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Memorial Day Speech: *What Have We Accomplished?*

by George Gramlich

Major General Joe Arbuckle (U.S. Army, Ret.), featured speaker at Monday's Memorial Day services in Memorial Park, delivered a somber, but patriotic speech, covering many issues facing our armed forces, with the central theme being the question: "Have the sacrifices made by our soldiers since the Korean War allowed us to accomplish our national security objectives? And specifically, were the Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq wars successful in that we accomplished our original national security objectives that were set out before the conflicts began? His conclusion was, probably not.

General Arbuckle noted that the U.S. has forgotten how to use military force effectively. "We need to get in quick, hit hard, win, and have an exit and stay behind strategy to solidify the gains". He then went on to outline the Powell/Weinberger (P/W) doctrine which are considerations that congress and the ad-

ministration should consider before committing the military: Is there a vital national security interest at stake? Are there clear attainable objectives? Are all identifiable risks and consequences considered? Is the exit strategy clearly defined? Are all other means of obtaining the objectives been exhausted? Is the American public in support of military action? General Arbuckle's conclusion was, since the Korean War, we have not followed the P/W doctrine, to our country's regret.

The General also commented on the ill-advised downsizing of the armed forces by the current administration which will cause national security issues in the near future and will cause unnecessary casualties when our troops are engaged.

General Arbuckle warned that there will be future conflicts. That we must keep our military strong and that the P/W doctrine must be utilized. And finally, that we must remember



General Arbuckle is introduced by American Legion Commander Carol Kennedy.

Abraham Lincoln's words, "that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vane..."

In closing, General Arbuckle noted, "Finally, there is reason to celebrate one thing on this day—that we have some dedicated men and women who are willing to risk all and sacrifice their lives for others. The

character of such soldiers is beyond match in our society. They sweat, freeze, hurt, bleed, carry seen and unseen wounds for life, and they die for us. Our country still produces that kind of courage and selfless service in some people and our military still hones those honorable character traits into warrior ethos which was being followed

by those we memorialize: I will always place the mission first; I will never quit; I will never accept defeat; and I will never leave a fallen comrade. Let us give thanks to God that we still have soldiers willing to follow that ethos. They are our national treasure. May God bless you, our nation, and our honored dead."

Sentinel photo by Barbara Napolitan

Hospital District Board Report: *"We are in a Cash Crisis," \$800,000 in Accounts Receivable?*

by Paul Sage,
Analysis and Commentary

On May 22, 2014, three members of the West Custer County Hospital District renewed their oaths of office, having been re-elected by acclamation. Board Chairman Joe Arbuckle, and Board members Brent Bruiser and Bob Tobin were sworn in by assistant to the County Clerk Kelly Camper. Directly after swearing to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the State of Colorado and the laws made pursuant thereto, they proceeded into a long discussion of matters which clearly indicate that they do not maintain the constitutionally required 3% of their annual budget in cash reserves, and have taken out a loan in the form of a line of credit with the local bank without a vote of the people which is also a likely violation of the Ta-

bor amendment to the Constitution and the Title 32 Colorado Special Districts Act. The Board has been advised by the auditor in a previous audit that this "may be a violation of Colorado Law."

Also of questionable legality is the emptying of the dedicated EMS account, much of which was federally tax exempt donations made specifically for the EMS. Moving it to the general operating fund could make it difficult to trace considering the clinic, uses the "one pot" financial management plan.

The West Custer County Hospital District which has repeatedly said they can't afford to support the EMS service, paid its administrative staff \$18,694.60 in March of this year (and that is \$224,335 annually!). This figure does not include a sum for their medical insurance, liability and

malpractice insurance, or workers compensation insurance which are lumped together with all other employees. The monthly total for all employee payrolls and expenses for March tallied up to \$98,694.60 (\$1,184,335 annually). No EMS employees are included in these figures. During the same month, again eliminating any EMS related money, the real net operating revenue of the clinic was \$106,504.52. Adding any operating costs to the clinic on top of its huge payroll load quickly makes it a money losing operation without any connection to the EMS.

These numbers also do not include what clinic accounting calls "Non-Operating Revenue and Expenses" which is a broad category that includes all the tax revenue the Hospital District collects, various donation income and

losses incurred from the Obamacare navigator grant and related "tele-pharmacy".

The EMS, which only became a minimum wage job after the US Department of Labor ruled the existing employment practices of the clinic illegal (and fined the clinic), now pays EMS employees regardless of qualifications \$8 per hour, and has lost half of its staff since the clinic's mismanagement came to light in the Department of Labor Audit. These are the people Custer County residents rely on for lifesaving intervention 24 hours per day 7 days per week while the clinic itself operates on a variation of standard Monday thru Friday business hours.

Mary Dice, the clinic CFO, salaried at \$4595.20 per month (\$55,142 annually), said at the most recent Hospital District Board

meeting that "if you look at our total cash, we only have \$50,000 at the end of April. That's what we have in all accounts. We have a \$50,000 line of credit at the bank, not counting our payables, so we are in a cash crisis."

Further expounding on the problem, Ms. Dice explained that "this is a poor county. It's definitely a poor county. Not high incomes. So these are the people that walk in our door." She further clarified that "our biggest percentage (of clinic patients) are Medicare and Medicaid, so you've got the elderly who don't want to go down the hill and you've got Medicaid that can't afford to go down the hill; that's what we see."

Addressing the \$800,000 in accounts receivable that

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your hearts
be troubled.
Trust in God;
trust also in me.*
John 14:1,
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We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not granted to us by politicians or governments. Freedom demands responsible behavior of all citizens and must be consistent with the truths expressed in the great moral and governing guides as The Ten Commandments, The Declaration of Independence, The U.S. Constitution, and The Bill of Rights.

These were the principles that guided our founding fathers and which we believe are still relevant. These are the principles that will guide our reporting and be the basis of all our views.

We will not be constrained by the illogical, misleading and inaccurate thinking and use of "political correctness" but by truth, facts, logic and common sense.

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

CONGRATULATIONS!



Dear Graduates,

Here are some thoughts for a successful and responsible life: America is a wonderful place to live. Be thankful you were born here. America has many faults and challenges but it is still the greatest country in the world. Remember the Preamble to the Constitution states "to form a more perfect union", not a perfect union. Also, remember it's the only place in the world that has to put up fences/barriers to keep people out, not in. Why, you might ask? Because it's also the greatest land of opportunity in the world. People risk their lives daily and some even die trying to sneak into this country. Be proud that you have a good start on achieving whatever level of success you desire. Every generation has faced challenges. There have been much worse times than now. A positive attitude can overcome all of today's challenges. Forget all the "woe is me. The world is full of terrorists, and evil, and the economy is bad and on and on and on ..." Take your great start in education, your wonderful life (trust us you have it much, much better than you realize right now) and the liberties and freedoms you still enjoy and make something good and positive out of it. The only obstacles you won't be able to overcome would be your own bad attitude, fear or sloth.

You should do your part in helping make America better. Here are a few ways you can do this:

- Serve your God. Any way, any time and as often as possible. This country was founded on religious freedom. Be thankful for this freedom.
- Serve your Country. You can do this several ways. You can serve in the military. You can serve in the AmeriCorps. You can be a good citizen. Good citizens are those that respect the Constitution, the laws of our country, and the rights of others. Good citizens get involved and become aware of their surroundings and check out those that want to run for elected office. Good citizens speak/act out for what they believe in a peaceful, nonviolent way. Good citizens vote. Be thankful you have the freedoms and rights to do these things.
- Serve your Family. Love and honor your Mother and Father. If you think they didn't do as good of a job as they could or should have, forgive them. Then you do a better job with your children. Parenting is harder than it may seem to a teenager. Many of us learned to respect our parents only after we had our own children or

turned 30 or so. Remember the important days in your family members' lives. Call them, write them, or visit them, especially the elderly ones. When all else fails you, family will always be there for you. Be thankful for that.

- Serve your Community. Donate time to help others that have greater needs than you. Be a good neighbor. Be a good helper. Support the local groups that care for others. Respect the property and rights of your friends and neighbors. Be thankful for them.
- Serve your Employer. When you find a job do your very best every day. Respect your boss. Do things the way the boss wants. Show initiative; do a little more than expected. Do your tasks right the first time. Be dependable. Show up everyday and on time. Stay off social media and your cell phone. Provide an honest day's work for whatever wage you agreed to work for. Be the best that you can be every day and you will be rewarded. Always look to better your situation. Right now jobs are scarce. Employees with a good work ethic and a good attitude usually move up the ladder and become the boss. Be thankful for work.

A few more tips:

- Continue to educate yourself. If college is possible for you and it is what you want, go and be a serious student. Learning is a lifelong pursuit. Follow your interests. However, this doesn't mean you have to go to college. It means learn a skill. Ask an experienced person to teach/show you how to do something. It means read. It means listen to your elders and parents and bosses. It means learn to think for yourself. You can do this by taking time to learn both sides of an issue, keeping up on the current events and don't forget there is bias in every thing you read, see on TV and hear. Make sure you learn to recognize bias, and then make up your own mind based on in-depth knowledge.
- Base your decisions on what you know are right and wrong. Be-

cause something is legal doesn't necessarily make it right. Doing the right thing is usually harder.

The bottom line is this Life doesn't always seem fair but in this country you have the opportunity to accomplish whatever it is you really want to do. The depression era generation had a saying, "Life doesn't owe you a living". They were right. The Declaration of Independence says you have the right to the pursuit of happiness; it doesn't guarantee your happiness. Set aside the obstacles and go do something positive with your life. We still need to go to Mars, we still need cures for cancer and arthritis, and we still need the perfect mouse trap. It's all up to you. Be thankful you're an American. Congratulations on achieving this important milestone. We encourage you to approach life with the attitude of being responsible for yourself and the families

THANKS!

On another note we wish to extend a big Thank You to the Wild West Cowboy Church for stepping up last Saturday and sponsoring a very proper and respectful parade tribute to "Honor the Fallen." We also extend our Thanks to American Legion Post 170 and all those other organizations and individuals that helped conduct a very meaningful and solemn Memorial Day Ceremony last Monday. Memorial Day was done right in Custer County.

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Editor/GG: We printed all letters to the editor received by our deadline. We also decided to allow longer election letters for the sheriff's race as some issues have been raised recently that should be discussed more fully by all sides. We will attempt to continue this longer letter policy for the sheriff's election until the election is over.

A Direct Response to "A Problem"

Dear Editor:

Typically I do not respond to letters to the editor because they are designed for citizens to give their opinions and voice concerns when they have them. Whether I agree with their opinion or not, this is the strength of our country as we all can have a voice in society. I do find it necessary to respond when an individual purposely makes reference to me in an uninformed manner and purposely uses my words out of context. Last week Fred Jobe wrote a letter stating mistruth and outright dishonest comments and I must set the record straight. The first comment made was in reference to a "problem" he had with unions. He wrote about how a union can threaten a sheriff's authority and should not be involved in law enforcement. He also states that one candidate is being backed by a union and that I belong to a union. Unfortunately Fred Jobe has no real understanding of the Fraternal Order of Police or FOP. This organization is not a union, never has been a union, and never will be a union. Founded in 1915, the FOP is an organization of over 315,000 law enforcement officers across the country who work very hard to protect the Constitution, and the citizens of this country. The FOP does not advocate employee strikes, does not manipulate contracts, nor does it force binding arbitration on departments as a union would. Most FOP members join the FOP for the legal defense fund they offer in the event the officer is involved in an incident where they are sued, a department fails to provide them due process in an investigation, or the officer wants the benefits of belonging to an organization that lobbies for rights of first responders at the state and federal legislature. Law enforcement administrators that typically do not like the FOP are those who do not want to provide due process to their officers or deputies and want to rule their administration in an Aristocratic manner. I am a

proud member of FOP Lodge #34 and I cannot imagine how any law enforcement officer would consider failing to protect themselves and their family by not belonging to an organization that provides a legal defense fund.

Secondly, Fred Jobe uses the tactic that has become very commonplace in politics. When a person's candidate is not as qualified or lacks the experience to be elected, you attempt to slander the opponents by misquoting or taking their words and using them out of context. Jobe states, "In two open public forums one candidate stated that he does not need the job of Sheriff, he makes plenty of money where he is, and he just doesn't want to drive to another community to work anymore." I would like to think that Fred Jobe simply wasn't paying attention at the forum he was at and simply forgot what was really said. On the other hand, when a person becomes desperate and wants to manipulate a situation, they can say things that simply aren't true. I'm not sure where this will fall, but I do know this is a purposeful attempt to discredit me. The words I spoke at those forums are what I have said from the onset of my campaign. "People ask me why I want this job and I tell them exactly why. I want this job for the same reason I wanted it four years ago when I ran for Sheriff. I don't need this job, I want this job. I work in a department where the pay is good, the department is well respected, and I am well thought of in the organization. But every day for the last 12 years, I have gotten up and driven down the hill and busted my butt for a community where I don't live. I have improved the quality of life for citizens that are not my friends and neighbors. I have made a difference in another community and I want to do that here. I want to bring my experience, work ethic, and dedication to my community and work to make this community a better place." That is what I said and will continue to say. Fred Jobe

misrepresented my statement for his own perceived benefit which is unacceptable in the world I live in.

Lastly, Jobe then goes on to accuse "the camps" of running a campaign spreading "rumors, lies, and innuendos". I challenge him to provide specifics instead of some generality so commonly used by those who are short on facts and long on opinions. Perhaps he wasn't paying attention again on April 25th at the County Assembly when a letter had been sent out to all the delegates just before the assembly, accusing his candidate of improper behavior. This was done to damage the reputation of his candidate and I stood before the assembly, and made it public that I detested that type of tactic and it had no place in politics. I had nothing to gain by saying what I did, but wanted people to know that type of behavior was not acceptable to me and I would play no part in it. So the question begs why would Fred Jobe blindly accuse me of this tactic? I think it is very obvious and hopefully you do as well. No matter where your support lies or who you call your friend, when this type of behavior is tolerated, it leads to other poor behavior.

In closing, Jobe states, "When you consider the above information you will see why I am fully supporting my Undersheriff....." If anyone actually does consider the mistruths Jobe states in the article of course they would cast a vote in the same manner as he does. The fact is, there is no truth in the article Fred Jobe wrote and while I wish I could say he did it by accident, I think anyone who has the ability to think on their own knows better.

My hope is, in time, this type of behavior from our elected officials will no longer be tolerated in our community. Thank you.

Shannon Byerly,
Rural Custer County,
and Candidate for Sheriff

ETHICS - It Matters

When I was a college student, a friend of mine would sometimes say, "beauty may be skin deep but ugly goes all the way to the bone". We would all laugh at his quirky humor not realizing (at the time) the sad truth of his comment. And so it is with politics. On the surface, it can appear quite enticing, beautiful if you will but when digging deeper it all too often becomes very ugly. In the most recent issues of the Wet Mountain Tribune and the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel, our current sheriff posted a letter to the editors of each paper; one titled Sheriff: Compare the Campaigns and one titled Candidate Supan Receives Full Support of Sheriff Jobe. In the article, he makes claims and then adds his own twist to comments that "supposedly" were made by two of the three candidates run-

ning for sheriff. This is not the first time our current sheriff has found it necessary to publicly opine in an attempt to influence the outcome of the upcoming June primary. Ethics would dictate that as a public figure, placed into office by a vote of the people, he is held to meet a higher standard. Fair or not, he needs to keep his personal feelings, animosities, beliefs, etc. to himself. His current title, Sheriff, places him in a position of public trust. Forcing his personal views upon the citizens of this county be it through the local media or by word of mouth is a huge disservice to the department, the citizens of this county, and to those who are attempting to move it forward. Ugly, all the way to the bone.

Monica Luikart
Rural Westcliffe

Big Thanks to Community!

My hat is off again to the Custer County community! The After-Prom for our high school students was a tremendous success with much of it due to the donations from our community businesses and individuals. We raised over \$5,000 in cash and merchandise donations! The majority of students who attended Prom made the decision to spend the entire night with supervision at the After-Prom event. After-Prom is a great way to keep our students safe on Prom night and it would not have happened without your donations!

A special thanks to our parent After-Prom committee of Car-

ol Franta, Rebecca Gerringer, Paul and Candi Sage, Elizabeth Watson, and Sarah Woods. They were the energy behind our fund raising efforts and supervision at After-Prom. Also, I want to thank Mavericks(Nacho Mama's), Horn Creek, The Cowboy Church, and Valley Bible Church for providing great facilities and activities for our students. Their commitment to our students is amazing!

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Letters to the Editor (cont.)



A Vote For Byerly

I remember when Fred Jobe first ran for sheriff of Custer County. I thought Bob Baker was doing a fine job, why did we need someone so highly trained for this small rural county? Well, Fred brought some upgrades to our police force over the years, and we certainly have needed them to keep up with the changing times. Having a real “singing sheriff,” and one who will take on Congress to stand up for his constituents’ rights is awesome!

Shannon Byerly first ran for sheriff 4 years ago because he thought Sheriff Jobe was retiring. When the two of them got up in front of the community and answered questions, I felt like they were evenly matched on every issue, whether it was federal encroachment, gun rights, school safety, or simply personal demeanor. It was a slam dunk, in my opinion, that Byerly would

make a smooth transition into the position. But Fred didn’t retire and so there was no need for a change.

Since then, Byerly has only gained more experience. The sheriff’s job is mainly administrative, personnel management, and budget management. These three areas are exactly the jobs Byerly has been doing in Cañon City. And judging by the glowing reports of his associates, he is very good at it.

In addition to running the sheriff’s office, the sheriff has an important presence in our county. Fred Jobe has set a high bar in this respect, but I am sure Shannon is up to the task. He has coached basketball for 7 years and baseball for 5. He’s been the 4-H shooting sports leader and on the Fair board for 5 years also. His own boys were going through our school system at the same time. In spite

of commuting to Cañon City to work for 12 years, Byerly has been very involved in this community and our young people. He once commented on how the long bus rides to sporting events helped him to have close ties to the kids. He knew “everything that was going on with the kids because they would talk” around him.

Shannon Byerly has spent the past 12 years helping make Cañon City a better place, but he really wants to “bring it home” and use his talents in his own community. I think he is a tremendous asset that we should claim as our own! A VOTE FOR BYERLY will ensure that we will have another great sheriff who is capable of dealing with whatever issues Custer County may experience in the future! Thank you,

*Jeanene Comerford,
Rural Custer County*

Some Facts on the FOP, From a Retired Officer

In response to Sheriff Jobe’s letter on May 23, published in the Sentinel, in regards to “A PROBLEM”:

The “police union” he refers to is NOT a union. It is and has been a public service organization since I started my police career in 1970.

The organization is the FOP or Fraternal Order of Police. It is a national organization with members in every state. Unlike unions, the FOP, to my knowledge, does not advocate or support work slow-downs or strikes by police officers.

Some FACTS about the FOP:

FACT: The FOP was formed to protect police officers from being denied their rights of due process, by their law enforcement agency during an administrative disciplinary action against an officer.

FACT: An officer who belongs to the FOP pays dues that provides the officer with legal representation. These dues go into what is referred to as a “legal defense fund”. It’s like paying for an insurance policy to protect the officer from the unexpected.

FACT: The FOP’s legal defense fund defends officers if their agency takes discrimination, unjust, or intimidating disciplinary action against an officer. If an officer’s agency takes disciplinary action against them, they obviously do not provide the officer with legal representation.

FACT: A common criminal is provided with legal representation, and at the taxpayers’ expense! But not a police officer. Most officers join the FOP because they know they can’t afford an attorney any other way.

FACT: A law enforcement officer has constitutional rights, just like any other citizen, and they are sometimes violated. Law enforcement agencies have ended up in federal court over a violation of a police officer’s constitutional rights.

FACT: The FOP knows full well that all Sheriff’s Office Employees, sworn or civilian, serve at the pleasure of the sheriff. And, sometimes a sheriff forgets or overlooks the fact that all of their employees have certain rights that must be preserved and protected from time to time.

FACT: Law enforcement agencies, by policy, normally require their employees to treat all citizens with fair and equal treatment. The FOP was formed to see to it that officers also receive fair and equal treatment.

FACT: The FOP and collective bargaining are not a problem! Without binding arbitration, collective bargaining is just two words.

FACT: The FOP is here to stay. Any Law Enforcement Administrator would be well advised to have as much knowledge as possible about public service organizations.

I know you must be thinking, ‘he belonged to the

FOP when he was a policeman.’ But you’d be wrong. I was never a member in my entire 26 year career. But I did make it a point to gain as much knowledge as I could about public service organizations because I had officers working for me that were members of the FOP.

A problem is only a problem when you don’t have a solution. The biggest fear of the FOP, by some administrators and supervisors, is that they don’t have the knowledge, or haven’t taken the time to gain the knowledge necessary to deal efficiently and effectively with organizations like the FOP.

As to what the other camps have spread (“rumors, lies and innuendos”) where are the FACTS that substantiate the assumptions and allegations that the other camps are guilty?

I would ask the citizens to look closely at the candidate’s content of character. Along with their overall qualifications, exposure, experience and proven abilities to deal with unexpected problems that have occurred and will continue to occur in the future. Clearly, we need a candidate who has a proven track record of sound and successful decision making. The candidate for sheriff that I know, without any doubt, who has these qualifications and more, is Shannon Byerly.

*Respectfully,
Cal Leslie, Manager for
Byerly Campaign,
Rural Custer County*

Content of Character

The content of a person’s character is, for me, the single most critical factor when choosing someone for a job. I am looking for specific traits and qualities so I don’t cost myself time and money or wind up in a bad situation. Those traits and qualities may be even more important when choosing an elected official, since it is much more difficult to make a change once that decision is made.

There are many questions to consider:

What is an individual’s primary motivation for seeking office? Is it money, power, a ‘special interest’ group, or is it a real desire to serve ALL of the people whom they will be representing?

A candidate should have

specific skills and experience – and the willingness to acquire more. Has that been demonstrated? Does this person pursue additional training and opportunities to improve? Or once they get the job, is that good enough?

These questions can give insight to a person’s content of character. Many of the adjectives that politicians use are easy words to throw around, but tougher to demonstrate. I’d invite you to consider a few: Honor, Integrity, Values, Courage, Critical Thinker, Consistent, Patient, Reasonable, Fair...

Grab a thesaurus - the list could go on. What qualities and traits matter most to you in the person you are hiring to represent you? I know

similar questions have been asked in this community, and in this newspaper, before regarding our upcoming election. But based on comments I continue to hear, “but he’s nice”... “I like his family”... “we’re friends”... I’m afraid that not everyone is using their critical thinking skills in deciding who to support. Supporting an elected office is different from choosing a friend. In the next few weeks before the ballots in the mailboxes, please give some serious consideration to the content of character for the individuals you support. And remember, your ballot is your business. You can still be friends, even if you decide someone isn’t right for the job.

*Katherine Camper,
Rural Custer County*

Very High Industrial Complex, Very Large Illuminated Sign

Dear Editor;

A public hearing is to take place at a joint meeting of the Planning Commission, Board of County Commissioners and Board of Zoning Adjustment on 3 June at 1p.m.at the Custer County Court House for an Overheight Variance. A second public hearing for a Special Use Permit and Sign Variance will take on 1 July at 1 p.m...

The results of these meetings will set a precedent for future expansion to the south of Westcliffe. It will also severely affect property values if allowed to go through.

This special use permit is for an Overheight Variance from 25 to 35 feet for the purpose of operating large cranes which will be inside two 21,000 square foot buildings used for metal cutting, welding, fitting, sand blasting, painting, etc. Two future exterior crane areas are proposed (height?) for offloading raw materials to the storage yard and loading finished products on to 18 wheelers operating in and out of this complex on a weekly basis.

The sign size variance request is for an illuminated 4ft by16 ft. sign attached to a building for “delivery and business identification” and facing highway 69.

This property is located south of Sangre de Cristo

Electric approximately ¼ mile and is presently zoned (as is the entire county) agricultural/residential unless a special use permit is issued with a zoning change. Requested is a special use for “light industrial zoning”

This is being strongly objected to by adjoining residential neighbors to this property as well as the few others I have informed of this proposed change to the scenic area in which we live.

The purpose of my letter is to inform all Custer County residents through the media before the Custer County Commissioners, the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Adjustment make any final decision for this action.

Once these above mentioned requests for this property are granted, the precedent will have been set and there will be no stopping further businesses from building on the only remaining unspoiled scenic entry into the town of Westcliffe and as high as they want, even with illuminated signs.

The current residential well and septic are not going to be adequate for the future needs of this proposed industrial development.

The Custer County Master Plan for this area, the Grape Creek Zoning District, states on page 9 “Grape

Creek Zoning District is to remain agricultural in character” and “should primarily be ranching and agricultural”. On page 16 it states that “future commercial and industrial development will be encouraged where it already exists”. Page 17 and 19 both state under Land Use Goals to “preserve Custer County’s rural character and scenic vistas”.

Why are areas already industrially zoned and for sale not being considered? I.E. the area (building already in place) near Ace Hardware, the Seifert Industrial park north of Westcliffe or the commercially zoned property for sale east of Silver Cliff and very near Critical Path Metalworks ,formerly CSM, doing this expansion?

Many factors are affecting the county’s decision to grant or deny this industrial based business south of Westcliffe. Certainly jobs for the area are on the positive side of this decision but the negative side should also be strongly considered ...the scenic vistas are impacted, the Custer County Master Plan is largely ignored, property values will diminish greatly and safety for those using highway 69 including horse drawn buggies will be largely reduced.

*Wes Taylor
Concerned Custer County Resident*

A heartfelt THANK YOU to the Wild West Cowboy Church for stepping up to sponsor this parade for the Custer County Community! Special thanks to Dee Wilhite for getting everyone organized! Job well done!

Letters to the Editor (cont.)

Gratitude: America is Lacking

Dear Editor,

Yesterday, I like many in the community attended the Memorial Day ceremony to honor our nation's military dead. The crowd was a little smaller than usual for reasons unknown. The featured speaker was retired General Joe Arbuckle. Frankly, I did not know what to expect from the General. I listened very carefully to the General and discover that I agreed with every word. Arbuckle spoke about a country who hasn't given our fallen and those wounded in combat its best. Surely, the recent Veterans' Administration scandals remind us all of the poor treatment given to those who were willing to give their all to protect our Republic and our way of life.

He reminded those present that America hasn't declared war since 1941. Yet thousands of American GIs have died in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. The General reminded us that it is widely reported that Americans are tired of war. Joe suggested that war is a part of the human condition. No one can doubt the reality that humans have engaged in warfare for 40,000 years for all kinds of issues. Personally, as a child of the Cold War, born in 1944, I believe that military strength and the willingness to make war actually keeps the peace.

After all, what country would willingly fight the USA in an all-out, take no prisoners war? Arbuckle pointed out that "political correctness," so pervasive in our culture today, has weakened the very foundation of our freedoms. Freedom has been won by the shedding blood of tens of thousands of brave young Americans. Yet when they come home, many were greeted with jeers and name calling, the phrase "baby killer" comes to mind. Just ask veterans of Korea and Vietnam about the kind of "welcome" they received after months of defending American values. There were no ticker tape parades down Broadway for those veterans. Let's not forget that there were 33,741 combat deaths in Korea and 47,422 in Vietnam.

In my life time, I have never met a soldier who started or declared a war. Only politicians can declare war and they often do it and then fail to be able to defend that decision. It is the soldier who must pay the price of political decisions. Arbuckle reminded us that von Clausewitz said that, "War is merely the continuation of politics by other means." It has become the "American Way" to hold no politician accountable for their errors. So the arguments continue. Was it Eisenhower or Kennedy who started the Vietnam

War? Oh, I forgot, Vietnam like Korea were "police actions. It is so easy to blame the soldier.

Arbuckle reminded those present that politicians make decisions that reduce the armed forces to such low levels that we now need to send GIs into battle for three, four, or more tours. No wonder so many come back with psychological problems that often prevent them from transitioning into more normal peacetime civilian lives. We, the civilian electorate, continue to send those who have no idea what war is like to the White House and the Congress. It is these men and women with little or no appreciation for the toll that combat takes on the GIs that fight for our country. We all share the blame for this betrayal of trust to the American fighting man.

I do wish that the entire community could have heard Arbuckle's remarks.

Joe Cascarelli
Westcliffe CO

PS: "Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others."

~ Marcus Tullius Cicero

Note: Marcus Tullius Cicero was a Roman politician, lawyer, and orator who lived from 106 BC to 43 BC.

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Brew With a View at The 'Cliffs

Kick back and join us for a "Brew with a View and Vino Too". Where? At the 'Cliffs, Silver Cliff & Westcliffe. It all takes place in downtown Westcliffe, Saturday, May 31st from 1 - 5 pm.

While you wet your whistle with your favorite brews and vinos too, enjoy good music and good food. You will also get a taste of 740 square miles of Wow, the backdrop for this event.

"Brew with a View and Vino Too at the 'Cliffs" will feature beer and wine from the following:

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Vinos: Vino Salida, Select wines from Baroness Wines

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Dundee/Wigglebutt Parade Bad Behavior

While watching the great Memorial Weekend Parade last Saturday from the porch of the Sentinel newspaper, I witnessed a disgraceful act of self interest by the Dundee/Wigglebutt dog entry section of the parade. As the first section of the parade came down the road (our honored American Legion with their honor guard) the Dundee/Wigglebutt dog section which was gathered across the street in the school parking lot (NOT where

they should be), without warning, barged into the American Legion section causing chaos in the ranks. It was straightened out in a few minutes but it was clear that it shouldn't have happened. I checked with Dee Wilhite, parade coordinator, later in the day and she informed me that the Wigglebutt entry should have lined up with everybody else on Hermit Lane. Dee said they didn't show up at the sign-in point on Hermit Lane and she assumed that

they weren't going to be in the parade. Dee was extremely unhappy with them barging into the parade and not being where they were assigned (further back in line). Let's follow the rules, folks. If EVERYBODY else can follow the simple rules and be courteous to each other (and especially our VETERANS), why can't the Wigglebutt entry?

Ray PóBlano,
Vietnam Veteran,
Custer County Resident

A Memorial Day 'Thank You'

Dear Editor,

A Memorial Day Thank you. Several of the American Legion Post 170 members instrumental in our Memorial Day Observance got together after the service for lunch at the Silver Cliff Mountain Café. After a MOST enjoyable meal, we were surprised with the news that a very kind soul had paid for all our lunches! We say to this person, "THANK-YOU" for your generosity. Among our Legion members

at lunch today were our Department of Colorado Commander, Carol Kennedy; the Chairperson for today's event, "Brad" and his wife, Unit 170 President, Brinder Bradberry; and the Officer in Charge (OIC) of the Post Honor Guard, Larry Lowe. So whoever you are, we greatly appreciate your kindness and your patriotism.

Joy Lowe,
Custer County

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Notice of Primary Election

To The Electors of Custer County:

In accordance with Article 1-5-205(1) of the Colorado Revised Statutes, notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held by Mail Ballot Election Process, in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, on Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of June 2014 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Ballots may be mailed back or dropped off at the Custer County Clerk’s Office located in the County Courthouse at 205 South 6th Street, in Westcliffe, CO. Ballots may be dropped off Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, June 21st from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00p.m.; or on Election Day, June 24th from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ELECTORS MUST BE AFFILIATED WITH A PARTY TO VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Custer this 27th day of May 2014.

Debbie Livengood,
Custer County Clerk

Official Ballots for the Primary Election, Custer County, Colorado

American Constitution Party Primary Ballot

Secretary of State

___ Amanda Campbell

There are no candidates for any other offices.

Democratic Party Primary Ballot

United States Senator

___ Mark Udall

Representative To The 114th United States Congress - District 3

___ Abel J. Tapia

Governor

___ John Hickenlooper

Secretary of State

___ Joe Neguse

State Treasurer

___ Betsy Markey

Attorney General

___ Don Quick

State Board of Education - Congressional District 3

___ Henry C. Roman

County Clerk and Recorder

___ Debbie Livengood

There are no candidates for any other offices.

Republican Party Primary Ballot

United States Senator

___ Cory Gardner

Representative To The 114th United States Congress - District 3

___ Scott R. Tipton

___ David Cox

Governor

___ Mike Kopp

___ Scott Gessler

___ Tom Tancredo

___ Bob Beauprez

Secretary of State

___ Wayne W. Williams

State Treasurer

___ Walker Stapleton

Attorney General

___ Cynthia Coffman

State Board of Education - Congressional District 3

___ Barbara Ann Smith

___ Marcia Neal

State Representative - District 60

___ James D. “Jim” Wilson

County Commissioner - District 1

___ Allen Butler

___ Robert (Bob) Kattnig

___ Tesley Jack Canterbury

County Treasurer

___ Virginia Trujillo

County Assessor

___ J.D. Henrich

County Sheriff

___ Anthony J. Supan

___ Shannon Byerly

___ Eric Thompson

County Coroner

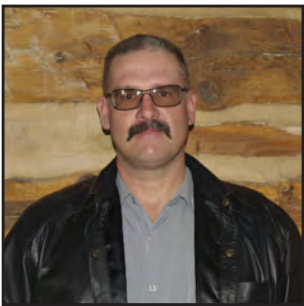
___ Arthur L. Nordyke

___ Bradford L. Baltzly

There are no candidates for any other offices.

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Brad

Baltzly

Custer County Coroner

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Brad L. Baltzly

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- Associates of Science Degree in Criminal Justice.
- Graduate of the Denver University Public Safety Leadership Development Course.
- Department Head supervisor.
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- Earned promotions through competitive testing process.

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If you would like to contact Shannon Byerly:
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Local Mountain News & Notices

Hospital Board Dismisses Citizen Input

"We Didn't Accomplish Our Objective"

by Paul Sage

Discussion of the recent Chamber of Commerce EMS forum at the Hospital District Board meeting focused on how the citizens and business owners were distracted by subjects related to the EMS other than those orchestrated by the Hospital Board and therefore couldn't reach the desired conclusions.

Board member Brent Bruiser reported that "the agenda was hijacked a bit" by citizens and business owners like County Commissioner Candidates Bob Kattnig and Jack Canterbury. "The acrimony of those questions kind of distracted us," according to Mr. Bruiser. He continued, "It got us off track, and I don't know that we really accomplished or got a representative body of information to the business community." He declared, "I think we have to dismiss most of what we heard."

Board Chairman Joe Arbuckle chimed in, "I agree that we didn't accomplish our objective which was to get some objective, thoughtful feedback from the business community."

The discussion continued with Board Member Bob Tobin stating that "misunderstandings about the service plan are definitely still out there." For anyone who is not familiar with the service plan being discussed, a copy can be found on the Hospital District website.

Mr. Bruiser added that "there was a very specific agenda to get feedback on and it's unfortunate that they got distracted in terms of the line of questioning. I think the forum may have been politicized a bit because of not really positions taken, but just that it wasn't part of the agenda." He concluded with "it's almost if you can't get an accurate sample, you can't get actionable data."

It was also mentioned that the information handed out by the Hospital Board for the Chamber Forum may not have been what was intended. Board Chairman Joe Arbuckle said that "what Roger burned off for the thing on Tuesday night was not correct." It may have been the wrong revision of information Mr. Arbuckle disseminated.

Much discussion ensued about how proper PR and the dissemination of favorable information in the newspaper will remedy much of the confusion and misinformation that is causing people to draw the wrong conclusions and think in ways different from those promoted by the Board.

The results, while already dismissed by the Hospital Board, will be made available by the Chamber of Commerce at another public forum in a few weeks.

Commissioner Candidates Propose EMS Solution

by Paul Sage

At the May 22nd Candidates forum at the Lutheran Church fellowship hall, commissioner candidates were asked what action they would take on maintaining the ambulance service in Custer County. Incumbent Alan Butler explained the dilemma commissioners face when dealing with a special district set up and approved by the citizens which has equal legal standing with other governments, including the county. He recognized that "yes, we have a problem – a big problem" with the Hospital District and EMS but said that any change that will take place to correct it will have to come from the citizens who are in control of the District.

Commissioner Candidate Bob Kattnig made the point that "I don't think we need to use public money to do what the private sector can do." Mr. Kattnig has asked the Hospital District Board to be more transparent by posting all of their financials on line for the public to see. He expressed his frustration that "it seems

like every time I ask a question, the answer's a little different," and made reference to what he saw as "bad accounting at the clinic".

Candidate Jack Canterbury received a large round of applause when he said that "the first action I guarantee is that I won't call any group of citizens in the county the 'peanut gallery'," a reference to Hospital Board Chairman Joe Arbuckle's insult to the crowd at the Chamber forum earlier in the week.

He pointed out that since that forum he had called "several clinics and emergent care centers." He said that when he questioned them about the problems here he was told that "they have offered to help this hospital district straighten the clinic out and the hospital board has turned them down and won't talk to them."

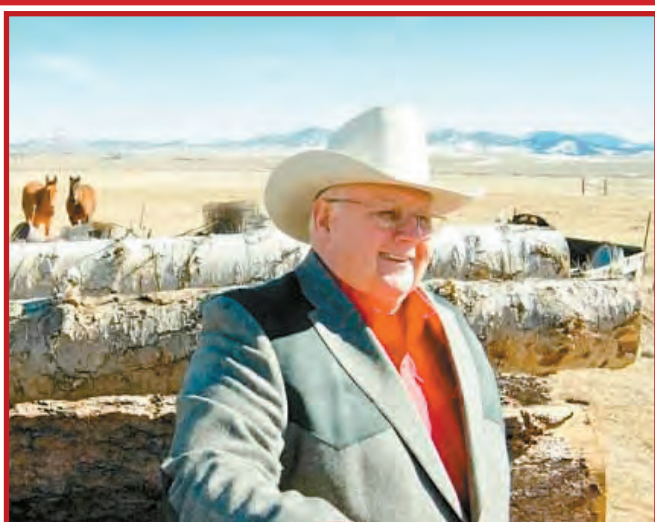
He further pointed out that "we've got a huge disconnect between the hospital board and the community." As an example he made reference to the Chamber EMS forum, saying

"the Hospital Board invited the business owners in the community to a meeting Tuesday night to hear what they had to say. But when they were told by the business owners what they wanted, the Hospital Board got adversarial and didn't want to hear anymore. We've got to straighten out the management of the hospital board first."

All three candidates opposed any further legalization of marijuana in the county. Commissioner Butler pointed out that the citizens of Custer County have already voted against legalization three times. Candidate Kattnig said that "we get along just fine without it here." And Jack Canterbury chimed in on the same theme with "I stand with the people of Custer County on the marijuana issue. We don't need it."

Both candidates for Coroner, Brad Baltzly and Art Nordyke, answered several questions from the audience. Mr. Baltzly spoke of

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REPORT

From page 1

the clinic and ambulance service currently have, she said that “you hope to get 50%. Ambulance even runs less. Then you have a little more than that because we see a higher number of uninsured, indigent patients up here, so you have even bigger losses. The reason is that they don’t have a good income to purchase that (insurance) product.” She further explained that the payments at the front desk are down. Even “patients that are Medicaid so they have a two dollar or one dollar copay are saying ‘I don’t have it’”.

Hospital District Board Chairman Joe Arbuckle commented that “the financial report is excellent again Mary. Thank you very much. It’s nice to have somebody who knows what they’re doing with these numbers. The bottom line is we look good on paper.” His comment referred to the “profit” the clinic appears to make on paper using the accrual accounting method which makes it appear that much of the \$800,000 which will never actually be collected is money that

has been earned.

Speaking of big plans to form a relationship with Heart of the Rockies Medical Center in Salida, Clinic Director Delwin Lester (whose salary is \$6734.40 per month (\$80,812 annually) and whose Administrative Assistant salary is \$1238.44 (\$14,861 annually), and benefits for both are additional costs) said that “it kind of comes down to does EMS stay here or does EMS go someplace else.” He did stress that if “EMS stays with us, he (the Salida Director) won’t even go talk to his board because he knows it presents too many challenges as we all know.” He further related that “if EMS goes over to fire or under the Commissioners or just as a district, he and his board would be comfortable they’re not taking on a big A-bomb type of thing.” Mr. Lester explained that the director of the proposed flight for life operation in Salida “tried to recruit me and I asked him what he paid, and that’s one of the reasons I didn’t stay in it – because the salaries were not that great.” Some additional figures of interest from the March clinic budget are as follows

(Please note that these are salary figures only and exclude health insurance, liability and medical insurance, and workers compensation):

Therapy Salaries - \$8,188.64 (\$98,263 annually)

Nurse Practitioner - \$9,555.91 (\$114,670 annually)

Physician(s) - \$24,380.00 (\$292,560 annually)

Nurses - \$9,398.18 (\$112,778 annually)

Administrator - \$6,734.40 (\$80,812 annually)

Lab Nurse - \$3,000.86 (\$36,010 annually)

Administrative Asst. - \$1,238.44 (\$14,861 annually)

Business Manager - \$4,595.20 (\$55,140 annually)

Billing - \$2,424.00 (\$26,908 annually)

Office Manager - \$3,556.40 (\$42,672 annually)

Receptionists - \$5,554.69 (\$66,656 annually)

Home Care Physician - \$1,800.00 (\$21,600 annually)

Wet Mountain Saddle Club

You can tell that summer is about here. The Wet Mountain Saddle Club is gearing up for the summer events. First, for the next meeting, June 2nd at 6 p.m. the Saddle Club will provide grass finished by Sangres Best Beef grilled burgers and dogs, as well as the buns. Bring side dishes appropriate for a picnic and don’t forget to wear red, white, and blue!

They will have a horseshoe tournament beginning at 5 p.m.. Potluck picnic starts at 6 p.m. followed by “Different Strokes for Different Folks” by Amy Finger – the comeback story of a local stroke victim, horsewoman, and author.

Member families are free and guests are \$5 each. A short club business meeting to follow.

Colorado Horse Tests Positive for Equine Herpes Myeloencephalities:

The Colorado State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory has confirmed that a horse recently had to be euthanized due to complications from the neurologic form of EHV-1.

A second horse that resided with the EHV-1 positive horse has developed a fever and is considered a suspect case but is not displaying any neurologic sign at this time. This second horse attended some of the same events with the rodeo/barrel racing circuit as the original horse. Because of these developments and the recent history of EHV-1 cases in other states, the

State Veterinarian’s Office in Colorado recommends that equine event organizers and horse owners competing in the rodeo/barrel racing circuit exercise the extreme caution with regard to the planning and holding of equine events.

These two horses have traveled to events within Colorado over the last few weeks and there is a potential link to other horses that have attended the National High School Rodeo and Colorado Junior Rodeo Association events located in: Henderson (April 26-27), Eagle (May 2-4), and Rocky Ford (May 10-11).

The Colorado State Veterinarian’s office is in the process of contacting all Colorado contestants that were involved in these events. If any of Custer County horses attended any of the events listed above, or has a direct link to a horse that attended one of these events, monitors your horse’s temperature twice a day. If it is greater than 101.5 F, contacts your vet and isolate your horse from others for 21 days past the event. Please, folks, keep a close eye on your horses and talk to your vet.

Contact Christi Lightcap at 303-239-4190 or your local veterinarian for more info.

My name is Arthur L. Nordyke, and am the Custer County Coroner. I have been married to my wife, Barbara for 54 years. We have 3 grown sons all of whom live in Colorado. We have 9 grandchildren, and 1 great grandson. I have worked in the construction field for approximately 40 years, and was a lineman for Sangre De Cristo Electric prior to that. I have lived in Custer County since 1977 when I moved my family here from Canon City. All three of my sons graduated from Custer County High School, and now 3 grandsons will also have graduated from CCHS.

I believe I am the best candidate for the job because I have 30 years’ experience serving as this county’s Coroner. I am a Colorado State Certified Death Investigator which is extremely important for the integrity of our county. I have at least 243 hours of continuing education in Death Investigation. I have taken and tested in classes in the following fields: Aero Forensics, Fetal Death Registration, Forensic Epidemiology, Incident Command Systems, Forensic Anthropology, and Law Endorsement and Forensic Analysis. Many people are unaware that it is required that each coroner complete at least 16 hrs. per year in continuing education in order to maintain his or her certification. It is also required that they have attended at least 5 autopsies in the time of their service. Not all Deputy Coroners are certified, but in order to serve as THE Coroner it is required. I have been a certified death investigator for 14 of my 30 years of service. I have served on the Colorado State Board of Coroners since 2000, which allows me to be well acquainted with coroners across the state and other agencies

Additionally, I believe I am the best candidate for this position because of my integrity, and my ability to contain a scene and maintain the respect of the other agencies involved at the scene. I have already established a great working relationship with the Sheriff’s office, Search and Rescue, Hospice, and Colorado State Patrol. I am well accustomed to the need for confidentiality that must be maintained in order to provide this respect and integrity. **HONESTY AND RECORD KEEPING ARE A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF MY JOB.**

Lastly, I believe that one of the attributes that I bring to this position is that I have lost someone very dear to me in a difficult situation. My grandson C.J. passed away after battling cancer. He was 8 years old at the time. This has changed and equipped me to be helpful to families when they are in the grieving process. Whether dealing with the loss of an elderly or young person this is always a very difficult time. Beyond my certification, compassion, and integrity I have the experience of helping people in this their greatest time of need. These families have lost a loved one no matter what the circumstances. I believe that it is extremely important to treat the deceased and the family with the utmost respect at this time.

Recently I have become aware that many people do not know exactly what the job of the Coroner entails. It is my job to:

- Determine the time and manner of death
- Identify the deceased and take custody of the scene
- Handle the Investigation as needed
- Notify the next of kin

I also issue the death certificate and complete all reports required by the state. This job is often difficult, but interesting. I have attended at least 15 autopsies over the years. It has been very educational, and has better prepared me serve Custer County. I believe that it is of the utmost importance that I do my job with the greatest efficiency so that cases can be prosecuted properly when needed.

Thank you for your time and consideration, I would really appreciate your vote on June 24th.

Sincerely,

Arthur Nordyke, Custer County Coroner 



Arthur Nordyke - Custer County Coroner

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Harvey, at the Jones Theater

Last weekend was the final performance at the Jones Theater of the delightful play "Harvey" written by Mary Chaise. We hope you had the opportunity to see it. We were treated to an enjoyable evening of comedy with a first-class cast of local talent! We are very fortunate here in Custer County to have the Westcliffe Center for the Performing Arts (WCPA), Jones Theater, as well as Shakespeare in the Park. For the rest of the summer season, check them out at Jonestheater.com or on Facebook @ Westcliffe Center for the Performing Arts. There you will also have the opportunity to donate to help keep these performances coming.

Pictured from left to right: Steve Miller, Charlie French, Jack Decker, Tom (Frosty) Frostman, Lissa Miller, Skylor Smith, and Jim Fitch. (Not pictured, the pooka "Harvey")

Courtesy photo



4H'ers Clean Up Hillside Cemetery for Memorial Day

Members of the Triple C 4H Club on Friday went to the historic Hillside Cemetery for cleanup in honor of Memorial Day. The 4H Club members were Zac Fischer, Cash Rowley, Connor Rowley, Manny Pedigo, Edgar Pedigo, Grace Watkins, Anastasia Berry, Kathryn Potts, Kyleigh Martin, Katelyn Robson and Kyle Rose. Adult members were Sue Robson and Nancy Watkins. Lunch was provided by Deborah Fischer and Taylor Staton.

Courtesy photo by Nancy Watkins



Grand Opening of the Dundee Memorial Park

On Saturday, 24 May, supporters of the new Dundee Memorial Park gathered for the Grand Opening! And what a celebration it was, with treats for dogs and humans alike. There was also a silent auction of the Homemade Bird Houses we have been seeing around town and the famous Wigglebutt Contest judged by the 3 candidates running for commissioner - Allen Butler, Jack Canterbury, and Bob Kattnig. Everyone seemed to be having a grand time. If you haven't seen the park, it is a beautiful addition to Silver Cliff. For more information on the park or how to donate or see what's going on you can visit their web site at www.dundee memorial park.com.

Sentinel photo by Monte Hess



The Oak Creek Grade General Store is Re-opening!

"God has filled our well to overflowing and we are now planning to reopen the Oak Creek Grade General Store on Friday, June 6th," reports Audrey Slater.

They will be open on Friday and Saturday mornings for continental breakfasts from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and will be serving homemade muffins, bagels, cinnamon rolls, waffles, pancakes, and oatmeal. Items also for sale homemade caramel candies, assorted crocheted items, and Bibles, and Christian Books.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

Old enough to know how

VOTERS:

Watch for your ballot coming in the mail next week!

- ☒ Allen Butler
- ☐ Bob Kattnig
- ☐ Jack Canterbury



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James Madison- Fourth President of the United States

Local Mountain News & Notices

We want to say “Thank You” to the community we love!

Join us at our new office (102 S. Adams Blvd.) on Saturday, June 7, 11-2 for a grand opening celebration and customer appreciation lunch of brisket, pulled pork, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, specialty hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, chips, drinks and homemade soft serve ice cream!



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Ask a Pro: 3-Wire Pump Motor Control Boxes

There are basically two types of submersible pump motors; 2-wire and 3-wire w/control box. The difference being the location of the starting (winding-/motor) switch. The 2-wire unit has the switch built into the motor (at the bottom of the well). The 3-wire unit uses a relay switch mounted in a control box usually installed in the house by the pressure tank. This control box also houses a start capacitor which gives the motor superior starting torque. Some control boxes also have a run capacitor for a smoother more efficient motor; additionally over load protection may be included. The 3-wire is the pro's choice; it puts the parts that commonly fail in a serviceable place but

requires knowledge to service. Many pumps have been replaced when only a control box part was needed (\$75 vs. \$750 plus labor) Control boxes are a service item and you should consider having it replaced after 12 years of service. They are an inexpensive way of extending the life of your pump.

—David J. Nequette Co. State Lic.1043

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Full time position available!

**Cliffs Action Revitalization Team (Westcliffe/Silver Cliff)
is hiring a “Main Street Manager”.**

This position will be a mix of event facilitator and marketing for the Cliff's businesses and organizations with the purpose of extending the tourist season into the fall, winter, and spring months.

Some work activities to expect:

- Identify target markets outside of the Wet Mountain Valley
- Work with local businesses and organizations to expand the existing events
- Facilitate new events
- Write grants to secure future funding
- Develop and maintain good relationships with local businesses and organizations
- Recruit volunteers

Experience Needed:

- Marketing & sales
- Successful grant writing
- Excellent organizational and communication skills
- Passion for small town community development

Email resumes and questions to cliffsmsm@gmail.com

Remembering a Veteran: Memorial Gathering for Jerry Finley

A Gathering for Jerry Finley, a Vietnam Veteran who passed away on May 15th, will be held at the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club, on Tuesday, June 3rd, at 4:00 p.m.

Jerry's family will be in town, and invite Jerry's friends to join them, to remember him, and celebrate his life.



West Custer County Library Summer Reading Program Registration and Water Carnival

This year's Summer Reading Program at the West Custer County Library will excite the senses with artistic, scientific, and just plain silly events for all ages as well as fabulous drawings and prizes awarded for keeping up with reading this summer.

Children and teens can register for Summer Reading at the Hermit Park Pavilion on June 5 at 1 p.m. with the West Custer Water Carnival. Beat the heat with water balloon fights, dueling drenchers, treasure diving, and more.

The Adult Summer Reading Program returns for its second year with registra-

tion starting one day earlier on Wednesday, June 4, all day at the library. Several of the program events have limited class sizes that require pre-registration, so stop in early to ensure a spot. The first event of the season will be held that evening at 7 p.m. at the Jones Theater. Author Ted Borrillo will present stories and history of Denver's Historic Elitch Theatre. This free event is co-sponsored by the library and the Jones Theater, though the Jones will gladly accept donations for their upcoming renovations project. Local theater owner Anne Kimbell Relph will introduce Borrillo and share her memories of working as

a lead actress at the Elitch Theatre one summer.

The library added the Adult Reading Program to the summer lineup starting last year to encourage adults to take the time to read and to provide opportunities for locals who share similar interests to get together and learn new things. Reading can reduce stress, enhance memory, boost analytical thinking, improve writing skills and even increase the ability to empathize with others.

For more information on these programs and events, please call the library at 783-9138 or visit www.westcusterlibrary.org.

Correction Swim Lessons at Club America

*Swim lesson pretests are scheduled on Sunday,
June 1 from 1:30-2:45pm.*

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his educational qualifications and connections with others in the field both locally and nationally that he believes will be an asset in modernizing the Coroner's Office here.

Mr. Nordyke spoke of his

30 years' experience as the Coroner in Custer County and the service he has provided, giving him the experience and sensitivity to continue on in the role of coroner. When questioned about his use of a county cell phone number in some campaign literature, Mr. Nordyke explained that it was simply an oversight

and has been corrected.

Sheriff's candidates did not appear at the forum as two of the candidates were unavailable because of an incident in Wetmore, and Candidate Byerly did not want to have the unfair advantage of making a presentation without his competitors, Tony Supan and Eric Thompson, present.

Rockets to the Sky Saturday Sampler July 5th at 9 a.m. at the Hermit Park Pavilion

*Come join us for a morning and make your own
model rocket then launch it skyward.*

*Steve Janssen, of the Pueblo Air & Space Museum,
and his crew will instruct you in building your rocket, then
launch from the pads.*

*Reservations are recommended by emailing Steve at:
museumcurator@hotmail.com or by phone 719-783-0610*

Cost is \$5.00 for each rocket and \$5.00 for the program

We hope to see you there!

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Custer County Student Triathlon

On Thursday, May 22, Custer County fourth, fifth and sixth grade students participated in the annual triathlon. Starting at Club America, students swam two laps and rode a bike for two miles before arriving at the track to run around one time.

Throughout the triathlon students wore ankle readers recording their time and saw many parents and friends cheering them on.

Sentinel photos by Candi Sage



K-3 Field Day

On Tuesday, May 27, Custer County students in grades kindergarten, first, second and third grades participated in the annual Field Day under sunny skies. The afternoon event was busy with students performing activities such as bean bag toss, shot put, bowling, an obstacle course, long jump, sumo wrestling, and several others on the football field and track. Their participation was measured in various ways: points, time, distance, pins knocked down and goals ... to name a few.

The lower field held the 'team' sports that included class jump rope, a relay race, tug of war, problem solving with the class on a mat, and the unbroken hula hoop circle. Each station was supervised by a middle school or high school volunteer as well as teachers. Students were cheered by on-lookers of teachers, family members, Mr. Selle, and Mrs. Anderson.

Sentinel photo by Candi Sage

2014 Spring Arts Festival

by Candi Sage with photos by Paul Sage

On Wednesday, May 14, the Custer County High School celebrated the 2014 Spring Arts Festival that included the student's art show, the high school and community band including visiting members of the Cotopaxi band, and the high school choir.

Superintendent Chris Selle had his own part as narrator while the band played 'The Devil Went Down to Georgia'. The audience enjoyed four other arrangements performed by the high school and community band, and members of the Cotopaxi High School and middle school band.

Band teacher and conductor Brittan Braddock gave out numerous music awards and received a surprise bouquet and thank you from her students. Instructor Bruce May handed out woodshop awards.



Custer County High School Choir

Sentinel photo by Paul Sage



The combination band plays at the 2014 Spring Arts Festival.

Sentinel photo by Paul Sage

Carrie Smith passed out the art awards, and Lissa Miller presented the drama award winners.

The high school choir sang five songs before receiving

their awards. The evening ended with the art show, snacks and voting for the top three art pieces. **Congratulations to Custer County's talented students!**

FREE Physicals for Custer County Students

Today, Friday, May 30, the Custer County Public Health Agency will be offering free health physicals to Middle and High School students. Physicals will be given at the clinic beginning at 9 a.m. Students with the last name beginning with A-M should arrive between 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Students with last names beginning with N-Z should arrive between 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Physical packets are available in the main office of Custer County Schools and will be available at the clinic when you arrive. Parent signature is required for the physical and is included in the packet. This is a great opportunity to complete the physical that is required to participate in athletics during the 2014-15 year. Questions, please call Custer County Schools at 783-2291.

KIDS

Friday, May 30, 2014

HONORING THE FALLEN

The first national celebration of the holiday took place May 30, 1868, at Arlington National Cemetery. This is where both Confederate and Union soldiers were buried. Originally known as Decoration Day, at the turn of the century it was designated as Memorial Day. The day is celebrated with a parade in many American towns.

One way perspective on American history is expressed is through hymns and songs of various types. Two hymns published as early as 1867 are: "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping," dedicated to "The Ladies of the South Who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead" and "Memorial Flowers," dedicated "To the Memory of Our Dead Heroes."

A few states observe Memorial Day on the original date of May 30 despite the federal law changing it to the last Monday in May. However, the national observance takes place at Arlington National Cemetery with the placing of the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the decoration of each grave with a small American flag.

Please remember the protocol for flying the American flag on Memorial Day. It includes raising the flag quickly to the top of the pole at sunrise, then immediately lowering it to half-staff until noon, followed by displaying it at full staff from noon until sunset.

information source: memory.loc.gov

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Custer County Memorial Day Ceremony

May 26, 2014

Located at Memorial Park in Westcliffe
Guest Speaker: Major General Joe Arbuckle, US Army/Retired



Photo Feature by Barbara Napolitan

Memorial Day Weekend Parade



Photo by Monte Hess



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Classifieds

Help Wanted

Need staining on Log Home in Cuerno Verde. Weeks June 19th - July 5th. Call 706-202-4950. Ask for Beverly.

The Custer County School District is accepting applications for the position of head baseball coach for the 2014-2015 school year. For more information, please call Greg Cravens at 783-4948 or pick up applications at the administration office at 709 Main Street in Westcliffe between the hours of 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday. CCSD is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in employment.

The Custer County School District is accepting applications for a Secretary to

the school board meetings and generating meeting minutes. It is anticipated to take approximately 6 hours per month and the wages will be \$10 per hour. Interested applicants may contact Chris Selle at chris.selle@ccbobcats.net or 783-2357 to request application materials, pick up applications at the Administration office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe, or download an application from the school district's website at www.custer-countyschools.org. CCSD is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in employment.

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Tool Sale

Tool Sale/Miscellaneous items June 6, 7, and 8th., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., west side parking lot of Custer County School.

The Riderless/ Caparisoned Horse

This year for our Memorial Day Parade we were honored to have Jerry Leitschuh and his horse, Caleb, represent the Riderless/ Caparisoned horse. The Riderless/ Caparisoned horse is evolved from the days when horse-drawn caissons were the primary means of moving artillery and provisions. The caparisoned horse carried the provisions. By tradition in military funeral honors, a Caparisoned Horse follows the casket of an Army or Marine Corps Colonel or above, or the casket of a president, by virtue of having been the nation's military Commander in Chief.

The custom dates back to the time of Genghis Khan, when a horse was sacrificed to serve the fallen warrior in the next world. The Ca-

parisoned Horse later came to symbolize a warrior who would ride no more. Abraham Lincoln was the first U.S. President to be honored with a Caparisoned Horse at his funeral.

Also in this year's parade, the Caparisoned Horse was followed by an Honor Guard member holding the symbolic funeral tri-fold flag. The flag represents the one folded at the Observation in the Park on Monday and at all funeral services with military honors.

This was all part of helping the cause to keep this year's parade focused on our Fallen Comrades – the true meaning of this Day. We hope this answers some of the questions we heard from the crowd during the parade.

Events Calendar

Friday, May 30, 2014
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.: School Board Meeting - Administration conference room
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.: Baccalaureate
7:30 p.m.: The Jones Theater: "Heaven is for Real"
3 - 4 p.m.: 911 Authority Board Meeting at Resource Center

Saturday, May 31, 2014
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.: High School Graduation
7:30 p.m.: The Jones Theater: "Heaven is for Real"
1-5 p.m.: "Brew with a View at the Cliffs", downtown Westcliffe; Details call 783-2615 or 783-2282

Sunday, June 1, 2014
2 p.m.: The Jones Theater: "Heaven is for Real"

Monday, June 2, 2014
9 a.m.: BOCC meeting in boardroom at courthouse

Tuesday, June 3, 2014
9 a.m.: BOCC meeting in boardroom at courthouse

Thursday, June 5, 2014
10 a.m.: Airport Advisory Board meeting

Friday, June 6, 2014
7:30 p.m.: The Jones Theater: "The Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return"

Saturday, June 7, 2014
5 p.m.: Ranch Rodeo at The Cowboy Church; More details forthcoming
7:30 p.m.: The Jones Theater: "The Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return"

Sunday, June 8, 2014
2 p.m.: The Jones Theater: "The Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return"

Friday, June 13-15, 2014
Pueblo Weisbrod Air Museum at Pueblo Municipal Airport: Vintage aircraft, rides available, food, fun, vendors; Adults \$7; 3-day pass, \$12; active military, under 10 free

Recurring Events and Business Hours

Monday
6 p.m.: Closed step study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Lisa at (719) 783-0809

Monday through Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Custer County public transit service available to everyone through Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Noon: Lunch served at Custer County Senior Center located on first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 a.m.

Monday and Thursday
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in Silver Cliff open to assist young mothers and families in need. Free pregnancy tests and counseling to pregnant women and more. Call 783-4357

Tuesday
12:30 p.m.: Bridge Club meets in the library community room in downtown Westcliffe.
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Jammin' band at The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff
First Tuesday of the Month:
6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes - American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting
6:45 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, Post 170 Auxil-

iary monthly meeting (March-October).
Tuesday through Friday
10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.: Library open in downtown Westcliffe

Wednesday
Line dancers meet at Community United Methodist Church from 9:30 to 11 a.m. thru the winter starting November 20. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370
6 p.m.: Closed Big Book study Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172, or Lisa at (719) 783-0809

Thursday
5:30 p.m.: Weight Watchers meeting in the Hope Lutheran Church basement. Call 783-4144
Second Thursday of the Month: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., "Ask a Nurse" at the library

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

Friday and Saturday
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.: Share Center adjacent to Hope Lutheran Church in Westcliffe

Saturday
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Library open in Westcliffe

Sheriff's Report...

As of Tuesday, May 27, there were eight men and one woman in jail.

OFFENSES

May 26 The Fremont County Sheriff's Office asked the Custer County Sheriff's Office for assistance due to a pursuit of a person that they were trying to apprehend. This person was headed toward Wetmore when a Custer County deputy arrived in the area. This person drove his vehicle onto county roads, then into pastures, and crashed through fences. This incident occurred north and east of Wetmore. A private helicopter was used to keep them posted as to the location of the vehicle due to areas not accessible to deputies' SUVs. He was apprehended near Pueblo reservoir. This person was on Fremont County's most wanted list for parole violation, vehicular assault, and now new charges. Their deputies saw this man coming out of a house in Penrose which is when the pursuit began. There was damage to gates and fences along the way. His name is Justin Rien, age 25, of Penrose. Rien was taken into custody.

May 24 Dana Reynolds, age 23, of Pueblo was arrested in Westcliffe on Seventh and Main Streets after a traffic violation stop. Reynolds was arrested for driving with his driver's license under suspension and displaying fictitious license plates. He was also charged for speeding which was the original reason for stopping him. Reynolds was booked into the Custer County jail and is held on a \$2,000 bond.

A second party, Miguel Torres, age 29, came to pick up Reynolds' vehicle and was issued a summons to appear in Custer County court at a later date due to no driver's license.

May 23 At 10:30 a.m., a 1986 Toyota pickup truck driven by Brenda Olson, age 55, of rural Westcliffe was attempting to make a left-hand turn at the intersection of Third and Main Streets in Westcliffe when she failed to observe a 2009 Toyota

van that was northbound driven by Wesley Sanders, age 50, of Mansfield, Texas. Both vehicles sustained moderate damage. Olson was issued a summons for failure to yield the right-of-way to oncoming traffic.

May 22 A call came in at 12:45 p.m. that a man with a gun and threatening to kill himself and others as well as any deputy that would appear. This incident occurred at mile marker 28 and Highway 96 near his residence. He was back and forth from the house and the driveway. Highway 96 was closed for safety reasons. A hostage negotiator was called to the standoff which took place over 2 ½ hours. He was finally talked into giving himself up. Deputies managed to get into the residences of neighbors to protect them. Upon surrender, deputies took him to Parkview for mental evaluation. From there he went to detox in Pueblo. Warrants for his arrest are for felony menacing, prohibited use of a weapon, and possession of a weapon by a previous felony offender. He was released on May 27 from detox and placed under arrest by said warrant. He is held on a \$3,000 bond and transported back to Custer County to face charges. Fremont County Sheriff's Office and Florence Police Department assisted with the incident.

May 17 A Fred Dodd of Westcliffe reported that someone, the night before, pried off a lock on a mobile home that he owned in the 700 block of Butler Street in Silver Cliff. There doesn't appear that anything was taken.

May 16 At 1845 hours, a 2002 jeep SUV, driven by LaDonna Slifco, age 60, of rural Westcliffe, was eastbound on County Road 271 when it went off the left side of the roadway striking the side of a cattle guard. Slifco was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and careless driving. She was booked into the Custer County jail, and later posted \$2,000 bond, was released, and scheduled to appear in Custer County court at a later date.

AMBULANCE CALLS

Five ambulance calls as of May 27.

May 25 At 1924 hours, the ambulance was dispatched to the clinic for a 45-year-old male who injured a thumb. He was treated but refused transport.

May 24 At 2:04 a.m., the ambulance was dispatched to Sangre Drive for a 62-year-old male who had fallen. He was treated but not transported.

May 23 At 1513 hours, the ambulance was dispatched to Bluff Circle. A 92-year-old female had fallen and was transported to Parkview.

May 22 At 2:13 a.m., Valley Assisted Living requested an ambulance for a female patient having chest pains. She was transported to Parkview.

May 22 At 2:50 a.m., the ambulance was dispatched to mile marker 61 on Highway 69 for a 90-year-old male with possible heart problem. He was transported to Parkview.

FIRE CALLS

There were five fire call as of May 27.

May 25 At 1356 hours a passing motorist noticed a lightning strike at mile marker 7 on Highway 96. There was no fire.

May 24 At 1623 hours, a fire truck was dispatched to another possible smoke investigation at Rosita Road and Good Hope. Nothing was found; possible low clouds.

May 23 A fire truck was dispatched to Third and Main Streets in Westcliffe to direct traffic at the scene of an accident.

May 22 At 9:57 a.m., the Wetmore Fire Department was called out for the smoke investigation at mile marker 21 on Highway 96. It turned out to be a fire pit smoking.

May 22 At 3:13 a.m., a call came in requesting Flight for Life at Bear Basin Ranch. The fire department went to assist the landing. There was no ambulance response.

Ranch Rodeo!
at the Cowboy Church
Saturday, June 7 at 5 p.m.
Team Penning, Sorting, Branding, and more events to be announced.

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

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

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

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

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9:30 a.m.
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Royal Gorge Tea Party
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Memorial Day 2014

Make it More Than Just A Memory

by Barbara Penezic

The last bite of hot dog has been consumed, our skyline is devoid of the brilliantly colored hot air balloons. The parades are gone along with the surge of adrenaline as we stood and saluted with pride as our flag passed by and we raised our voices to the heavens as we sang the ‘AMERICAN ANTHEM.’ How many times over this long holiday weekend did you say “Thank You for Your Service?”

Now the weekend is behind us and it is back to our work a day world. We must put a roof over our heads and food in the mouths of our children. The end of the day finds most of us more than a little weary and asking ourselves, “What have I forgotten, what have I left undone?” I’ve purchased new track shoes for Johnny, and Tammy has her best white blouse ready for concert choir tomorrow, the bills are paid and the gas tank is full, so maybe I’ll just give thanks to God and go to bed.

A pretty typical day for many of us but while we are rushing around doing what we must to insure a smooth tomorrow many of our “veterans” are just hoping for a warm place to sleep and something to ease the emptiness in their stomach’s. Not a pleasant picture at all and quite frankly one that most of us would rather avoid. Homeless Veterans are a matter of National Shame, and added to that is the newest scandal regarding the lack of medical care for those courageous men and women who risked everything for us. Those in charge cooking the books so they can receive a bonus while our Vets’ are placed on a waiting list and left there to die!

Recently at a City Council meeting a woman approached the podium and announced that a member of the clergy had no right

to speak. What, you might wonder, does this have to do with Americas’ Veterans and the shabby treatment they are receiving? NO RIGHT TO SPEAK! Really? What is it that our service men and women risk life and limb for? What is the First Amendment for if not our Right to Speak, and yes, even members of the clergy are entitled to speak. They are also individuals with a right to voice their concern about issues that affect the community in which they live. Our Founding Fathers did not just grant Freedom of Speech to those who agree with you. This is a right that belongs to all Americans.

Many times I speak with residents of Cañon City and Fremont County who eagerly offer up a comment, along with, “Please, don’t use my name, I could lose my job!” This form of intimidation is all too prevalent in our society and while we can all identify with the need to be silent I think we must all agree that it gives the voice, the very direction of our country, to a limited few and strips the rights of ‘We the People.’

My husband and my only son are both disabled vets who have helped to protect the rights of all Americans. I intend to let my voice be heard on issues that some would like to cover up, like the scandal at the VA hospitals. I am urging you to do the same. E-mail your local veterans affairs office, your congressmen, senators and anyone else you can think of. Our Veterans have faced peril for us and it is time we repaid them with more than mere lip service. Let’s make Memorial Day 2014 more than just a pleasant (feel good) memory. Each night when you speak with God, remember our veterans and their needs. Keep the memory alive all year long! Hold our elected officials Accountable.

Be Informed,
Get Involved!



by Edward Whitcraft,
Royal Gorge Tea Party

Just in case some of you have been asleep at the wheel—its an election year. That is correct. We will be voting here in Fremont Country for several county positions, three state elected offices, and two federal officials, one senator and one representative. Thinking about the election and the different candidates my mind began to wonder just what these potential office holders believes the proper role of government is. Also what their role as elected officials might be. Do they understand what the U.S. Constitution is and have they read it? Would that be a document that they would use in guiding them while in office? Do they know what the Colorado Constitution is and have they read that? Would they like so many of our elected officials just follow along as sheep being led to the slaughter. Its been the habit of our elected officials the last few years whatever the party line is or what special interest wants that’s the way they vote. Case in point the mail-in ballots and Amendment 2. Both very unpopular here in Colorado but passed anyway on party line vote. At the federal level we have issues with securing the border and illegal immigration. Not to mention the stalemate over the IRS, Benghazi, Fast and Furious, health care and now the VA Hospitals. Folks, my hair is on fire over our elected representatives not representing we the people of this country. Is it because they don’t understand their role or is it

A Fremont Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article, “Potheads Against Potholes” published on May 19, 2014. I attended the City Council meeting where Sarah Kitchen passionately declared it is a conflict of interest for clergymen to have a say on government workings because they don’t pay taxes. I’m afraid Ms. Kitchen that even clergymen, whether they pay taxes or not, have a right of free speech.

In this situation, the clergymen had attended a city meeting where they expressed their concerns

they have no understanding of the documents that give them their authority to represent? Or is it that once in the office they forget that they are servants to the electorate?

Here are some questions each of our candidates should answer before we cast one vote in this upcoming election. First, what is the U.S. Constitution and what does it give you the authority to do? Second, where does the government derive its power? Third, what is a representative and what do you represent? Lastly, what is the role of government? Our entire government structure is based on the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

Each of us has a different understanding of how these questions might be answered, but there are some fundamental truths that can be derived from each question. Question one, the Constitution was developed to protect our individual freedoms and liberties. It also has a list of powers that regulates the federal government. Our representatives at every level should absolutely understand that the federal government has limited powers—spelled out in the Constitution. Therefore, any and all federal legislation should be tested against the Constitution. Where does the government derive its power from was question two. We, the people, of the United States, give power to our elected officials. Patriots and citizens of Fremont County, this is important. According to the Tenth Amend-

ment of the Constitution any power not delegated to the federal government is reserved to the individual states and or the people. The third question is what is a representative and what do you represent? The answer is a representative is someone who is elected to speak and act for the people who elected them to the office they hold. They represent the folks who elected them. The last question was what is the role of government? Its to follow the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution to the fullest letter of both documents. That means at every level of government the representative should weigh the legislation and if it does not pass the smell test it should be rejected. It should not matter if it’s a “D” or “R” or “I” or whatever all our elected officials should be in lock step with “We the People” as they work for us first.

If we are ever going to get our country back then at each level of government we must insist that our elected folks govern by following what our founding fathers established. It’s a proven document and has been the longest lasting form of government in the history of the world. Lets demand our local, state and federal representatives understand who and what they represent and that we have elected them to do a job for us not any party, special interest group or any bureaucrat. If they fail we must replace them. That’s our responsibility as the electorate.

Be Informed,
Get Involved!!

over the highly charged issue over business permits for recreational marijuana within Cañon City. One of the great principles of our Nation is that all walks of people, regardless of their background, race, color, education, or religious, or non-religious beliefs are allowed to speak their mind in public meetings.

Unfortunately, perspectives on religious opinions on government matters are increasingly being squeezed out by a view that religion is purely a private matter. However, people of faith and religious-based institutions continue to play an im-

portant role in shaping social and moral issues. Our clergymen or women, in particular have a valuable insight into moral issues, including but not limited to recreational marijuana. They are deeply involved in serving, counseling, and healing the citizens of our community and have valuable insights to offer.

Like other worthy organizations and causes, religious people and institutions deserve to be heard in the public sphere. Neither religious nor secular voices should be silenced.

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Are You a Victim of Soft Tyranny?

The government has set a standard of tyranny against you that those who disagree with you can and will prevent you from having a job. Your free speech is OK so long as you keep it to yourself. Twin brothers David and Jason Benham know it all too well. Their show on HGTV was cancelled after a militant left wing lobbying group, Right Wing Watch, reported on their comments about homosexuality, abortion and divorce. Sun Trust Bank later dropped the brothers' business accounts, then tried to explain it as the fault of a third party vendor. Remember Duck Dynasty? Anyone who dares speak out about homosexuality as described in the Bible is subject to such ruin. It's selective free speech. It's soft tyranny.

Alexis de Tocqueville defines soft tyranny in his book Democracy in America, Volume II (1840): "It [the government] covers the surface of society with a network of small, complicated rules, minute and uniform, through which the most original minds and the most energetic characters cannot penetrate, to rise above the crowd. The will of man is not shattered, but softened, bent, and guided; men are seldom forced by it to act, but they are constantly restrained from acting. Such a power does not destroy, but it prevents existence: it does not tyrannize, but it compresses, enervates, extinguishes, and stupefies a people, till each is reduced to nothing better than a flock of timid and industrious animals, of which the government is the shepherd."

If you are afraid to speak your mind because of the

consequences of perhaps losing your job, your livelihood, or that it may invite some government investigation or ruination, you are a victim of soft tyranny. Galatians 5:1 says, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." A free people can only exist by adhering to the precepts of God. Bondage is bondage, whether it is sin or tyranny. We live in a society where a very vocal minority is bullying your Constitutional rights. Moreover, eternally these people face great peril. Isaiah 5:20 says, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness..."

We must speak boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel. Even though many respond with hatred and accuse you based on the very intents of their own hearts, they will not know the truth unless someone tells them. We would not know sin had we not known the laws of God. Don't be a victim of soft tyranny. Right is greater than might. As Ephesians 6:12-13 says, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against power, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Soft tyranny is evil. Stand against it.

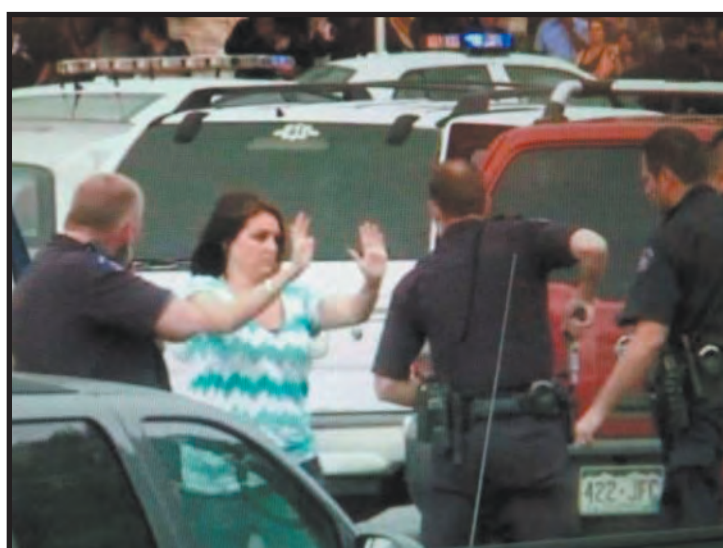
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Bill Wilson
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Aurora, Colorado: 'They Brandished Shields' and Pointed Rifles 'Directly at Innocent Citizens' — and That Was Just the Start: Lawsuit Details Shock Case of Alleged Fourth Amendment Violation

by Oliver Darcy,
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(Editor/GG: Folks, look at the picture to the right, a police "officer" pointing a 12 gauge shotgun, point blank, at a completely innocent young kid. What has happened to our country and our law enforcement officials. It truly is sad.)

Police in Colorado brazenly violated the Fourth Amendment rights of dozens of motorists when they illegally detained them and searched their vehicles while attempting to locate a bank robber in 2012, a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court late last week alleges.



(Image source: Complaint filed in U.S. District Court)

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of 14 of the 28 individuals who were "detained, removed, searched, restrained — and terrified" in a "more-than-two-hour mass roundup of innocent men, women, and children at a traffic section," was filed last Friday and names the City of Aurora and the police chief, among others, as defendants.

According to the lawsuit, the plaintiffs had their Constitutional rights violated after a man robbed a Wells Fargo branch on June 2, 2012. The suspect, described as a white male in his twenties or thirties about 5 foot, 6 inches tall, fled the scene with cash that contained a hidden GPS transmitter which was immediately traced to a nearby intersection.

Police then descended on the location and "immedi-

ately surrounded and barricaded all nineteen vehicles stopped at the red light at that intersection," the lawsuit alleges, noting that officers "had no description of the vehicle in which the robber fled" and "could not even pinpoint from which vehicle the transmitter's signal was emitted."

"Nonetheless, the officers demanded that all vehicle occupants hold their arms

directly at innocent citizens, including children under ten years old. Officers with police dogs were at the ready. No one was free to leave," the lawsuit says.

Officers meanwhile were attempting to obtain a handheld beacon that could more precisely locate the GPS transmitter. The only agency that possessed one was the local FBI branch, which is closed on Saturdays.

As the lawsuit notes, "Banks throughout Aurora are open on Saturdays and, thus could be robbed on Saturdays."



(Image source: Complaint filed in U.S. District Court)

permitted to "shut off their vehicle's ignition, put their vehicle in park, or lift their parking brakes."

"They brandished shields and pointed assault rifles

As officers continued to wait for the handheld beacon, the lawsuit claims officers were ordered to identify individuals who appeared "overly nervous or anxious."

"Officers, weapons still drawn, proceeded to each vehicle," the lawsuit says.

Such actions are depicted in several photos contained in the lawsuit, where officers can be seen pointing firearms at cooperating individuals from a very close proximity.

Eventually, officers instructed all the individuals to exit their vehicles after "more than an hour later the device had not arrived on scene," the lawsuit says. This was done "despite having no probable cause or reasonable suspicion that any particular individual had committed any offense," it adds.

"APD officers ... ordered all occupants to exit their vehicles, upon which they patted down most of the in-

dividuals for weapons and handcuffed them," the lawsuit says. "They commanded that every individual sit

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Liberty cannot be preserved without a general knowledge among the people, who have a right and indisputable, unalienable, indefeasible, divine right to that most dreaded and envied kind of knowledge, I mean, the character and conduct of their rulers.

~John Adams

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Now It's Lee Zeldin:
Democrats Denigrate Military Again

by Allen West,
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If you really want to know how Democrats, i.e. liberal progressives, feel about our men and women who serve, just examine their actions and words.

Several weeks ago, Arkansas Senator Mark Pryor insinuated his opponent, Tom Cotton, has a sense of “entitlement” because he served in the military. The death of two former US Navy SEALs who ran to the sound of the guns in Benghazi is nothing more than a “phony scandal.” And the VA death list scandal? Just isolated instances which Attorney General Eric Holder doesn’t believe are worth an independent investigation — but he will crack down on taxpayer-funded public schools for not admitting illegal immigrant children. Not to mention the nasty characterizations of my own honorable service in the Army

from the Left.

I find utterly despicable the latest salvo launched against Lee Zeldin who is running for U.S. Congress in New York. As The Daily Caller reports, The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee is accusing the Iraq war veteran of being a “coward,” prompting calls for an apology from the GOP. In a post on its website, the campaign arm of the House Democrats is asking whether Republican Lee Zeldin is being cowardly about Republican Rep. Paul Ryan’s budget.

I happen to know Lee Zeldin, still an Army Reserve Major who served on active duty with the 82nd Airborne Division — he is far from being a coward. I mean, really?

The text of the post by the DCCC is as follows; “Over a month after his House Republicans passed Paul Ry-

an’s reckless budget, Congressional Candidate Lee Zeldin is still too scared to admit how he would vote for the plan, even though he wants Long Islanders to send him to Congress,” the DCCC said in a release. “Even though every member of Congress had no choice but to vote yes or no weeks ago, what’s taking him so long to decide? There’s only one answer: Zeldin is either woefully uninformed, willfully ignorant or a coward.”

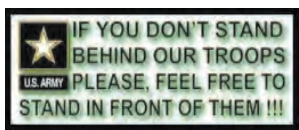
To add insult to injury, a DCCC spokesman posted a tweet with a picture of Zeldin’s face on the cowardly lion from The Wizard of Oz.

The Left possesses a deep-seated animus towards those who serve in uniform, regardless of their patronizing comments. Their actions speak volumes, and they especially despise veterans who seek political office. The sense

of duty, honor, country, integrity, and character that our military promotes — those simple values such as courage, commitment, loyalty, and selfless service — are not appreciated by progressive socialists. Sadly, those values are considered useless and antiquated by the Left. Or as Greg Gutfeld says in his book, Not Cool.

Obama and his liberal progressive acolytes display their true colors when it comes to our military — as they decimate it and demean those who have served in it. We can indeed do better America!

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Intemperate Frauds

by T.L. Davis,
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There are two divided nations known as the United States. The best known is the United States of America. This is the one we all believed in, fought to defend, and continue to fight to restore. The other one is the Constitutional United States, where states claim their authority over the federal government. This is the one worth fighting for today.

Perhaps, something new will take the place of the once powerful United States of America, perhaps a few other things. What is known is that the current government, actually the employees of the United States of America, no longer faithfully execute their offices. They are frauds, using our funds, pursuing the oppression of the very sustenance of their power.

The first skirmish in the ultimate undoing of this currently established nation has taken place at Bunkerville, Nevada on the Bundy Ranch. This is no longer a cohesive society. Those in power are not representatives of the people, they have other masters, those big donors, those influence peddlers, and money laundering experts. The true fact is simple: powerful people give big money to politicians (not representatives of the people) who become elected to official office, take an oath, and immediately violate the oath, and use their position to push the campaign contributions back to the pow-

erful donors. It is a way of cycling the money through the U.S. Treasury, returning many times the amount of the contribution. Nowhere in this scheme is the role of the citizen other than to cast ballots. Sure, a road might get paved, a bridge built but by who? The companies headed by those big donors, of course.

So, let’s drop the pretense. When it comes to individuals like Bundy, there is no one in the federal government who will help. They have too many donors to repay to take up a cause that goes counter to their private promises with the exchange of the envelope.

Forget Mark Levin, forget Glenn Beck’s handwringing. If Glenn Beck had ever been sincere about his desire to see a re-constituted nation based on liberty and the rule of law, he missed it on the day he had several hundred thousand patriots on the mall in Washington, D.C. If he had suggested anything, had any plan to put in place, we all would have taken his lead, but, as usual, he just wanted to talk.

On the other hand, we have Cliven Bundy, a man who stood up to the federal government goons long before any of us knew his name. He did it, because he was right and because he has a backbone. Of course he did it to keep things the way they were; to live and die on the ranch founded by his family. As half-owner of a small ranch in Colorado, I will tell you that the first person who tries to take it

from me will never make it past the gate. That goes for bankers and deputies doing their dirty work.

No, I am not like Cliven Bundy. That is not a comparison I care to make, but we do have some similar experiences with the government and some similar attitudes about land and cattle. I will support Cliven Bundy, not because of our similar backgrounds, but because of our similar visions of federal intrusion and the criminal enterprise taking place on our nation’s hallowed ground. In a few days I will have the time to show my support in person, if it is required and they are still in need of physical support.

Anyone who goes to Nevada will have to do so accepting that it may be a one-way trip. That is a difficult proposition and one that should not be made in haste, but with reason and with bows tied around the issues at home.

Everything has changed in America. The criminals in Washington have been exposed and their minions sent out to deal with obstacles to their ambition are seen for the thugs that they are. Of course, on the other side of the political spectrum, are the collectivist traitors willing to deny their oath, who wear badges and think about retirement with no reservations about killing supporters of Bundy from behind Kevlar and armored vehicles. Every criminal organization needs its enforcers.

This is why the war will

take place, because criminal organizations do not back down, they can’t. Everything they have built in the last hundred years has been built with that threat of violence. If they don’t have that, they are like a mafia don with no one to make collections, no one to break legs, no one to execute their enemies. In order to enforce their will they would need integrity built by their dedication to principle and honest dealing. They would have to be respected and that veil dropped long ago.

So, the conflict is defined: Constitutional government vs. government of intemperate frauds just cycling cash through the system and skimming off the top.

This unconstitutional nation now bears no resemblance to that agreed to under the United States charter. It is bogus, a thing Bundy understands and has been willing to expose as illegitimate.

It is natural for any government to become the tyrant. The founders understood that and instituted certain rights, codified our natural rights by declaring clearly the rights to free speech, a free press, and the right to arms as a last resort. We are at the point of last resort, not just Bundy, but everyone who has suffered under the weight of these tyrants.

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The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand

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Chipotle Doesn't Want Your Business

by Karl Denninger,
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(Editor/GG: The people need to apply pressure locally to ensure our 2nd Amendment rights (remember the assault by our local Dems/liberals last year on the July 4th parade, with them demanding that guns be banned: A phony petition, lies, emotional outbursts ("the children will cry"), "we want a family friendly parade". Great liberal theatre, and it was actually kind of fun to watch them run thru the standard litany of left wing outrage at the Westcliffe Town Council meeting last year, but that act is old, folks, and people are finally seeing thru the charade. Time to move back to California, lefties). Writing letters, calls, etc. to politicians is good but we can do much more locally by **BOYCOTTING businesses that ban guns in their stores or BOYCOTTING businesses whose owners take public stances against our 2nd Amendment rights. The fight starts right here in Custer County, patriots. A small minority of local lib/fascists will NOT stamp out our God given rights.)**

Here's another one: (abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory/chipotle-bring-guns-stores-23786860)

Chipotle is asking customers not to bring firearms into its stores after it says gun rights advocates brought military-style assault rifles into one of its restaurants in Texas.

The Denver-based company notes that it has traditionally complied with local laws regarding open and concealed firearms.

But in a statement Monday, the company said that "the display of firearms in our restaurants has now created an environment that is potentially intimidating or uncomfortable for many of our customers."

The announcement came after a petition by Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, which has called on other companies to ban firearms in their stores as well. The group said its petition was in reaction to open-carry gun activists appearing at a Dallas-area Chipotle restaurant over the weekend.

No problem at all. Chipotle is a business and can make such a request. They can even placard the place and in many states that placard has the force of law. Since their restaurants are private property, one who respects private property rights has to respect this choice.

However, my money is my private property. And since I have all the holes I want in my body, and I have



Colt Commander 1911

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observed that every time a piece of paper is placed on a piece of cardboard, wood or other surface and guns are fired at it, holes appear both in the paper and whatever might be behind it, I logically conclude that paper does not stop gunfire.

Further, I logically conclude that posting a "No Guns" sign is a declaration that only law-breaking people will be armed in that establishment, since by definition that is now the case. That's a crappy deal from my point of view, since a law-breaking person is one who might decide to shoot me.

I have no fear of a law-abiding person shooting me, irrespective of whether they have a gun. By definition being a law-abiding citizen means they will not shoot me unless they catch me in the commission of a forcible felony, in which case I deserve to get shot.

But, it gets worse.

Said law-breaking individuals, should they choose to commit some sort of unlawful act whether it be robbery, murder, or just garden-variety assault, tend to have at least some intelligence. The less-dangerous ones are stupid; I worry specifically about lawbreakers who are really smart, and there are some of those around. Those people are more likely to select a place to commit their felony where they believe they will encounter no effective resistance among the law-abiding persons who might be present.

That would be a place that displays a "No Guns" sign!

Again, since I have all the holes I want in my body and am allergic to lead passing through my body my response to such a request by Chipotle will be to not patronize their stores now or in the future, and to urge others who are similarly opposed to additional holes being added to their body to join me.

I will make one final observation for those who claim I should dial "911" and let the cops deal with it should a murderous felon appear somewhere that I happen to be.

I would like those individuals to compare and contrast the time required for said murderous felon to fire a weapon in anger and the time for the police to respond to a 911 call.

Please denote your answer in the number of rounds said felon can discharge in your direction prior to the police arriving.

For extra credit please contrast that time with the number of rounds said felon can discharge before a law-abiding citizen who happens to be present and is carrying either openly or concealed can draw his or her weapon and attempt to end the assault.

Your answer can be posted in the comment section so your idiocy can be displayed for all to see if you're brave enough to take on this assignment.

PS: Since murderous thugs are, by definition, law-breakers and law-breakers tend not to advertise all that much, they usually are pretty bad shots. That's the good news. The bad news is that since they are such terrible marksmen the odds of you being hit by accident are much higher than they are if a law-abiding citizen, who is much-more likely to go to the range and practice, attempts to stop them.

If you want the really bad news read some reports on the marksmanship of police officers under similar circumstances. I'll take the odds of the ordinary citizen over the cop, believe it or not, and I believe I can defend that choice statistically.

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Your School's Stupidity Has Been Recognized

by Karl Denninger,
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(Editor/GG: This is part of a bill recently introduced in the Florida House of Representatives in an attempt to reign in out-of-control school administrators.)

Someone got the memo....

(g) Notice that the possession of a firearm or weapon as defined in chapter 790 by any student while the student is on school property or in attendance at a school function is grounds for disciplinary action and may also result in criminal prosecution. **Simulating a firearm or weapon while playing or wearing clothing or accessories that depict a firearm or weapon or express an opinion regarding a right guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution is not grounds for disciplinary action or referral to the criminal justice or juvenile justice system under this section or s. 1006.13.**

Simulating a firearm or weapon while playing includes, but is not limited to:

1. Brandishing a partially consumed pastry or other food item to simulate a firearm or weapon.
2. Possessing a toy firearm or weapon that is 2 inches or less in overall length.
3. Possessing a toy firearm or weapon made of plastic snap-together building blocks.
4. Using a finger or hand to simulate a firearm or weapon.
5. Vocalizing an imaginary firearm or weapon.
6. Drawing a picture, or possessing an image, of a firearm or weapon.
7. Using a pencil, pen, or other writing or drawing utensil to simulate a firearm or weapon.

The only thing they forgot is to add another section that I would propose to read:

(h) This subsection and its parts shall be known as the "School Employee Anti-dumb-- Provision."

It is the expressed intent of the legislature to deter and prevent the abuse of students at the hands of administrators and educators for conduct that is clearly within the boundaries of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution when construing s. 1006.07 F.S.. Specifically:

(1) All students previously disciplined, suspended, expelled or referred for prosecution under this section for conduct protected by subparts g(1 - 7) above shall have their records expunged, a formal letter of apology issued and signed in original ink by all referring and processing parties, and all such students shall be reinstated with any academic or other penalty rescinded in full back to the date of the alleged infraction.

(2) Any staff, teacher or administrative employee involved in a prior or subsequent action against a student protected by subsections g(1 - 7) shall have their employment terminated without vesting of any pension or other retirement benefit, without limitation.

(3) Any attempt to violate subsections g(1 - 7) above after enactment of this legislation shall be considered by the Legislature an intentional violation of 42 USC 1983 by the person or persons involved. Defense against same shall be denied using public funds from any source whatsoever, and liability for same is declared by the Legislature as explicitly personal, with school boards and all other organs of government barred from contributing to the defense against any suit brought in relationship to same by any means. In addition the Florida homestead exemption for civil judgments is declared void as contrary to public policy for actions commenced under this section.

That ought to do it.

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SC Candidate E. Ray Moore Calls for Christians to Pull Kids from Government Schools: “We are Feeding Their System”

by Tim Brown,
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(Editor/GG: Interesting. Starve the beast if you can't reform it. There seems to be an awful lot of home schoolers in Custer County.)

In a previous article (see FreedomOutPost.com) we told you about E. Ray Moore, the true Christian conservative candidate for South Carolina Lieutenant Governor, who is calling for parents to remove their children from the government education system and supports Christian, private, and home school education without any strings tied to state or federal funding. “We cannot win this war we’re in as long as we keep handing our children over to the enemy to educate,” Moore said in April at a Liberty Rally in South Carolina. I recently spoke to Mr. Moore to have him expound upon his platform.

I asked Moore about his recent call for “Sola Scriptura” (the Reformer’s cry for Scripture Alone) to fix the Christian right. Moore believes as I do that America does have its roots in Christianity and he pointed to a video de-

bate in which he engaged atheist Herb Silverman on that subject. “Among those who believe that America is a Christian nation, I’m about the only one doing that anywhere,” he told Freedom Outpost.

“Government must obey God in its sphere, just as Christians and Churches must obey God in their sphere,” Moore said. “We have jurisdictional spheres and so civil government... the separation of church and state does not mean the separation of God and government. It just means that the civil government has a different sphere, but that they have to obey God in that sphere.”

Moore went on to add, “The idea that we have a secular government and the church is in a separate domain is a false model.”

Sadly, in each of these spheres, there have been great failures.

Dr. Joel McDurmon recently pointed to Moore’s foreward to Steve Deace and Gregg Jackson’s book, “We Won’t Get Fooled Again: Where the Christian Right Went Wrong and How to Make America Right Again,” McDurmon cited Moore’s words:

One of the main reasons for this failure is theological, including a refusal to follow long-established biblical principles characteristic of the evangelical movement in other arenas. Sola Scriptura should be followed in the realm of public policy and politics as well as doctrine.

But no, many Christian Right leaders are supremely pragmatic and operate under the lesser-of-two-evils approach when deciding between candidates and issues. . . .

As Paul says in Romans 10:3, it’s a case of “Going about to establish their own righteousness, but have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God.”

It grieves me to say it, but it appears that many of our Christian Right and pro-family leaders have been naïve and vulnerable to the con artistry of the political establishment in Washington, and especially of the Republican Party. The GOP now has a virtual lock on the Christian and pro-family voter, while doing little to further their agenda except dropping rhetorical crumbs from the table from time to time.

Moore also told us that he believes Two Kingdom theology, which seems to be growing, “leads to a separation of God and government.” This theology has infected many in the Christian church and rendered them impotent in combatting their opposition in the civil sphere.

When I asked him about a recent Huffington Post piece that was written about him and his campaign, he said, “When I looked at it several times, in a way I thought they were begrudgingly showing respect to me. They were hard pressed to find something to criticize. They didn’t agree with me, but.... I think it shows that the Left’s worst nightmare is that Christians would exercise their obedience in educating their children according to biblical commands, in either Christian schools or home schools.”

“If we ever did that in a large scale, it would empty many of their godless, pagan, public schools and would severely weaken their whole movement,” Moore said. “They want us to stay there. So, the Christian community... has the destiny of their

children, and the future and destiny of the country in their hands, because if they were to exercise their God-given responsibilities to provide Christian education, it would change the culture.”

Moore didn’t leave out non-Christians either. “Hopefully, non-Christians would come to our schools and be evangelized and we would see the re-Christianization of our culture.”

The potential SC Lt. Governor said that is why his campaign has used the slogan “what once was can be again.” However, Moore said, “That will never happen, until we take a step of obedience, and right now we are feeding their system... feeding the humanist system by turning our children over to pagan education.”

Moore said that is the main point he has been trying to make for the past fifteen years.

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Indigestion: School Boards Seek Relief From “Onerous” School Lunch Rules

by Susan Jones,
CNSNews.com

The National School Boards Association is seeking relief from the “onerous regulations” and “rigid mandates” of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, a law pushed by first lady Michelle Obama.

“Students need healthy meals and adequate nutrition to achieve their potential in school, and school board members are committed to ensuring all students are prepared to learn,” said NSBA Executive Director Thomas J. Gentzel, whose group represents 90,000 local school board members across the nation.

“However, school boards cannot ignore the higher costs and operational issues created by the rigid mandates of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act.”

NSBA wants lawmakers to provide “modest regulatory relief” for school meal programs in the fiscal year 2015 appropriation for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The NSBA spelled out its request in a May 19 letter to the House Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, as follows:

-- Retain the current requirement that 50 percent

of grains offered for lunch and breakfast be whole grain rich rather than further increasing the requirement to 100 percent;

-- Suspend further reductions of sodium levels unless and until scientific research supports such reductions for children;

-- Eliminate the requirement that students must take a fruit or vegetable as part of a reimbursable breakfast and/or lunch, in order to reduce plate waste and program costs;

-- Allow any food item served as part of a reimbursable meal to be sold at any time as a competitive food, in order to eliminate unnecessarily complex and duplicative standards for food items sold in schools.

“These changes retain the benefits to school children of healthy school meals, while providing common sense flexibility to school districts struggling to comply with the new national nutrition standards, competitive foods standards and many other requirements of (the law),” Gentzel wrote to the subcommittee.

“It is imperative that the Department of Agriculture implement (the law) so that it is cost-neutral to school districts,” Gentzel said. Otherwise, he added, schools will have to redirect funds used for instruc-

tion -- or they’ll have to increase costs for students and families.

A January 2014, report from the General Accountability Office found that nationwide, participation in the National School Lunch Program declined by 1.2 million students (3.7 percent) from school year 2010-2011 through school year 2012-2013, following many years of steady increases.

The number of students eating full-price meals dropped by 1.6 million, while those receiving free meals increased.

That same report found that menu changes and nutrition requirements influenced participation in the school lunch program: “For example, almost all states reported ...that obtaining student acceptance of lunches that complied with the new requirements was challenging during school year 2012-2013, which likely affected participation in the program.”

GAO also noted a rise in “plate waste,” where required foods were thrown away rather than eaten by students.

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Report: Special Interests More Influential Than Public Opinion

by Breanna Deutsch,
DailyCaller.com

New research supports what many Americans already believe – lawmakers are influenced more by special interest groups than their constituents.

Matt Grossmann, author of the new book, “Artists of the Possible: Governing Networks and American Policy Change Since 1945,” looks at the movers and shakers behind 790 significant domestic policy changes since the 1940s.

Grossmann, an assistant professor of political science at Michigan State University, found that the public plays a surprisingly limited role in legislative outcomes. In fact, he did not find any domestic policy issue area where the public opinion was the leading force in policy results.

Instead, interest and advocacy groups played a more powerful role in all issue areas.

Since 1945, says Grossmann, the AFL-CIO, the NAACP, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the ACLU have had more influence over policy than any other interest groups.

The issue areas where interest and advocacy groups had the most sway were civil rights and liberties, the environment, housing and development, and labor and immigration.

Even though there are more business groups and they employ more lobbyists, businesses have enjoyed far less political persuasion over the past 70 years.

According to Grossmann’s research, the only policy areas where they have had more of an active role in shaping legislation are en-

ergy, technology and macroeconomics, and finance and commerce.

Grossmann notes that this is partially due to the tendency for businesses to oppose legislation rather than encourage new laws.

In 1964, 64 percent of Americans believed that the government was run for the benefit of the public. But in 2008, only 29 percent of Americans believed that policymakers were working in their interest.

The majority of Americans in 2008, 69 percent, thought lawmakers passed legislation that benefited only a few big interests.

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Report: Food Prices Skyrocket: “We’re Going to Have a Major Problem Coming Into the Fall”

by Mac Slavo,
SHTFplan.com

While government statisticians claim robust growth, recent data points suggest otherwise. Consumers are quickly running out of money, home sales have collapsed and hit their biggest drop in three years; there are more Americans out of the labor force than ever before, and one third of adults under the age of 35 are living with their parents because they can no longer afford to pay their own mortgage.

By all accounts, the reality is that we are now factually in a recession, a point further emphasized by the recent revelation that American companies are experiencing near zero percent earnings growth.

But that’s just the beginning. As we warned earlier this year, food prices would see a steady rise through 2014 because of increased global demand, drought and continued degradation of the U.S. dollar.

The Producer Price Index made available by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics this morning has now confirmed those fears. Consumers are seeing an immediate impact to their wallets in the form of food price in-

flation and in all likelihood the trend will continue going forward.

These latest numbers are serious. So much so that according to Zero Hedge, “the last time food prices spiked by this much in one month, the resulting Arab Spring wave of revolutions tumbled governments across north Africa and the middle east.”

The trend over the last several months shows a clear and sustained rise in prices for food, something that nearly 50 million people are already struggling to acquire, even with assistance from the government. Now their food stamps buy even less. And if people are spending more on food, it means they’ll be spending less in other sectors of the economy.

Karl Denninger at The Market Ticker warns that this is bad news because consumers are now paying 7.4% more for food on an annual basis than they were last year, a scenario which could lead to macro-economic repercussions by fall.

Food was up huge, and people will dismiss the headline 0.6% (monthly, which would be a 7.4% annual inflation rate!) on food

which of course doesn’t “hit” core.

There’s a problem with that, however – services were up the same 0.6% monthly behind an 0.7% increase last month, and “core” is up 0.3% on goods, which is a 3.7% rate of increase. This pushed the 12 month rate beyond the Fed’s 2% target.

The next claim that will be made is that this is “transitory.” Unfortunately, the intermediate (~1-3 months forward) and crude (~3-6 month forward) numbers tell a very different story.

The intermediate trend in foods is bad news; that is a monthly change. Energy has been the counterbalance the last two months on an intermediate term, and has kept things in check, and “less foods and energy” has been reasonably-behaved — right up until this year. Now it’s looking less so. But the alarm bells are not there, they’re in the forward trend on the crude side.

Here’s the problem — we’re several percent ahead of last year’s rate at this time of the year. Spring into early summer tends to have a PPI increase in crude goods. But if that spread continues we’re going to have a major problem

coming into the fall as this works through the system, and given unit labor costs and productivity numbers (both going the wrong way too) there is no ability to absorb it.

Now let me point out that we’re not quite where you have to ring the “oh c---” bell yet. There’s another month or two before that happens — but by June, if the trend we’re seeing here hasn’t broken this will get into the forward economic analysis minds of most of the people who look at this stuff.

I don’t like the trend at all.

Within the next couple of months we’re going to have a very good idea of where this is all headed. If prices don’t turn down, then by fall we’re going to have a big problem: There is no ability in the economy to absorb such price increases as productivity and unit labor cost figures have shown. Instead, what this will produce is recession — deep recession.

Look out below.

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America should be required within
five years to learn English
or leave the country.*

~Theodore Roosevelt

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**AT THE WESTCLIFFE, CO JULY 4TH PARADE
RESTORE THE 2ND AMENDMENT IN COLORADO
SUPPORT OUR SHERIFFS**



Join the Southern Colorado Patriots Club
in their section in the Westcliffe, CO July 4th Parade.

This is the biggest open carry 2nd Amendment march in Colorado!!

Bring your rifles and holstered handguns!

It is Time to STAND UP.

Celebrate and Defend our Constitution. Use it or Lose it! March with your fellow Patriots and make a statement that WE still believe in our Constitution and that we want it RESTORED in Colorado. You have to SHOW UP to make a statement. Bring the family, bring the kids, bring Grandma, bring your friends.

Stand up for your rights.

Assemble at 9:15 AM, July 4th at the east end of Main Street (Hwy 96), Silver Cliff/Westcliffe, CO at the open field just west of the Mining Company Diner (with convenience store and gas station). Look for the Southern Colorado Patriots assembly area (Gadsden Flags, Tea Party Flags, and guns, guns, guns). Plenty of places in town for breakfast and lunch. March is about one mile long, takes about 45 minutes. Short Rally at end of parade.

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

Any questions email the Southern Colorado Patriots at SCPatriotsClub@aol.com
or see the SCP website at scpatriotsclub.com.



The WoodPileReport.com by Ol' Remus

Unprepared

You know the question:
If you're not preparing
for the worst, what are you
preparing for?

You know the answer: avail
thysself of long-term food
stores, good water, viable
food production, shelter
and meds and supplies and
security. You know the list
of doomsdays too: financial
collapse, EMP, pandemic—
MERS or Ebola or worse,
insurrection and civil war,
and on and on—the exact
nature of the beast almost
doesn't matter, preps are
preps, and serious preps put
you way ahead.

The question now changes
to: if you—your own cor-
poreal self—are not pre-
pared for the worst, that is,
if you are not prepared to
personally do what has to
be done, what are all your
preps for? Perhaps you
only imagine you know the
answer.

Assume the worst dooms-
day scenario: grid down,
distribution systems down,
lawlessness and predation,
mass privation, disease and
death. Assume it's many
months into an on-going
calamity. You're skilled
enough in useful crafts and
were well situated at the
start.

But the growing season

was as bad as it was short.
Now your supplies are
low. Scary low. You're
laboring long hours but
you and your family are
hard pressed. You'll prob-
ably make it, but there's
no cushion. A family with
small children approaches
your door; exhausted, rag-
ged and so famished it's all
they can do to walk. You
know legitimate charity is
provided from surplus, that
giving away needed sus-
tenance is an unwarranted
sacrifice. The weather's
turned nasty and it's getting
dark. There's a soft knock
at the door.

Or, the local Committee
of Emergency declares all
stockpiled food to be com-
mon property. 'Hoarders'
were given three days to
turn in their 'excess' pro-
visions. With so many im-
provident people—the ones
who chose to live high on
easy credit and harass prep-
pers as a sort of hobby—it's
obvious this won't make a
real difference. You don't
comply. The Communi-
ty Action Committee is
at your door, they're your
neighbors, they know what
you have, they're armed
and they're not backing
down.

Or, for several grueling days
you have been struggling to
return to your family with
much-needed supplies.

You've taken an unwise
shortcut. Now you're lying
on the ground. Two secu-
rity guys are approaching,
weapons slung, certain they
put you down for good. But
you're not hit and have a
9mm in hand. You're well
practiced, they're ridicu-
lously careless, taking them
down would be textbook
easy. They look all of six-
teen. You recognize them,
they're local boys.

Or, your daughter has an
infected injury. Alterna-
tives to antibiotics haven't
worked. It's getting no-
ticeably worse by the day.
You're considering am-
putation. Every Tuesday a
street gang sells confiscated
medical supplies in town
from the back of a truck.
Their 'confiscation' in-
volves torture-murder and
serial rape. It's Tuesday.
You have the price.

Your choices will be be-
tween bad and worse. And
the more ambiguous the
situation, the more weighty
your decision. Nothing's
going to solve itself be-
cause you're such a won-
derful person. Have you
figured out what has to be
done? If you have, are you
really prepared to do what
has to be done?

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Alleged 'Flat-Out Lie' by a Mexican Customs Director Has Imprisoned Marine's Mother Terrified His Case Is 'Doomed'

by Erica Ritz

Jill Tahmoore's son,
U.S. Marine veteran
Andrew Tahmoore, has
been behind bars in a Mex-
ican prison since crossing
America's southern border
on March 31st with three
legally registered firearms
in his vehicle.

The 25-year-old veteran
had recently moved to San
Diego to receive treatment
for post-traumatic stress
disorder, and still had most
of his belongings in his car,
since he was still looking
for a permanent place to
live. Driving at night near
the border, he says he made
a wrong turn and ended up
in the Mexican customs
lane with no way to turn
around.

Jill has been desperately
trying to raise awareness
for her son's case before
it goes before a Mexican
judge next week, but she



USMC Sgt. Andrew Tahmoore

(Facebook profile photo)

told Glenn Beck on Thurs-
day that her "worst fear
came true" when she read a
"flat-out lie" by the head of
Tijuana's Customs office,
Alejandro Gonzalez.

"I was appalled and mor-
tified, and my worst fear
came true when I read that
the Customs Director Ale-
jandro Gonzalez, stated ...

that my son said that he was
driving purposefully into
Tijuana to meet friends,
and to seek medical care,"
Jill said. "That was my
worst nightmare, because
it's a flat-out lie."

"For one, my son has medi-

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A Sheepdog Barks!

HOWL! HOWL! HOWL! The Liar-in-
Chief is at it again. How
in the world does Obama
use the same old lame rea-
sons for a crisis and the
LPSDs buy it hook, line
and sinker? Here's his dis-
honest method: A-Feign
ignorance ("I just heard
about it on TV like the rest
of you") B-express pho-
ny outrage ("I'm madder
than hell") C-promise to
get to the bottom of it ("I
have instructed my (favor-
ite crony) to self-investi-
gate") and D-claim those
responsible will be held
accountable ("If some-
one did something wrong
they will be punished").
HOWL! For Obama it is
as easy as A-B-C-D. Then
after he does those four
steps he just sits back and
waits for the media to help
tell the stupid Americans
how many great things he
is doing and hopes that as
time passes the Americans
will move on to more im-
portant things like who is
Kim Kardashian married
to this week. The VA de-
bacle/scandal is the latest.
We are told he didn't know
(although he campaigned
on fixing these very prob-
lems in 2007), that he was
very angry and that he had
full faith in General Shinseki
to get these problems
fixed. The only problem is
Shinseki, another feckless
leader in the Obama admin-
istration, has also known
about these problems since
2009 when he was appoint-
ed and has done little to
stop them. One of his Un-
der Secretaries even wrote
a 9-page memo telling the
various subordinate leaders
in the VA to stop using the
"gaming strategies", that
Obama and everyone else
knew they were using, to
distort the actual situation.
These "gaming strategies"
(aka lies) were being used
in their reports to make it
look like they were real-
ly taking care of veterans.
We The People now know
those were lies told by cor-
rupt government workers
and appointees and that
in reality secret lists and
false reports may have led
to the deaths of hundreds
of veterans who didn't get
the timely care they need-
ed. The facts are just being
made known and it will get
a lot worse before it gets
better. You can bet the pris-
oners being held at GITMO
aren't being denied great
health care. WOOF! And
it took this useless, clue-
less Commander in Chief
over three weeks to speak
out. Let's review some of

his lies, I mean comments,
from his press conference
last Wednesday. Every
American should have been
outraged when he, once
again, used the word PE-
RIOD! We know he knew
he was lying because he
said PERIOD. Here are his
exact words, do they look
familiar?

"So when I heard allega-
tions of misconduct – any
misconduct, whether it's
allegations of VA staff cov-
ering up long wait times
or cooking the books – I
will not stand for it, not as
Commander in Chief, but
also not as an American.
None of us should. So if
these allegations prove to
be true, it is dishonorable,
it is disgraceful, and I will
not tolerate it, period".

PERIOD! REALLY! ARE
YOU KIDDING ME! He
actually said it again. Not
only did he lie straight to
our face again but then
he spits in our eye at the
same time with a period.
HOWL! He clearly used
his A-B-C-D method to
fool a lot of people. I hope
you are not fooled. Check
these quotes out:

"Here's what I discussed
with Secretary Shinseki
this morning. First, any-
body found to have manip-
ulated or falsified records
at VA facilities has to be
held accountable. The in-
spector general at the VA
has launched investigations
into the Phoenix VA and
other facilities, and some
individuals have already
been put on administrative
leave. I know that people
are angry and want swift
reckoning. I sympathize
with that. But we have to
let the investigators do their
job and get to the bottom
of what happened. Our
veterans deserve to know
the facts. Their families
deserve to know the facts.
Once we know the facts, I
assure you if there is mis-
conduct it will be pun-
ished."

"Second, I want to know
the full scope of this prob-
lem and that's why I or-
dered Secretary Shinseki
to investigate. Today he
updated me on his review,
which is looking not just
at the Phoenix facility but
also VA facilities across the
nation. And I expect pre-
liminary results from that
review next week".

"Third, I've directed Rob
Nabors to conduct a broad-
er review of the Veterans
Health Administration, the
part of the VA that delivers
health care to our veterans,



and Rob's going to Phoenix
today".

"That's why when I came
into office, I said we would
systematically work to fix
these problems, and we
have been working really
hard to address them."

Do you believe anything he
said? I don't? It's a terri-
ble shame when the Pres-
ident of the United States
cannot be trusted. He has
proved himself to be a liar
in Operation Fast & Furi-
ous, in the IRS scandal, in
the Benghazi disaster and
in selling and defending
Obamacare. Why would
we believe anything he
says about fixing our vet-
erans health care system?
Fellow sheepdogs, the VA
health care program sup-
posedly cares for approxi-
mately 9 million veterans.
It cannot be done. More
money is not the answer.
The LPSDs will try to tell
us that – Obama even said
that he's given more money
to the VA than anyone and
that should have solved it.
It didn't and it won't. Only
caring leaders will and we
have none! We need a Gen-
eral Patton to run the VA
and we might see some im-
provement. Sadly the polit-
ical correctness and social
justice that has taken over
our military doesn't allow
for General Pattons. They
are squashed early in their
careers. Our leviathan gov-
ernment is so full of corrup-
tion and incompetence that
it cannot succeed. And the
greatest lie of all – Obama
will provide the health care
(with no death panels) for
hundreds of millions of
Americans. IMPOSSI-
BLE! WOOF! And any
LPSD that really believes
that is stupid or in absolute
and total denial. Shinseki
and all the leaders respon-
sible for the uncaring and
criminal behavior (falsi-
fying reports is criminal)
need fired. Obama needs
fired. The damage this one
man has inflicted on Amer-
ica will take decades to fix.
VOTE in November to stop
him and his cronies in the
U.S. Senate. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy on
America! JMH



MARINE

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cal care with the Affordable Care Act,” she said. “He is still covered under our excellent insurance plan until he’s 26. Full medical, dental, and vision, plus the VA. So there’s no reason why he would ever go down to Mexico for medical care, especially when they don’t even know how to treat foreign combat PTSD. They never send their military to fight foreign wars.”

Gonzalez’ claim that Andrew intentionally crossed the border, and never asked to turn around, is a devastating blow to Andrew’s defense. If convicted, Andrew could face up to 21 years in a Mexican prison.

The young veteran has already been in prison for over 50 days, and Jill says she is more afraid for his safety now than during two years of combat duty in Afghanistan.

Last week, Jill told Glenn Beck about a terrifying call she received after her son was imprisoned that shook her to the core. He said “hit men” in La Mesa Penitentiary, where he was being held, had threatened to rape, torture, and kill him, and he wasn’t going to make it through the night. He begged her not to come down and ask questions after he died, or she would be in danger also. Andrew was able to escape, but was quickly re-captured and subsequently put in solitary confinement, where his hands and feet were chained to his bed for over 30 days. He is now being held in a maximum security facility outside of Tijuana.

“If the customs director is already putting out that statement, and the border guards have not even officially placed their statement before the judge, I



“Free USMC Sgt Tahmooressi from Mexican Jail”

(Facebook profile photo)

mean, that is totally corrupt and doomed,” Jill said.

Jill praised lawmakers like Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.) and Rep. Debbie Wasserman-Schultz (D-Fla.) for getting involved, but said she feels “abandoned” by the commander in chief. Though sitting lawmakers have reached out to the administration — and Secretary of State John Kerry, in particular — she said no one has made any move to free Andrew.

She asked Americans to sign a petition at whitehouse.gov demanding the release of her son, because if the petition reaches 100,000 signatures in 30 days, the administration must issue a response.

“I only have ten more days,” she said. “I have not heard from the White House. This is my only mechanism.”

Congressman Duncan Hunter appeared on The Glenn Beck Program Wednesday and said, after reaching out to Kerry, he doesn’t believe the secretary of state “gives a damn.”

“There is no response from

the administration,” Hunter said frankly. “We haven’t heard back from Kerry for about a month. I don’t think he gives a damn about this Marine, and frankly, I think he sees this kind of stuff as under him. He’s the great coordinator of world catastrophes right now, why would he help a young Marine trapped in Mexico?”

Beck’s co-host, Pat Gray, expressed frustration that the situation has gone on this long, saying, “It’s a phone call from Kerry or Obama [saying], ‘You put him on a bus and get his \$\$\$ to the border now.’ That’s what you say. ‘We’re not putting up with this. Send him home now.’”

Beck urged Americans to get involved in peaceful demonstrations, saying “the best thing we can do is surround the Mexican consulate, arm in arm, and pray.”

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VIOLATION

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on the curb for yet another hour, still handcuffed. They searched each vehicle without consent.”

One defendant, Timothy Olsen, says he was mistreated by officers as they detained him. According to the lawsuit, he attempted to explain to officers that he had “multiple back and knee surgeries and per-

her, the lawsuit says.

The tool needed to find the GPS device arrived on scene, but officers apparently did not understand how to operate it.

“At 5:28 p.m. — nearly ninety minutes after the initial roundup — an officer broadcast over his radio that he observed a money band in the passenger seat” of a vehicle, the lawsuit says.



(Image source: Complaint filed in U.S. District Court)

manent nerve damage, so kneeling was painful for him.”

That didn’t quell officers’ concerns, according to the lawsuit.

An officer “continued to scream at Mr. Olson to do so while waving his shotgun near Mr. Olson’s face,” it says. “Mr. Olson complied, and the pain in his lower back caused him to fall face forward onto the pavement.”

When he “attempted to get up” an officer “yanked Mr. Olson’s arm so violently behind his back while cuffing him that he injured Mr. Olson’s shoulder,” the lawsuit alleges.

Another defendant told officers she was experiencing severe anxiety and was on the verge of a panic attack. Officers entirely ignored

Finally, an FBI agent arrived on the scene. Understanding how to operate the beacon device, he almost immediately “received a strong signal from the vehicle in which the officer observed the money band.” The owner of that vehicle was later charged with bank robbery.

Ultimately, individuals were permitted to leave, after being detained for about two-and-a-half hours.

According to the lawsuit, police chief Dan Oates “publicly defended the officers’ actions and affirmed” that they acted in accordance with policy.

“We had a virtual certainty that the bank robber was in one of those cars,” Oates told the Aurora Sentinel at the time.

However, the lawsuit notes,

“In the days following the roundup” he personally called each individual “to apologize for the ordeal.”

A spokesperson for the APD did not immediately respond to a request for comment from TheBlaze Tuesday.

One law professor reacted to the controversy online, contending that “protecting the public from armed bank robbers is certainly very

important,” but “handcuffing dozens of innocent people — in a situation where it was certain that the great bulk of the people were indeed innocent — for over an hour as part of this sort of blanket seizure strikes me as much too high a price to pay for this sort of law enforcement.”

The defendants are seeking compensation for “emotional distress, humiliation, loss of enjoyment of life, and other pain and suffering.”

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"Takin' It To The House..."

A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

From: Representative
Jim Wilson – HD 60
May 25, 2014

The 69th General Assembly is in the history books and those who are eligible for re-election are gearing up their campaigns to become a part of the 70th General Assembly convening in January 2015. Reflecting on my first term from a personal perspective, I had to ask myself the question: "What did I accomplish?" My overriding goal was to unify the four counties in HD 60 into a strong voice in Denver. I believe we came a long ways toward achieving that goal. Trust me – the folks under the Golden Dome know about HD 60 and our concerns!

The first year of the session was an "eye opener" to say the least! It was a daily scramble to learn what makes an effective legislator and what it takes to get bills passed in a contentious and agenda-driven environment. I was the prime House sponsor on five bills

– two of them passed. One was a simple clean-up bill to get me started and my "biggie" – HB13-1165 which created manufacturing career pathways to assist students in pursuing careers in the manufacturing/workforce vocational areas.

For the second year of the session, I was no longer so "wet behind the ears". I had learned under fire what it takes to be successful as a member of the minority party. I was the House prime or co-prime sponsor on 10 bills and 7 of them passed. Following is a short synopsis of those bills:

□ HB14-1038: Tastings Alcohol Beverages Other Manufacturers -- This was an attempt to gain some flexibility for Craft Brewer Guilds to market each other's products. Brewers are the most rapidly growing industry in the state; however, I learned that you do not whack the hornet's nest (the alcohol industry in Colorado) and expect to get away without getting

stung! I postponed this one indefinitely until we can put a stronger bill together.

□ HB14-1118: Advanced Placement Incentives Pilot Program – This bill did not make it last year, but we were successful on the 2nd attempt! This bill provides funding for rural and small school students to participate in AP programs for college credit.

□ HB14-1145: Summary Financial Expenditures Info K-12 Schools – This bill would have provided a simple form of financial transparency for school districts. The concept of this bill was incorporated into the 2014 Student Success Act. Therefore, this bill was postponed indefinitely.

□ HB14-1204: Flexibility for Rural School Districts – Rural school districts have to submit TONS of reports regardless of whether they are successful or not. This bill allows for reduction of reporting if the district is accredited or accredited with distinction by the Colorado Department of Edu-

cation.

□ HB14-1212: Full Day Kindergarten Funding for Districts – We claim to have a K-12 education system in Colorado. However, we only fund kindergarten students at a .58 rate instead of a 1.0 rate. This bill would have fully funded kindergarten. No dice -- we still have a .58K-12 system...

□ HB14-1365: Jr. College Officers & Ag Advises CO Mountain College – A clean-up bill that allows CMC to the needed time between elections and installation of officers.

□ HB14-1382: K-12 On-Line Education – A bill that provides for an update and review of on-Line providers and authorizers. On-Line provides courses to rural and small schools across the state.

□ SB14-004: Community College Four-Year Programs – Another two-year project that we finally got accomplished! This bill allows two-year colleges to offer four-year Bach-

elor of Applied Science Degrees... a HUGE opportunity for our community colleges!

□ SB14-030: Distinguished Flying Cross License Plate Waive Fee – One of those rare "simple" bills that waives the license plate fee for a recipient of the DFC awarded for valor.

□ SB14-146: Use Local Traffic Info for CDOT Speed Limit Study – A community (Salida) specific issue bill that applies to Colorado municipalities. This bill arose out of a speed limit dispute between the City of Salida and CDOT over the raising of the speed limit on Highway 50 through town. CDOT must now confer with municipalities before altering



speed limits.

Again, I have enjoyed serving you during the 69th General Assembly. I appreciated your phone calls, letters, e-mails and visits while I was at the Capitol. Since we are out of session, feel free to call my home # at 719-539-4452 or contact me through my regular e-mail: wilsonforhd60@gmail.com

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