long and then he threatens and bloats (he calls it diplomacy) about how tough he's gonna be if things don't improve. Rubber Fangs, Baby! He's messed up with Israel, Egypt, Iran, Syria and now Ukraine. When Russia was "invading" the Crimean peninsula Obama spouted off that it was going to "cost" them and then promptly went vacationing in Florida to play golf. I'm sure he deserved that trip because it had been a whole two months of his "hard working" inaction since his Christmas vacation in Hawaii. Did he really need another vacation in the 1st week of March? Just how tone deaf can the "smartest" man in America be? I'm sure he really got Putin's attention with that move. But I digress. The Syrian crisis is horrendous and Obama and his main stream media pals continue to ignore it. The United Nations now calls it the greatest humanitarian crisis in the world. Nine million refugees; 140,000 dead civilians (including approximately 7,000 children) killed by Assad's government forces; no chemical weapons being turned in on time and Obama plays golf. Are you watching this? WOOF! Remember Obama boldly stated that America would not stand by and let Kaddafi "maybe" kill innocent women and children. He boldly led from behind and had him killed. Assad has actually



killed 140,000 of his own citizens, including some with the use of a chemical agent, and Obama wants to "talk" him into stopping. He reminds me of the feckless parents that tell their children over and over and over that they better stop fighting and settle down or else. Or else what? In Obama's case he is going to strongly denounce you if he can get his teleprompter to work. And he's not kidding you know. When Ukraine came calling, wanting some help because we agreed in 1994 to help protect their sovereignty, he gives them food. No weapons or missiles, he just gives them Meals Ready to Eat (MREs). That's a bold move Barack. You da man! Oh, I forgot. He also sanctioned 11 Russian citizens. That'll show them. Charles Krauthammer got it right. It's well-earned mockery for Obama. No leadership from America, Charles said, only old academic slogans about being on the wrong side of history and meaningless comments like this isn't allowed in the 21st century. WHAT? It seems it is. And Romney got it right too. During one of the debates he told Obama that Russia was a big problem for us and the world. Obama chided him with "the cold war has been over for 20 years." Guess who was right? I'll end today with a quote from the conservative author Andy Andrews: "Any country can survive having chosen a fool as their leader. But history has shown us time and time again that a nation of fools is surely doomed." Is that who we really are? Has Barack fooled a nation of fools? We hope not. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy on America! JMH



SURVEY

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• Likewise, 80 percent feel that legally-armed citizens would likely have reduced the number of casualties in recent mass shooting incidents.

• 38 percent believe the biggest cause of gun violence in the United States is the “decline in parenting and family values”. This was trailed by “overly lax parole and short sentencing standards” at 15 percent and “pop culture influence” (eg. violent movies and video games) at 14 percent.

The survey was promoted by PoliceOne exclusively to its 400,000 registered

members, comprised of individually-verified law enforcement professionals. Only current, former or retired law enforcement personnel were eligible to participate in the survey.

Respondents comprised a variety of ranks from departments of all sizes, with more than 28% representing departments of greater than 500 officers. Of those who took the survey, 80 percent were current law enforcement officers and 20 percent were former/retired law enforcement.

“This survey captures the perspective of an audience that has an intimate professional connection to gun policies in our country, yet is rarely heard from as

a group in discussions on the issue,” said Alex Ford, CEO of the Praetorian Group, PoliceOne’s parent company. “Our standing as the leading online community in the law enforcement market enabled us to gather what we feel is the most meaningful sampling of police attitudes about gun control ever compiled. There is clearly a wide range of opinions regarding this issue nationwide and we believe it’s important for our audience’s voice to be heard.”

The full survey results can be viewed at www.policeone.com/police-gun-survey.

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“Takin’ It To The House...”

A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

From: Representative
Jim Wilson – HD 60
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Nothing is ever simple at the Capitol! Late on Wednesday, the Dems ran a resolution (HJR14-1012) across the Speaker’s desk, and then they placed it on the calendar to be heard on Thursday morning – only hours after its introduction. The action was taken without seeking any input from Republicans or the business community. House Republicans fought for a fair and open debate on the resolution that called on Congress to increase the federal minimum wage. House Minority Leader Brian DelGrosso (R-Loveland), a small business owner, repeatedly referenced a recent report from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office that had forecast an increase in the minimum wage could result in a net loss of 500,000 to 1 million jobs nationally. The debate on the resolution commenced shortly after the House began its business and lasted until early afternoon – so much for simple!

During the debate, Republicans moved to send the resolution to the House Business, Labor, Economic, & Workforce Development Committee to allow public comment on the issue. Many members of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) were in attendance for Small Business Day at the Capitol and greeted the motion with applause from the gallery (which, incidentally, is not allowed). However, one-by-one, Democrats

approached the podium to tell businesses their voice was not needed, in one case going as far as to lecture the NFIB on how they should manage their businesses. All but one Democrat voted no on the motion ensuring small business owners would not be able to testify on the resolution. Jobs and the economy do not have the same priority on both sides of the aisle...

House Assistant Minority Leader (and ranking Republican on the House Business Committee) Libby Szabo was really “ticked” as she said, “I find it troubling that House Democrats refused to allow the business community to testify on a resolution that directly impacts every business in Colorado. This is one more example of Democrats telling the business community ‘we don’t care what you have to say, we know more about business than you do.’”

I have found here at the Capitol there is a pretty simple formula for success: “Good legislation results from good information and good conversation.” The actions we witnessed on the floor over HJR14-1012 were definitely not the way to “win friends and influence people”. I believe our constituents expect us to get along and respect each other. However, if you blatantly walk up and whack



the hornet’s nest, do not be surprised if you have to deal with a bunch of angry hornets!

The session may have passed the mid-point this last week, but the “madness” is just cranking up under the Golden Dome. As surely as the grass sprouts this spring, there will be many more “simple” issues that will pop up and create major rifts on the House floor. Stay tuned for the latest as the session is on the “downhill pull”! We are thinking about working on a direct line: Dial 1-800-What Now?

The county assembly process has begun – the selection of candidates for the primaries and general election is underway. Let your voice be heard, be a part of the process and be sure to vote!

We are still @ (303-866-2747) or e-mail wilsonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.house@state.co.us.

Yours for HD 60 --
Representative Jim Wilson

The Man Whose House He Just Broke Into Ordered Him Not to Move – He Really Should've Listened

by Jason Howerton,
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A Montana man shot and killed a home intruder early Monday after the suspect failed to follow his order not to move.

Ravalli County Sheriff Chris Hoffman told the Montana Standard that the resident said he was startled awake by noises just before 4 a.m. on Monday morning. The man armed himself and went to investigate, leading him to a man climbing through a broken window. The man then reportedly ordered the suspect not to move. However, the sus-

pected burglar apparently turned his body towards him, causing the resident to shoot the intruder with his handgun.

After being shot, the suspect climbed back through the window and ran away, police said.

“When sheriff’s deputies arrived, they found the man lying on the ground a short distance from the house. Paramedics rendered aid immediately, but the intruder could not be revived and was pronounced dead at the scene,” according to the report.

Though Sheriff Hoffman

said it’s too early in the case to determine if the resident’s actions are covered under the state’s “castle doctrine,” he said a “person has every right to protect him or herself in their home if they fear for their life.”

“They are in no obligation to hide out or call 9-1-1. If they are in fear for their life, they have every right to defend themselves or use deadly force,” he added.

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opted out of the parade, de Blasio opted to participate in a gay-friendly alternative celebration in Queens

— “St. Pat’s For All,” the Huffington Post reported.

Gays and lesbians are permitted to march in the parades, though they are not allowed to carry signs or banners identifying themselves or advocate gay

rights, according to the Huffington Post.

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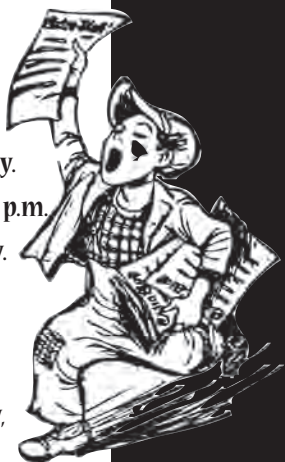
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