



Critical Path MetalWorks Expanding

by Carol Clemenson

Frank and Alicia Oberlin were unemployed for two years due to the recession and looking for a job when they decided to buy an existing business. After an extensive national search, they settled on acquiring CSM Industrial Constructors which was located at 614 Cliff Street, Silver Cliff, for the last 20 years or so. The sale of the business included all the property and equipment but the heart of the business was the four employees that had been with the prior company for about 10 years each: Jeremy Craig, Lou Howdeshell, Chris Snyder, and Tim Pearsall. Alicia remembers driving back home to Driftwood, Texas, after their first visit here and commenting that “What we are really acquiring is the teamwork, pride of workmanship, and dedication of those four guys.” Frank and Alicia proudly refer to them as the “Core 4”.

In just two years after CPM was acquired by the Oberlins, the company tripled its revenue and grew to sixteen (16) employees, creating eleven (11) new jobs. Frank loves creating jobs since he was unemployed for an extended period of time and knows firsthand the help-

less feeling of struggling to support your family without a job. Frank is also a numbers guy and says that comparatively speaking, 11 new jobs in the Cliffs may not seem like much but to put it into perspective that is the equivalent of 5,500 new jobs in metro Denver.

The Oberlins believe that doing the right thing does not have dollar signs attached to it. According to Frank, “CPM buys its tires and fuel locally. When we need machined parts, we go to Cimaron Manufacturing in Silver Cliff. These items might appear to be cheaper elsewhere but, when you take into account your time and the cost of gas to go off the hill, the best values and best personal service are right here.”

Doing the right thing includes providing a matching 401K to help their staff save for retirement, starting pay at 25% over minimum wage, lending money to employees at no interest to buy a car or cover unexpected expenses, and paying out a large percentage of net profits as bonuses to thank the guys and share in the Company’s success. Frank was quite proud to report that they paid-out substantial year-end bonuses to the guys last year, exclaiming “that’s more than Alicia and I paid ourselves, and that bonus money re-

ally takes the financial angst out of the holidays and let’s those families relax and enjoy Christmas.”

Unfortunately, the business has done so well that they have to stop growing in 2014 because their existing facility is at capacity. Frank used to conduct acquisitions for a Fortune 100 Company and knows how to investigate and find property for expansion. After an extensive search that ruled out the existing industrial park, the MP Fab building, and others, primarily due to space and/or utility reasons, they contracted to acquire Dee Hoag’s place on the west side of Hwy 69. Frank commented that “despite the abundance of open land, there just are not a lot of choices on the market that suit CPM’s needs.”

Once the plans became public, the NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) contingent started plotting against CPM’s expansion. Statements like “traffic safety for the buggies being largely diminished” simply have no basis when CPM only has 2 tractor-trailer deliveries per week.



The Critical Path Team.

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However, per Mr. Oberlin, “I don’t have the luxury of looking at a single personal issue, such as protecting my view. My concerns also include the livelihoods of 14 or so families that make their living at CPM and the potential to create even more good paying jobs in a community that desperately could use those jobs. The issue of jobs certainly deserves more than just the one-half of a lip-service sentence that it got in the Letter to the Editor.”

Fortunately for CPM and the Cliffs, Custer County Resident Chris Haga stepped forward and offered CPM a tract of land on the east non-view-corridor side of the highway and closer to established metal-building businesses such as MP Fab, Ace Hardware, Nordykes, and Sangre de Cristo Electric. “We are very grateful to Chris Haga for offering this Win-Win solution and more than pleased to change our plans

and move to this infinitely less controversial location”, says Alicia.

The new location requires a zoning change to heavy industrial scheduled for Westcliffe’s Planning and Zoning meeting on June 23 at 5:30 p.m.. The “heavy” industrial classification is simply a function of the town’s zoning definitions and, in most municipalities, CPM would be considered light manufacturing. Frank thinks it should be an interesting P&Z meeting to see if the communities priorities lie with good job creation or protecting the views of a few. He closed by saying “The commonality of out-of-whack priorities in this country is epidemic. The reasonableness or not of the opposition will show in their open acknowledgment that the new location is better and well-suited for this type of business and that jobs are a priority.”

American Legion Post 170 Installation of New Officers

by Candi Sage

On June 3, American Legion Post 170 held their monthly meeting and installed their new officers. New members joined and upcoming events were discussed.



Newly installed officers, pictured left to right: Post 170 Commander: Brad Bradberry, Squadron 170 Commander: Jim Bidwell; Post 170 Sr. Vice Commander: Steve Case; Post 170 Chaplain: Ken Buck; and Post 170 Adjutant/Finance Officer: Anna Orgeron.

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Newly installed Commander, Brad Bradberry, said he has numerous goals for his term including being more active in the school and community. Some of his goals include sending two or more attendees to

Boys State, Veterans Day celebration at the school, sponsoring Custer County High School Homecoming football game where every touchdown made by the Bobcats will result in a donation and an end of game donation, aiding at least five veterans with needs (food, clothing, etc.), increasing the American Legion Post 170 membership, a fishing tournament, Buds and Beer Bowling, and others.

Discussion of upcoming events included serving lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, and nachos at the Tractor Pull on June 14 and 15 at the Silver Cliff Town maintenance building, a presentation of Guide Dogs of the Desert to the Lions Club on June 16, attendance at Eagle Summit Graduation on June 27,

Legion Estate Sale (from estate of Legionnaire Terry Salter), July 4 and 5, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Saddle Club, and the American Legion Family Yard Sale on August 29 and 30 at the Saddle Club all proceeds to benefit veterans, veterans families, and the community.

New Post officers include: Sergeant at Arms - Preston Madler; Historian -Terry Skaggs; Chaplain - Ken Buck; Judge Advocate - Ted Ballard; SAL Commander - Jim Bidwell; Adjutant/Finance Officer - Anna Orgeron; Senior Vice Commander - Steve Case; and Commander - Brad Bradberry. For further information and contacts visit their website www.westcliffe-post170.org or email americanlegionpost170@centurytel.net.

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Joshua 1:9, NKJV

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the same mountains!*



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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

A REAL CULTURE OF CORRUPTION: THE SHAME CONTINUES



The scandal of our VA health care failures grows larger each day. More and more horror stories of the lack of coverage and care surface every day. And it seems those in power punished and squelched the good employees that tried to speak up. This kind of out-of-control, too-big-to-control government organization is precisely the problem. It cannot be properly managed; especially by those appointed to serve at the pleasure of the president. Do you really believe they want to expose the absolute power and corruption that exists and that is the very root of the problem? Each VA district and state level management layer is bloated and overpaid with little reason to produce good results and proper care and with almost no fear of losing their jobs. Are we to expect them to "rock the boat?" They won't. Eric Shinseki could have done something to expose this corruption and malpractice. However he didn't. He just went along to get along. He should have been on the news everyday shouting out about the terrible care our veterans were getting or about no care at all. He wasn't. He should have been on the Sunday talk shows exposing the poor leadership and demanding that Congress do something about

the many problems. He didn't do any of that. He was content to work quietly and fool himself and others that progress was being made. That is why nothing gets solved. One mustn't make the president or other powerful politicians look bad, yes? This is why big government programs won't work. They become so large and so unmanageable and have no reason to succeed like the private sector does. The VA leaders know they have an endless money supply from the taxpayers regardless of performance. Honest people know this is not about money. We were just told they don't spend all the money they get now. It's about caring and there is no incentive to produce that kind of leader. And far too often when corrupt and criminal behavior is discovered in the government there is far too little accountability and punishment. Therefore the bad employees and appointees have little risk and therefore little fear. Consider the Benghazi scandal. The inept and incompetent mid-level managers were just moved around in the state department and after a short while most have even been promoted. The real culprit just retired unscathed and unsullied, for the time being, while she writes books. It will be interesting to see if this

current administration will really do anything about this horrible mess that has led to the death of scores of veterans due to lack of care and falsified records and reports. The president will "huff and puff" and threaten to "blow the house down" but in the end will do nothing. The media will grow tired of the story and it will all just go away. Consider that the president has not directed the Department of Justice to get involved. That's because he doesn't really want to expose the depths of the problem or to punish anyone that might be found accountable and responsible. This story broke in Phoenix, AZ. However, it is absolutely only the tip of the iceberg. Reports are surfacing that the VA pays out more than \$138 Billion in annual salaries and about \$300 Million in bonuses. Yes, bonuses and for what? A website that tracks federal salaries by state reflects the following about the VA personnel in Arizona. 13 employees make between \$300 and \$357 Thousand dollars a year. 42 employees make between \$250 and \$299 Thousand dollars a year and 70 more make between \$200 and \$249 Thousand dollars a year. Are the veterans that live in Arizona being properly cared for? With those kinds of salaries they might expect to

be. There is no doubt that some of these employees give their heart and soul to the care of sick and wounded veterans. The question is how many don't, who will seek them out and what will be done to them? This isn't just about Phoenix. Can you even imagine the depth of this problem across America? The latest audit released last Monday provided some more truth. These facts were already known by the president and his Secretary of Veterans Affairs. They just chose to ignore them. A quick investigation revealed over 100,000 veterans waited way too long to be seen and over 57,000 have been waiting over 90 days without being seen yet for their first appointments. Another 64,000 just "disappeared" from the tracking system. It also "discovered" that 13% of the schedulers were told to lie about the appointment dates to "cook the books." Will there be any justice? Probably not. The good news is that over 700 tips have been received because the good employees are now coming forward. Will President Obama, the Commander-in-Chief, and our elected politicians really do anything to solve this problem other than hold a press conference and a few committee hearings? Don't hold your breath. And remember more money will

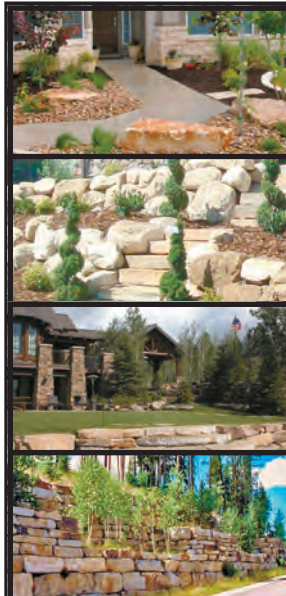
not fix this kind of problem. Stay tuned!

A few thoughts on the Independence Day Parade: the editor of the other paper is trying to stir up trouble once again. He did the same thing last year and then he and his liberal friends succeeded in getting the parade canceled. Fortunately it was saved. He wrongly suggests that the NRA is opposed to firearms and parades. He distorts the context completely about the situation in Texas and the Chili's restaurant. The NRA said no such thing. It's typical of how liberals distort the truth. And why does he feel justified and compelled to bully the Wild West Cowboy Church? An Independence Day Parade is the perfect place for peaceful law-abiding citizens to exercise their 1st and 2nd Amendment rights. We prefer the patriotic attitude of one of our founding fathers, John Adams. In a letter about Independence Day to his wife he wrote "...It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shows, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more..." We believe that is exactly what many Patriots plan to do right here in Westcliffe.

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Dodging a Bullet

by Denay Horn,
Missoula, MT

I am a Christian, a Conservative, and a Patriot. I have watched and listened as Westcliffe has gone through rough times and encountered a liberal takeover attempt. Most recently the conservative body has begun taking back its community and fighting for its rights.

In January this year I moved from our Colorado community where I had lived for more than 17 years so my son could attend college. We moved to Missoula, Montana. Visually, it's a very pretty town with a nice river walk, bike paths, weekend festivals, farmers markets, art shows, 5K runs, museums & etc... every weekend.

The first thing one tends to think of Montana is that it is one of the last bastions of the west & it's one of the few states that still has REAL open carry laws where a person can live free of the liberal agenda and that conservative values still roam free with the elk and bison.

YOU WOULD BE WRONG!

Missoula, Montana, is the largest centralized per capita population of liberalism you could ever possibly imagine and it is spreading in Montana.

For the most part, the old families were the kind, gentle, country folks who believed in (live and let live). Missoula residents who were born and raised here were taken off guard somewhere around 18 years ago when the mass exodus from California happened. That would be the same mass exodus that took over Salida. Housing prices went through the roof to the point locals could no longer afford to live there. Well the same thing happened in Missoula, except in Missoula the takeover was full on political as well. The laid back native Montanans never saw it coming. The changes were small at first with

the “let us help you build a more productive community and bring business into town” rhetoric. While this was all happening more and more liberals were actively being recruited to move to their new paradise. They elected a city board member here and there or a county official in until they had full control of the political arena. They now have a 75% democratic liberal population that controls the city and entire county government. Changes began in earnest with new bike paths, roundabouts, everyone MUST tie into the city sewer system or be fined, outlawing wood burning stoves, and fireplaces. Basically, regulations, regulations, to the point that a large contingency of native Montana residents moved out of Missoula because they could no longer live freely here. They abandoned Missoula and moved eight miles away to the small town of Lolo, Montana. In the latest primary there were 3 candidates for sheriff. ALL three ran on the Democratic ticket but they weren't all Democrat. The conservative in the bunch knew the only way now to survive an election here was to run as a Dem. The mayor here openly acknowledges that he is a member of the New World Order and pays yearly dues to the Group along with reportedly 50,000 other mayors, Governors and world leaders to help him transition his community into the New World Order.

I attended a small church here recently and after the regular Sunday meeting I sat in on the member business meeting and listened as they discussed the political agenda for the church. One of the comments that cut me to the core was “Missoula is the center point for the liberal movement in Montana. Helena is about half way there and they are moving in on Butte. Then we will have the numbers to move forward with gun control legislation in Montana.”

Hunting and fishing are being regulated at a rate so

swift they are almost to the point that they are no longer affordable for the average person.

The agenda is to do exactly what they did in Missoula on a grander scale in the entire state of Montana, take over little by little until they have the numbers and control and then enact change swiftly.

I have been here for only four months now and several times I have heard the statement “Missoula is our little Utopia or at least its getting there”.

What I recognize is that these kinder, gentler Democrats and Liberals are quietly passive-aggressive. If you make a statement to someone and it offends them personally you are said to be (out of control). You are free to do anything you want here as long as its within what they want. There is even a movement to make this a non-motorized community, but many are very materialistic and from California, they love their cars and can't figure how to have both at once.

NO ONE speaks publicly of guns (not even in passing),

NO ONE open carries in Missoula,

NO ONE publicly rocks the boat here politically.

The city and county police force are controlled by the mayor and his agenda.

While Missoula is a VERY NICE Sheeple pen, with all the bells and whistles, it nonetheless has a fence, a gate, and a herdsman and all the Liberal Sheeple are very happy and quiet just now.

Westcliffe has dodged a bullet.....

It recognized what was happening and is taking back its community.

Never doubt for a second that if we let our guard down and are not PROactive every place will become a quiet, happy Sheeple pen as we wait on the slaughter to begin.

Why Women Vote Liberal

by: Candace Thompson,
Cañon City, CO

but it is a fact.

The women's vote won the last election for Obama and the liberals are hoping to win the women's vote here in Colorado again as proven by the first ad that Udall put out that targeted women voters on abortion and healthcare, issues that Republicans seem to want to avoid at all costs. These emotional issues that are very important to women are being used to bait women and manufacture a false “war on women” that the media is helping to perpetuate. The problem is that it is working.

With women leaving their marriages at a rate of three to one, we also find more women dependent on government and needing support financially which accounts for voting for candidates that promise to take care of them. The women of the 60's didn't want their husbands telling them what to do or taking care of them, and now the government is taking care of them and telling them what to do. Is this really what women want?

The freedom and equality that women so dearly want cannot be legislated, and once again, they've been victimized by broken promises, lies, and deceit. Actually, marriage is the greatest deterrent of poverty, yet the idea of a lifetime commitment in marriage and putting others like your children before yourself seems to be an antiquated idea. Marriage and family have been under attack by the liberal/progressives for decades and this is not a conspiracy

The feminization of society discriminates against men who exhibit strong male qualities such as strong leadership and even a typically strong male physique. Women voted for a president whose biceps pale in comparison to his wife's who has no leadership qualities, who never really had a real job, and who is afraid to stand up against anyone. Now our country is in the greatest mess it's ever been in. “But he spoke so eloquently and was so sincere in his promises besides having that great smile and being the first black candidate,” some thought.

The innate male qualities that men have that make them want to work to provide for their families, that make them great decision makers and leaders, and that cause them to take a bullet for their wives and families is something that the feminists have tried to shame out of men. Now, male candidates that show some kind of “feminine side” (which men do not have) and portray themselves as sensitive and caring seem to be the vogue. Evidently women candidates who act more like men also get the nod from more women voters than women who don't.

If you're bothered by these “politically incorrect” statements, then you're influenced by what has been an effort to silence anyone who speaks out against a leftist agenda. Women who disagree with what has been happening need to have their voices heard and there are few who are willing.

So why do women vote for liberal candidates more than for conservative ones? This is really a difficult conclusion to make and it grieves me to do so, but I believe that women have been deceived by a radical feminist movement that was renewed in my lifetime by women who wanted to destroy the family and were God-hating, men-hating radicals. In the 90's it was discovered that Betty Friedan who wrote the “Feminine Mystique” and compared the American housewife to a slave in a concentration camp, was a card-carrying communist and wasn't even a housewife herself. No matter how much women have gained the dissatisfaction remains and the government can't fix that.

In the documentary “Agenda: Grinding Down America”, the Communist Party agenda to destroy America from within listed radical feminism as a means to destroy the family and marriage by making the women dissatisfied with their lives. This isn't a conspiracy film but based on written and documented facts. Once again, as always, the attack targeted the woman who is more emotionally triggered and more vulnerable, but also more easily deceived. I know that may not sit well with many women who consider themselves capable in so many ways, but for those who voted for Barack Obama who has failed America so miserably and who, in my opinion, is not only a poor example of a president but also a poor example of a man....please ask yourself “Why?”

Correction:

Last week, we mentioned the parade for the Westcliffe Stampede and Rodeo had been approved for July 20. The correct date for this parade is on Saturday, July 19, at 10 a.m. This is always a great parade, so we hope you'll come out to watch the fun!



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Response to Article, from Eric Thompson

Thank you for your continued interest in my candidacy for sheriff and in an accident that occurred over 16 years ago. According to department policy, I was not allowed to discuss the accident or communicate with the other party, though I did apologize to her in the deposition. I received minimal information about Ms. Hulseverger, except that she would be fine. Also, I did not provide details

in my letter to the editor since it's not relevant to my candidacy. We need to focus on the qualifications of the three candidates. Who can do the best job for all county residents based on skills, experience, education and expertise? I believe I am the best candidate for the job. Thank you for your support.

*Eric Thompson,
Candidate for Sheriff*

Thanks to the Sentinel and Our Community

Dear Editor and Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to learn about reporting, editing, timing and the newspaper business. I have enjoyed this experience and found it challenging as well.

I am thankful for the many relationships I have gained from the time I have spent with the Sentinel and the opportunity to learn of the situations, people, and towns from the inside-out instead of from the outside-in as most newcomers do. There are many great people both young and old here in Custer County and many whom are attempting to make a positive difference in this community.

I am thankful for the community members who have not treated me with disregard, but welcomed reporting what is happening in a new, fresh, and truthful light including those who have welcomed a newcomer with acceptance and open arms. I appreciate those who realize that much time and effort is put into articles that need additional research and investigating before publishing

so a complete picture of an issue is understood. I am also thankful to those who realize that a reporter writes articles based on people, places, quotes, and lines of thinking and is the messenger of the events, information, etc. and not the creator of those events, quotes, and communicated thoughts or actions of others.

I appreciate the Sangre De Cristo Sentinel for being a different kind of newspaper and not glossing over valuable information people, visitors, and taxpayers need to know, yet still connecting with the community and events. I hope you make a positive difference in the lives of the people, and still tell the TRUTH in matters of public interest and concern as stated in your belief statement.

I will keep in touch with articles from time to time and thank you for allowing the community to add to your paper. I hope the best for you and your progress as a paper of distinction in Custer County.

*Candi Sage
Reporter*

Thanks from CART

Downtown in the Cliff's was the place to be, great weather, food, and many brews and wines were to be had. In spite of being on the same day as graduation there were over 325 attendees from all over the state, visitors came from California, Ohio, Nevada, and other states. For being the 300th person in the gate Ryan Hutton received a commemorative glass. A swarm of honey bees thought they should see what all the buzz was about.

It was truly a success, CART would like to thank all those in the organization that helped and the following business owners and citizens: Patty and Mike Martinez (Wet Mountain Treasures), Dawnette and Dan Marples (Sangrita), Brad Hart-

bauer (Wet Mountain RV Park), Cathy Snow (Cliffs Edge), Lance Ingram (High Peaks Animal Hospital), and Travis Howdeshell and Jeremiah Morelli from Critical Path MetalWorks. Vic Barnes, Byron Reis, Annie Layman, John Henry Mayer, Cody Mayer, Kristi, Matt and Sammie Gray, J.D. Teague, Inez Sluder, Lynnette Reno, Shantell Lemons,. Thanks to Jerry Keffer and Joe Schneider who were there to help with the barricades and cleanup. There were 23 volunteers that put in 133 hours to make the event happen. To the participants, thank you for your support.

The Wet Mtn. Valley Saddle Club assisted by allowing us to use the fence panels, DD Wireless for providing inter-

net, Valley Ace Hardware and All Aboard Westcliffe donated the use of the tables and chairs, Stanwood Motor Sports donated the use of a Prowler, Westcliffe Super Market helped with the ice, Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club for the van service, the Public Health staff (volunteers) were on site to assist if needed and the Sheriff's Department kept everyone in line with a great presence also helping with setting up and taking down the panels.

All funds raised go to benefit the 'Cliffs Commercial District. We are planning our 3rd Annual Brew with a View and Vino Too for May 2015. We hope to make it even bigger and better.

*Thank you,
CART*

This Letter is About Problem Solving....

Sheriff Fred Jobe has openly endorsed Tony Supan as his choice for Sheriff of Custer County. I openly endorse Shannon Byerly for Sheriff of Custer County. My choice is based on "problem solving ability".

When the Custer County High School basketball team needed new uniforms (evidently new uniforms were not included in the school budget) Shannon Byerly contacted several concerned citizens of Custer County and they found the funds for NEW UNIFORMS for the basketball team! Problem solved!

There is one member of the

Custer County Sheriffs Posse who is having problems and has always had problems qualifying semi-annually in order to carry a firearm while on duty. This particular Posse member has been unable to pass the Posse requalification standards in five(5) of seven (7) attempts. Attempts to help him have been met with excuses such as "ammunition is too expensive" or "I won't be able to test this time because we will be in Mexico", etc., etc.

About one month ago, Capt. Robin Schmutzler was contacted by Undersheriff Tony Supan. The purpose of the call

evidently was to inform Capt. Schmutzler that Undersheriff Supan wanted to take Capt. Schmutzler out to "their range" and qualify him as to his shooting ability. Capt. Schmutzler's reply was "you name the place, day, and time and I will be there, then we will go out to my shooting range and both qualify under the Posse Requirements. To date there has been no reply.

A few days following this exchange between Undersheriff Supan and Sheriff's Posse Capt. Schmutzler, Capt. Schmutzler received another telephone call

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NOTICE INVITATION REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Westcliffe hereby requests proposals from qualified consultant(s) or planner(s) to create an asset inventory to develop the capital improvement planning for the Town of Westcliffe. The complete Request for Proposals is available on the Town's website on the Government page: www.townofwestcliffe.com or directly from the Town: 305 Main Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252; or by calling (719) 783-2282. Completed proposals, either electronic or hard copy, must be received in the office of the Town Clerk at Westcliffe, Colorado on or before 5:00 p.m. on June 27, 2014. The bid is expected to be awarded by July 21st.

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When a pump fails and leaves your home with out water the main priority is getting it fixed. To access certain wells we

have had to cut down trees, tear off decks, take down fences, take a sledge hammer to wishing wells, run over flower beds, bring in a crane, remove or tear down storage sheds, doze a road through beautifully terraced yards and many others I cannot recall.

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-David J. Nequette /Lic.
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Local Mountain News & Notices

New Marathon and Half Marathon Event in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains

The Hermit Pass Marathon and Half Hermit half marathon run will debut on Saturday, September 6, 2014, at A Painted View Ranch just outside of Westcliffe, Colorado. Become a part of Colorado trail running and marathon history by participating in this inaugural event which organizers anticipate will become a Colorado classic.

The marathon course will start at A Painted View Ranch on the lush floor of the Wet Mountain Valley at the eastern side of the Sangre de Cristo mountains at 7,878 ft. and follow a dirt county and then rough 4WD road, Hermit Pass Road, up to the top of Hermit Pass, above timberline at 13,050 ft. This route goes through pine and aspen forest, along streams, and frequently provides stunning vistas of the mountains above and the valley below. Runners will proceed back down the road to the valley

floor and then take a northern deviation on dirt county roads, back to A Painted View for a total of 26.2 miles. The Half Hermit course will start at the same point and time, but runners will turn around at the 6.05 mile point and return to A Painted View Ranch. A portion of both courses travels on National Forest under a special use permit.

Entry fee is \$75 for the marathon, \$40 for the Half Hermit when you register before Aug 30. After Aug 30 and up until 7 a.m. on race day Sept 6, the fee increases to \$100 and \$70. There is a limit of 300 participants for this first ever marathon, but is not limited for the Half Hermit. Registration is now open online at www.imathlete.com/events/hermitpassmarathon. Mail in registration is also available at the race webpage, www.clubamericawmv.org/marathon.

Start time is at 7:30 a.m. and the course turn around at the top of Hermit Pass will close at 1 p.m. All current information including a detailed map of the route is available at www.clubamericawmv.org/marathon.

Proceeds from this event will go to benefit Club America WMV, a non-profit, community-owned and operated aquatics and fitness center in Custer County. Help provide swim lessons and fitness opportunities for rural residents of Colorado.

Sponsorships are also available. Show your support for this unique event in Custer County by becoming a business or individual sponsor. Please call Barbara Sutton at 719-371-8001 for sponsorship and race information, or email hermitpassmarathon@gmail.com.

Living Water and The Great Ice Cream Experiment

The West Custer County Library's free Summer Reading Program for all ages continues the week of June 16th with aquatic exploration and culinary experimentation.

At "The Great Ice Cream Experiment," teens will make their own ice cream flavors. They will taste-test their own creations from the tried and true such as cookie dough to more daring concoctions such as avocado or wasabi. Space is limited and advanced registration is required. This event will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June

18, and is open to teens entering grades 6-12. If interested, contact the library to see if there is still space available.

"Living Water" at Lake DeWeese will give kids a chance to explore one of the valley's own natural resources. Find out what kinds of tiny life Lake DeWeese supports. This event will be held on Thursday, June 19, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and is open to kids entering 5th grade and under. No advanced sign-up is required. To locate the event site, follow event signs

from CR 241 (a.k.a. Lake DeWeese Road).

Children, teens, and adults who have not already signed up to earn prizes for keeping up with their reading and experiencing new things this summer can register at the library Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Summer Reading Program and all its events are free.

For more information, please call the library at 783-9138 or visit www.westcusterlibrary.org.

Eagles Summit Ranch Wounded Warrior Graduation Friday, June 27th, at 6 p.m.

This session will be a group from Beale AFB in California.

Bring a side dish, salad, bread or dessert - we'll provide the meat and drinks!

For directions and to RSVP please call 719-783-9729.



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If you would like to contact Shannon Byerly:

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Custer County: There Is No More Money



**Analysis and
Commentary**

by Paul Sage

At the June 3rd meeting of the Board of County Commissioners Charles Bogle and Dale Mullen gave an update on the Custer County Community Development Corporation (CCCDC). The CCCDC is a non-governmental organization that was developed in 2012 to promote better broadband internet and a proposed state veteran's cemetery in the County.

The group continues efforts in these areas and has more recently broadened their scope to work with other economic and community development organizations within the county. One of their future projects is to come up with what Mr. Bogle called a "Community Wide Economic Development Strategic Plan." The stated goal of this project would be, according to Mr. Bogle, to "establish a balanced, sustainable, year round economic base for our community with minimal economic impact on current taxpayers." This is another way of saying, to do what everyone else has been trying to do for decades in Custer County – draw business, people and revenue to the county.

These efforts have ranged from putting a ski resort on the Sangres, to Silver Cliff's "Pride Code", to Westcliffe's Main Street Manager to CART's half day beer festival. CCCDC proposes to accomplish this elusive goal by conducting "a comprehensive review and assessment of our community (by external independent resources)" and to "commit to resource

the efforts." That means 'pay for'. They came to the Commissioner's saying they will be wanting from them "endorsement of this most important initiative," but they did not specifically ask for or receive it at this meeting.

One of the concerns driving this new push identified in the presentation is the growing economic draw on the local resources by the eleven organizations competing for the tax dollars or county residents. There are three governmental entities; the county and the towns of Westcliffe and Silver Cliff. From the sales tax pot of about three quarters of a million dollars, Westcliffe takes 51%, the county takes 30% and Silver Cliff takes 19%.

The county also consumes 37% of the property tax revenue collected, which is estimated at 5.9 million dollars. By far the greatest use of the property tax revenue here, as everywhere, is for the schools serving the county. Custer County School and part of Fremont County, which serves the Wetmore area. The schools expend 48% of the property tax collected.

In addition, there are six special taxing districts hungry for their part of the tax pie. Included in this list are Round Mountain Water and Sanitation, the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy, Wet Mountain Fire, Rye Fire, the Custer County Library District, and the West Custer County Hospital District. Most of these districts manage within their limited means, understanding that citizens of the county are pretty much at the point of "tax saturation."

The Custer County School

District, for example, has among the lowest paid staff in the state and has to rely on Excellence in Education, Adopt a Class and other community organizations and individuals to help out with economic shortfalls. Round Mountain Water and Sanitation will, however, be due for some major infrastructure upgrades in the next few years, and reliable water and sanitation is not an optional thing in the towns.

The West Custer County Hospital District continues to provide a wide array of break even or money losing services – even advertising new services like "Management of Athletic Injuries," and "Certified Athletic Training" in a local paper. At the same time the District is trying to shake off the also money losing ambulance service which the taxpayers who spend a half million dollars a year for want and need. They claim to need another several hundred thousand tax dollars to provide emergency services because clearly it is a much higher priority to provide for the "treatment of knee and shoulder conditions" and "certified athletic training" by "one of the best doctors in America" than to have our professional emergency services crew be paid and resourced appropriately to intervene when one of our citizen taxpayers or guests to the area have a heart attack or accident.

It won't take a round table of rocket scientists to assess the priorities here: Emergency services or athletic training; water and sanitation or treatment of shoulder conditions. It may be time to stop studying and start demanding accountability.

Guide Dogs of the Desert

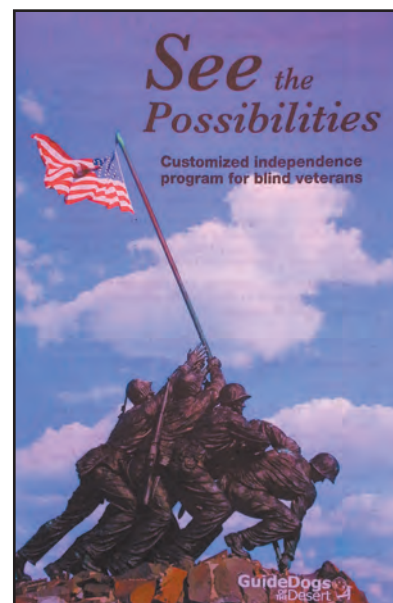
by Candi Sage

Upcoming fundraiser for Guide Dogs of the Desert will be held on June 22 from 1-4pm at the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Post 2788 located in Penrose at 402 Broadway. This fundraiser will help sponsor two Colorado Veterans in need of a guide dog.

This event titled, "Bobbie's Yappy Hour" will include Mexican food, door prizes, and a silent auction for items including water rafting for 2, zip line experiences, restaurant certificates and more. All proceeds will go toward sponsoring the recipients of the guide dogs and individual training for the blind receiving the free services.

The mission for this 501-c 3 non-profit corporation is to improve "the lives of the blind by creating opportunities for life changing independence, and by conducting community outreach and educational programs" and is committed to having an "all veterans" class each year and often have veterans in other classes. Classes for blind veterans are a customized independence program.

For further information of Guide Dogs of the Des-



ert and this event contact Sandy Esposito at 719-285-8425. For directions to Penrose VFW Post 2788 contact 719-372-3719.

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School Board: Many Changes Coming Including New Geometry Books

by Candi Sage

The Custer County School board held their monthly meeting on June 10. Elementary Principal Holly Anderson reported that a summer school program will be held every Tuesday in June and July focused on reading and math skills. Coming together rather suddenly with interest from two teachers, students and parents surveyed. Currently there are two classes: one comprised of kindergarten, first and second graders and the second class of third, fourth and fifth graders, totaling 23 students enrolled. Mrs. Anderson pointed out that this does follow the working draft of the Strategic Plan for the district.

Mrs. Anderson also reported that kindergarten will be using a new assessment program beginning 2014-15 and she will attend the summer class with the kindergarten teacher, Mrs. May. She also reported that planning for teacher professional development when teachers report in Au-

gust as well as planning for the first day of school, August 19, where parents are asked to attend with their student is still ongoing. Teachers will be focusing on the new RtI (Response to Intervention) process, planning for changes in policies and procedures, finalizing the pilot elementary report card, and learning a new math instruction tool and resource, "Number Talks". It was suggested that advertising the first day of school on the marquee and in both papers about what to expect on the first day of school would be helpful for parents and the community.

Secondary Principal Barb Jones reported that both middle school and high school will also be inviting parents to 'walk through' their child's schedule with them and have an opportunity to meet and talk with the teachers. This is scheduled prior to the first day with middle school on August 13 and high school on August 14. She reported that the unofficial calculat-

ed scores showed the 2014 ACT results slightly lower than the state average and will report the official calculation when it is received. Over the summer two teachers are scheduled to take professional development classes: new English teacher, Kailyn Hatler for English Language Composition AP Institute, and Michelle Selle for AP Physics certification.

Mrs. Jones also recognized Michelle Selle for the special recognition she received from the Boettcher Foundation for Mrs. Selle's "sincere interest in students of Custer County High School and has truly gone above and beyond to help them be competitive for the Boettcher Foundation Scholarship" and "we are really impressed with the time and effort this teacher dedicates to students and their futures". Mrs. Jones also shared recent FFA convention results and the award the FFA Chapter

See SCHOOL
on page 12



Building Trades

Building Trades students kick back with their tools as the project ends for the summer.

Sentinel photo by Candi Sage

Volleyball Skills Camp (Grades 1-5)

Girls or boys entering 1st-5th grades (for fall 2014) are welcome to register for the Wet Mountain Volleyball Skills Camp taking place July 15-17th in the east gymnasium of Custer County School. Interested players must return registration forms to the main office of the school by June 30th so t-shirts can be ordered. The cost is \$35 for grades 3-5 and \$20 for grades 1-2. The cost covers fundamental skills, drills, one-

on-one instruction, and t-shirts. 1st and 2nd grades are scheduled to have camp from 9-10 a.m. each day, and 3rd-5th grades will be 9-11 a.m. If there are 20 or fewer players signed up for the camp, all players will be welcome to attend from 9-11 a.m. each day. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Selle at michelle.selle@ccbobcats.net. (Registration forms are available at the school office.)

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Paul Charter 719-942-4021 to Consign Items

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KIDS

Friday, June 13, 2014

FLAG DAY

Flag Day is always June 14. Our country's flag represents not only our independence but, supposedly, our unity as a nation as recited in the Pledge of Allegiance. We say, "...one nation, under God, indivisible." Our thoughts should also be directed to the many people who have died protecting it, that is, what our flag represents. Therefore, with respect and tradition, there is a proper way to display our flag which is called Flag Etiquette.

- The flag is normally flown from sunrise to sunset.
- In the morning, raise the flag briskly. At sunset, lower it slowly. Always ceremoniously.
- The flag should not be flown at night without a light on it.
- The flag should not be flown in inclement weather.
- After a tragedy or death, the flag is flown at half staff for 30 days. (It is called "half staff" on land and "half mast" on a ship.)
- The American flag is always flown at the top of the pole. Your state flag and other flags fly below it.
- The union is always on top. When displayed in print, the stars and blue field are always on the left.
- NEVER let your flag touch the ground.
- Fold your flag when storing it.

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James A. Jarrard
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Summer Sanity Savers Christian Women's Connection Luncheon

You are invited to the CWC Luncheon on June 18, 2014 – "SUMMER SANITY SAVERS." The luncheon is from Noon to 1:45 and the cost is \$8 for the luncheon and program. Located at the Coaldale Community Building, the historic schoolhouse ¼ mile south of Hwy 50 on Hayden Creek Rd, Coaldale, we are featuring a moving story by Victoria Burks, "From Ashes to Author,"

solos by Markey McCrae, and summertime diversions at the library by Jeff Dolan. For information and reservations contact Kathryn Spight 719-942-3052, Monte Hess 719-783-2300 or email: howardcotopaxicwc@live.com by Sunday June 15th. CWC is affiliated with Stonecroft Ministries and we have a luncheon monthly in Coaldale. *Hope to see you there!*



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Events Calendar

Friday, June 13, 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
All weekend: Father's Day Camp, Ride, & Fish at Music
Meadows Ranch. Fees. Reservations recommended. Call
371-5313 or wmv saddleclub@gmail.com
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Amazing Spider-Man 2"

Saturday, June 14, 2014
Pueblo Weisbrod Air Museum at Pueblo Municipal Airport
A Painted View Ranch: National Cutting Horse Show and
chuck wagon dinner
11 a.m.: Tractor Pull at Silver Cliff Park; food
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Amazing Spider-Man 2"

Sunday, June 15, 2014
Pueblo Weisbrod Air Museum at Pueblo Municipal Airport
A Painted View Ranch: National Cutting Horse Show and
chuck wagon dinner
10 a.m.: Tractor Pull at Silver Cliff Park; food

1 p.m.: Mutton Busting at Wild West Cowboy Church, Wild
West Cowboy Church, 60260 Highway 69
2 p.m.: Free concert, Feed Store Park: Community Band
2 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Amazing Spider-Man 2"

Tuesday, June 17, 2014
6:30 p.m.: Studio 2, Jones Theater: "A Taste of Shakespeare"

Thursday, June 19, 2014
6:30 p.m.: Shakespeare in the Sangres: Shakespeare comedy

Friday, June 20, 2014
6:30 p.m.: Shakespeare in the Sangres: Moliere's comedy

Saturday, June 21, 2014
8 a.m. and 1 p.m.: Gary Henrich Memorial Golf Tournament
at St. Andrews Golf Course or call 269-8608
5 p.m.: Gary Henrich Benefit Dinner at golf course spon-
sored by Alpine Lodge. Call for reservations 269-8608

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 fam-
ilies 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 commu-
nity room in downtown Westcliffe.
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.: Jammin' band at The Mining Compa-
ny 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 the Saddle Club Building from
9:30 to 11 a.m. thru the summer starting June 6. 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, June 10, there were nine men and one woman in jail.

OFFENSES

June 8 Frank Skinner, age 33, of Cotopaxi was arrested on a warrant out of Mesa County for failure to comply. No bond.

June 6 Richard Sherman, age 64, of Westcliffe, was arrested on suspicion of DUI. The reason for stopping him was failure to display headlights.

THEFTS

Between June 2 and June 5, a 2002 Dodge Dakota pickup truck owned by Erick Franze from Calhan, Colorado, was broken into by someone throwing a rock at a window. A gps, cell phone, and a car battery were stolen. The vehicle was parked at the Gibson Creek trailhead.

Between June 2 and June 5, someone kicked in the door of a shed owned by Paul Bosanko at Gibson Creek trailhead and stole two chain saws and a gas can. Mr. Bosanko reported that on one of the chainsaws is the word 'Baker' etched on the steel.

ACCIDENTS

June 5 At 2145 hours, Johnnie Zwegardt was driving his vehicle when he collided with a cow elk at mile marker 14 on Highway 96. The vehicle sustained heavy damage to the front end.

June 5 Honor Witke, age 21, from Boston, Massachusetts was driving a 2007 Chevy with Colorado plates when she rolled the vehicle at mile marker 2 on County Road 271. She was taken to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo. Colorado State Patrol handled the accident.

AMBULANCE CALLS

Three ambulance calls as of June 10

June 10 At 12:12 a.m., the ambulance was dispatched to 4499 County Road 130 where a 56-year-old female was suffering from vomiting and cramps. She was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

June 5 At 12:20 a.m., the ambulance was dispatched to 1726 Aspen Trail and transported an 86-year-old male having trouble breathing to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

June 3 At 12:57 p.m., the ambulance transported a 68-year-old male with chest pains to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo from the clinic.

FIRE CALLS

There were two fire calls as of June 10.

June 5 At 10:05 a.m., a fire truck was dispatched to a location four miles north of Hillside on a smoke investigation. It turned out to be a ditch burning in a hay field.

June 3 At 1803 hours, a fire truck was dispatched to 6120 County Road 160 for carbon monoxide investigation. Nothing was found.

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

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

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

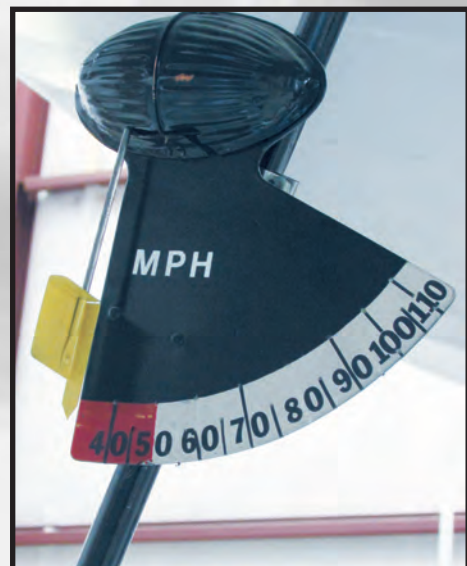


Photo top left: Saturn V Rocket, Escape Propellant. Custer County resident, Steve Janssen, is the Curator of the Space Museum section. He has assembled a fascinating collection of space artifacts including this actual propellant cluster that would have been used to propel the nose cone section away from the main rocket in case of a major malfunction.

Photo top right: An actual space shuttle tile in the Space Museum section.

Photo to left: The actual air speed gauge, hung out on the wing, on the 1926 Alexander Eaglerock built right here in Colorado. See the Sentinel's February 7, 2014 issue for pictures of the plane.



F-6 Skyray. 1956-64 USN carrier attack aircraft. Never used in combat. First Navy aircraft to exceed Mach 1 - over 700 mph. The SkyRay provided the basic design for the A4 Skyhawk.



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*The truth is, all might be free if they valued freedom,
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Samuel Adams - Founding Father



Deputy Hardin Retires

Last month a retirement party for Deputy Frank Hardin was held at the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Hardin started working for former Sheriff Bob Baker and has served Custer County for 35 years and was awarded employee of the year in 2010. Frank and his wife Peggy live in Wetmore.

courtesy photo

LETTER

From page 4

from Undersheriff Supan to notify him that he, Undersheriff Supan, had just qualified the Posse Member in question to carry a firearm by using the Department's 25 round qualification standards,

Giving qualification status to one Posse member and having all of the other

members qualify under a different and more stringent set of rules is not solving the problem but creating another and broader problem for the Posse.

When Capt. Schmutzler informed this Posse member that he would be expected to qualify under the Posse standards of qualifications he informed Capt. Schmutzler that he had discussed this problem with Sheriff Jobe and the Sheriff felt

that qualifying with Undersheriff Supan would be the way to solve the problem! Needless to say, the Posse member did NOT make the scheduled qualification with the Posse because he had other plans and would not be able to attend. Problem NOT solved.

*Sincerely,
Savolia "Jeanne"
Schmutzler,
Rural Custer County*

SCHOOL

From page 7

ceived as the Most Improved Chapter in Colorado and the recent administration team and nine teachers to discuss revisions to the discipline procedures. She indicated that there will be changes and improvements to the policy when students make poor choices.

Mrs. Jones thanked the board for their participation

in Graduation. It was suggested that they start earlier in the day as a possibility to help with the issue of heat in the gym. Mrs. Jones reported that the 2015 graduation is planned for Sunday, May 24 at 2:00p.m.

The Excellence in Education report was presented and it was reported that of the \$32,000 received about \$28,000 came from public funds leaving the remaining \$4,000 from grants.

From this public funding a check for the new math curriculum geometry books were purchased and a check was given to the school at the meeting. It was noted that with grant availability reduced, public funding is an important part of Excellence in Education which funds 'Voice', 'Got It', and the salary for them. It was reported that there are plans to revisit the by-laws as the new school year begins in August.

Art Nordyke



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nordykeus@yahoo.com

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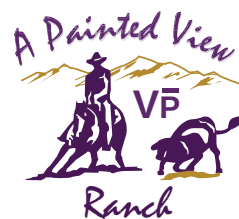
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Cañon City Council Members Continue to Straddle the Fence

by Barbara Penezic

Most of us would agree that sitting astride a fence can get darn uncomfortable in a pretty short period of time. However, for council members in this small Fremont County town straddling the fence may be the safest, albeit, the most uncomfortable spot in Cañon City. The people in favor of pot are not about to change their position and the same can be said for those who oppose pot. This leaves Mayor Tony Greer and the council members with no alternative but to maintain the uncomfortable middle of the fence position they currently find themselves resigned too. Even the council members are divided when it comes to this crucial issue. The legalization of ‘recreational’ marijuana sales has the potential to forever change the direction and friendly small town atmosphere of this wonderful outdoor Colorado family friendly community. Is it any wonder the City Council recognizes the history-changing impact this decision could have and has chosen to let residents make the choice in November?

The issue of recreational pot has divided this community and the Council Members in a way that has not often been seen. Councilman Dennis Weid proclaimed from his council seat, “I support recreational marijuana.” He continued by telling the audience that he proudly marched

with the ‘Potheads against Potholes’ Parade last week. Councilman Weid said, “I don’t give a (profanity) about taxes.” Furthermore I don’t think marijuana will bring a bad element or cause gang activity. Having retail will keep drug cartels away from our town. Other council members gave less passionate statements not saying if they were for or against recreational marijuana. The vote to allow this issue to be decided by the electorate was passed by a majority, leaving only Councilman Weid opposed.

Fremont Economic Development Corporation spokesperson says recreational marijuana is seen as having a negative impact on the community and asked for a permanent moratorium on pot. The question that Cañon City residents must ask themselves has to deal with the future of this town. The Royal Gorge Park and Bridge like the mystical phoenix is rising from the ashes. Preparations are being made to once again receive tourists from all over the nation. This area of Colorado has so much to offer the traveler. Visitors to the Welcome Center at Veterans’ Park come to see the lovely old oak trees that tower over the cabin. They want to know about the scenic hiking trails, white water rafting, the Royal Gorge train...they are so very eager to explore the wonders of our wholesome outdoor lifestyle. How will they feel about explaining to their chil-

dren that the awful smell in the air is marijuana growing in the rows of greenhouses that used to house apple blossoms, or the guy half asleep under the huge oak tree is just mellowing out with his pot gummies?

The residents of Cañon City have a very heavy responsibility to the next generation. Will Cañon City remain a wholesome outdoorsy kind of town or will it become a rank smelling mellowed out Pot Mecca? One thing is certain, it can’t be both! Weeds grow rapidly and they will choke out the veggies and the flowers in a very short time if they are not pulled out by the roots and disposed of. Marijuana is a Weed!

Allowed to take root in our town it will soon push out other more wholesome ventures. Do you want to see your children growing up enjoying the adventures offered by the Royal Gorge Park and Bridge, challenging themselves to an afternoon of whitewater rafting or sitting under a tree getting stoned on what is indisputably a gateway drug? Law enforcement officers, Child Social Services workers, and parent after parent have given their testimony about the lives they have seen lost and each loss began with marijuana. When you vote this November, please weigh your decision very carefully. Our way of life depends on it.

Be Informed,
Get Involved

Dangling the Carrot

by Edward Whitcraft

Canon City Council voted to place the recreational marijuana issue on the November election and let the folks decide if they want it or not. As an incentive to vote yes they are considering taking all the revenue collected from this gold mine and having it go to road repair throughout the city. Noble cause? I’ll let you be the judge of that. To my way of thinking this is the way most politicians and bureaucrats operate—dangle the carrot in front of the voter and they will always vote yes. Tell the voters what they want to hear and they will not look past what you are telling them. But I believe the voting public is getting a little fed up with all the talking points and seeing no action. When was the last time you heard a politician or a bureaucrat ever say they had enough revenue to operate? It does not happen very often if ever.

Our country is in dire straights with a seventeen trillion dollar debt and our state and local government is not much better. We are constantly asked, at one level or another, to increase our taxes, fees or whatever else they want to call this because they just don’t have enough money in the coffers

to provide the services that must be provided. Case in point is our city streets. We’re also told locally that we need more revenue for our schools. We just cannot give our children a quality education without more dollars. So the politician will work with the bureaucrat and they will come up with a carrot dangling plan to increase taxes and sell it to the voter. Have you ever seen or heard of a politician saying we must cut a program or a service because we just can’t afford it? That is because most elected representatives listen to the bureaucrats or special interests absolutely don’t want any programs cut.

Let’s do a little research on how the different dangling of the carrots affect us as tax payers. When Colorado wanted gaming in the state the backers said all the revenue from the casinos would go to recreation. Wow, what a deal we would have the best facilities in all the US. The different towns and cities jumped on the band wagon and started applying for the grants. Our city and county was no different. Now we have several recreational facilities and a trail system that just keeps growing and growing. Something for everyone. But guess what? We also now have to pay to maintain all these won-

derful recreational facilities and also pay folks to help operate them. The gaming dollars don’t pay except to build. So where do the dollars come from? If we don’t raise taxes or fees then it must come from the city/county budget. That means that the road budget or bridge budget or some other budget item will get less. You expand this at the state and federal level and you can imagine just how we have become a nation of debt.

This is an election year and I’ve really been listening to our candidates very carefully. They are all talking a good game right now but I happen to know that some of our incumbents are the very folks that like to dangle the carrot. They have done it with the education system, environmental issues, the defense department, and our health care system. It is time to let the city know as well as other elected officials that we want them to take care of the required infrastructure and life safety issues. Don’t tell us you want to fix the streets if we will pass the recreational marijuana proposal that should be a top priority in the budget. Fellow citizens please be Informed and Get Involved. Hold each elected official accountable.

Governor’s Candidate Mike Kopp Stops in Cañon City

by Candace Thompson

An enthusiastic crowd of around 40 people greeted Mike Kopp on Monday, June 2, at Veterans Park as he biked into Cañon City on a tour through rural Colorado. Endorsed by Rocky Mountain Gun Owners and Senator Kevin Grantham, Mike pointed to his record during his four years in the Colorado Senate to show his success in getting conservative legislation passed as Senate Minority leader.

He has vowed to repeal the 2013 gun laws and use the veto pen whenever necessary to get our state out of the mess it’s in from the out-of-control spending and over-regulating, overgrown government we now have. When asked why we should vote for him in the primary in the field of four candidates, Mike referred to his record in the senate and is confident as governor that he can do the same.

Senator Kopp served two terms that ended in 2011 when he resigned after his wife’s death from cancer to take care of his four children. He has since remarried and has the support of his children and his wife, Shannon. Serving as minority leader in the Senate, Mike demonstrated his ability to lead and promote conservative values through sponsoring legislation favoring veterans, tax cuts, and opposing state run healthcare. Mike said he proposes cutting out personal property taxes and has a plan to promote businesses called “The Blueprint for a Leaner Government” which will evaluate and cut the fat where necessary in every state agency. Cutting out regulations that strangle businesses is another place he’ll put his scissors to work to get the economy going and people to work.

Mike served his country in Operation Desert Storm as a paratrooper for the 82nd Airborne with an honorable discharge and completed college afterwards earning a bachelors degree in ministry while working as a fire-fighter for the National Park Service. He also served as a clerk for the U.S. Border Patrol Office of Detention

and Deportation. Kopp worked in a non-profit ministry following graduation and later earned a Masters of Public Administration degree from the University of Colorado in Denver before serving his first term as senator beginning January 2007.

In both of Mike’s senatorial campaigns he was outspent by his opponents, yet won his seat through getting the most for the money. He is enthusiastic about winning as shown by his “We Are Colorado” bike tour. Although Mike may be considered the dark horse by some, his determination to win has been evident in this trek across rural Colorado through 10 rural towns and over 400 miles. Senator Grantham, who has worked with Senator Kopp says that his record is “clean” and that he is the most electable and most likely to beat Governor Hickenlooper of the four candidates. He also knows him to be a man of high integrity and someone he has worked with in the Senate whom he personally respects.

Mike Kopp has demonstrated his complete adherence to conservative values in his voting and has never wavered in his support of the 2nd Amendment. He says he is committed to repealing the 2013 gun laws as well as fighting Obamacare and implementing a leaner government while growing our economy and creating jobs.

Although Mike has raised the least money of the 4 candidates, he has gotten the most exposure in the social media for the least amount of money in advertisements. He won the nomination at the Republican Convention and has won his senatorial races with much less money than his opponents. Senator Kopp needs to win this primary to prove what he is confident he can do and that is to put Colorado on a path to prosperity by empowering the people of Colorado with lower taxes and less government in their lives. This just in:

Mike Kopp has chosen Vera Ortegón to be his Lt. Governor!!

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IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

Florence-Penrose

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

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

**County
Commissioners
2nd and 4th Tues.
9:30 a.m.
615 Macon, Rm. 105
Cañon City**

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White House Put
A Target on Your Back

Time magazine, which is now online, interestingly has a lot of contacts inside the terrorist Taliban leadership. In a lengthy story chronicling the five-terrorist swap for deserter Bowe Bergdahl, Time asked a Taliban commander involved with the negotiations whether the Taliban “would be inspired by the exchange to kidnap others.” The answer was that he laughed and said, “Definitely. It’s better to kidnap one person like Bergdahl than kidnapping hundreds of useless people. It has encouraged our people. Now everybody will work hard to capture such an important bird.” Bergdahl was given a ceremonial tunic and turban reserved for friends prior to his release and he was referred to as a guest.

Many may ask how could the president of the United States be so ignorant to think he could negotiate a swap of five highly regarded Islamic terrorist commanders for one lowly private? Answer is: the occupant of the Oval Office knew exactly what he was doing. He did not seek approval from Congress because he knew there would be none forthcoming. It is better to ask forgiveness than permission. Several congressional leaders already have stated that the Administration is calling them to apologize. When there are many other Americans being held captive around the world, one must consider why this particular swap. Simple answer: It emboldens a people with whom the president is sympathetic.

From my perspective in trying to minister in areas where there are aggressive Muslims, it presents a challenge. Until you have

been preaching the Word of God in a small church in the African bush and Muslims are buzzing you on their motorcycles, you have no idea of what I’m talking about. While our missionaries and myself were once people to be harassed, we are now people who can be kidnapped and held for ransom for however long it takes. Can anyone think about the Nigerian school girls who were kidnapped in April by the Muslim terrorist group Boko Haram? Boko Haram is the political system subscribed to by the Fulani in Ghana. They use the same tactics.

No doubt the president has put a target on the back of American missionaries all around the world. Such a deliberate action. We have to come to grips with reality. This Islamic- and communist-raised president hates what Christianity and America stands for. His actions against Christians and Americans are far too many and far too deliberate to think that they are the accidents of a bumbling fool. They are deliberate and purposeful. Jesus said in John 10:10, “The thief comes not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.” This is the sum of the whole when you examine the current president. He has killed. He has stolen. He is destroying all that is good about our country. And Americans are allowing him to do it. Can we hope for change? I pray fervently so.

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

by T.L. Davis,
ChristianMerc.blogspot.com

In the early 1950’s the United States Government, particularly the CIA, overthrew the government of Guatemala. The reason for this is that United Brands (of Chiquita Banana fame) claimed that communists had taken over the government. The charge was made as a result of Jacobo Arbenz Guzman’s Administration when they, taking a lesson from the United States, nationalized a small, unused portion of United Brands land in order to distribute it among the Guatemalan people to farm.

It was a desperate measure to create private ownership of land. They went about it the wrong way, but sought to use capitalism as a means to eliminating poverty. Jacobo Arbenz Guzman understood that to eliminate poverty, the people must be able to own land in order to become prosperous.

In effect (at the urging of Harry Reid) the United

States Government, specifically the Bureau of Land Management, has engaged in a very similar act. Except the BLM, in the Bundy case and more accurately the Hage case, has taken property (grazing rights are a form of property since it contains certain value) from the people in order to give it to large corporations.

A recent poll found that 37% of Americans fear their government - in America, where the government is supposed to fear the people. That is terrorism. Their intent is intimidation and the threat of incarceration, physical harm and even executions are implied. The military-style image of American federal agents is designed to intimidate, to terrorize.

A government cannot rely so heavily as it does on this absolute threat of violence without creating terror in the hearts of citizens. There is no terror so absolute as that created by one’s own government. And another thing, a criminal or a foreign terrorist do not strike the same fear in people, be-

cause they can believe that there is a counter-balancing force against them on behalf of the people: the police. But, when government sponsored terrorism is directed at the people themselves, there is no hope of rescue, or justice-there is only terror.

In a lot of countries such injustice and oppression, as are present in America, would spawn an insurrection, rebels, etc. In America, it has spawned the citizen’s militia movement. These are organizations dedicated to the defense of inalienable rights of the Constitution. It is the only resort citizens have against a lawless, terroristic government bent on the subjugation and humiliation of their own citizens. Militias are not of the insurrectionist ilk. Instead, they serve as defenders of the law, of the people against an out-of-control, lawless, unbounded and hostile government. A terrorist government.

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U.S. Marine
Held in Mexican Jail:
36,000 Criminal
Illegals in U.S. Set Free

by Allen West,
AllenbWest.com

During the Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America there were a couple of times when we traveled very close to the US border with Mexico. As a matter of fact, some of our riders spotted a person illegally entering as we departed Douglas, AZ heading to the New Mexico border – and US Border Patrol was simply observing.

I say this as a backdrop for the recent travails of a U.S. Marine, now being held in a Mexican jail. According to Fox News, Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi, a 25-year-old combat veteran, was jailed in late March after he missed a freeway exit near San Ysidro, Calif., and drove into Tijuana, where Mexican authorities discovered he had three guns in his car. Although the guns were legally owned in the United States, and Tahmooressi said he had no intention of traveling to Mexico, he’s been jailed for more than a month.

Proceedings against Tah-

mooressi are scheduled for May 28, though U.S. lawmakers are urging them to be expedited and for all charges to be dropped. The active US Marine reservist, who served two combat tours in Afghanistan, including a 2010 stint in the violent Marjah district, was moving from Florida to San Diego with a Marine friend to be close to his treatment center for his post-traumatic stress disorder at the time of his arrest.

On Monday, Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., a member of the House Armed Services committee, asked Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel to suspend military aid to Mexico, including training, intelligence cooperation, and equipment transfers until the case is resolved.

So here’s the simple question: why couldn’t the Mexican authorities have just turned Sgt. Tahmooressi around and told him “Vaya con Dios y buenos dias?” This of course is not the first time this has happened.

What I do find ironic is that Sgt. Tahmooressi sits in jail in Mexico while as the Daily Caller reported yesterday, “Nearly 200 murderers, over 400 rapists, and 300 kidnappers in the U.S. illegally were released by Immigration and Customs Enforcement while awaiting deportation proceedings, according to a new report from the Center for Immigration Studies. A total of 36,007 criminal illegal immigrants that were being processed for deportation were freed in 2013. Together, they committed nearly 88,000 crimes, according to the report, published Monday.”

So I ask you, what message does this send to Sgt. Tahmooressi and his family? Whose life means more, an American Marine or criminal illegal immigrants?

Utterly disgusting.

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BLOW HARDER: Udall's Confusing Rhetoric On Colorado Energy

by ColoradoPeakPolitics
(Editor/GG: Look at the rate increase below in Colorado Springs when ONE coal plant goes off line! Wait till Obama starts knocking them off by the dozens here in Colorado.)

What planet do Colorado Democrats live on where they think President's Obama's new carbon dioxide regulations are good for Colorado? This regulation, everyone agrees, is aimed at killing off coal and coal plants. Here's some basic facts about coal in Colorado: 63% of the energy consumed in Colorado comes from coal; Colorado is a top ten coal producing state; and Colorado is still

in the top ten for states when it comes to pounds of CO2 per megawatt-hour. Senator Mark Udall's and the Colorado's Left complete embrace of these regulations makes no sense when you realize PeakNation™, those emission targets set by former Gov. Bill Ritter that they claim put us ahead of the curve, are only expected to be met because of switching coal plants to natural gas. Yes, that very same natural gas we get from fracking that Colorado Democrats are looking to ban. In a further odd twist of fate, we actually get to see the results of what happens when a single coal power plant goes offline. Last

month, the Drake power plant in Colorado Springs was knocked out by a fire. Now, Colorado Springs citizens can expect a 7.4% rate increase in their utilities while businesses and industry can expect 10.4% increases and 11.2% increases, respectively. If that is the rate increase for just one coal power plant going offline, how much can the average Coloradan expect when they are all taken offline? This all adds up to us still not understanding how a top ten coal producing, using, and emitting state benefit from these harsh regulations aimed at killing off the coal industry. Then again, Udall long ago decided he wasn't putting

Colorado first on this issue. Last summer, when Udall still thought he was assured a second term he had no problem meeting with President Obama to strategize and take point on this issue. (The Hill via AFP-CO) About a dozen Senate Democrats huddled with White House climate and energy adviser Heather Zichal in the Capitol on Tuesday to discuss President Obama's climate agenda. ...The briefing was also aimed at getting the administration and lawmakers on the same page in advance of expected attacks from opponents. ...Those who attended Tuesday's briefing includ-

ed... Mark Udall (D-Colo.) ...“What the president's laid out is a regulatory approach, just making it very clear that there will be a new source performance standards.” Where exactly the silver-lining that Udall and his fellow Lefties see on this issue comes in, we don't know. Here at The Peak, we're guessing Udall has talked himself into so many circles when it comes to trying to please the far Left here in Colo-

rado and his San Francisco BFF, without alienating the middle, he doesn't realize the vision he's crafted for Colorado's energy future consists of us rubbing two sticks together. Then again, if we could just harness Udall's blowhard rhetoric on this issue, we'd be set for at least a millennium. Reprinted with Permission. Please see: coloradopeakpolitics.com/2014/06/03/blow-harder-udalls-confusing-rhetoric-on-colorado-energy/

Video Bombshell;

First Words of Bergdahl's Father at White House were Arabic

by Allen West,
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(Editor/GG: This is about the press conference Obama had with the parents of the Army deserter, Bowe Bergdahl, who Obama got released from the Taliban by giving them back a five-man “Dream Team” of murdering, Islamic nutcases that we had as prisoners at our military prison, Gitmo, in Cuba. The trade itself was a purely political stunt by Obama, in violation of U.S. law, and contrary to decades of policy NOT to trade for prisoners (which only encourages more kidnapping by the enemy). The father, Bob Bergdahl, is a convert to Islam and is actively trying to free the Islamic criminals held at Gitmo. Obama knew he was going to speak in Arabic, quote the

Qur'an, and defame our country and the soldiers who DIED looking for this deserter years ago. Disgusting acts and behavior by our own “president”. Many are calling it treasonous...) Clare Lopez is a former CIA operations officer, a strategic policy and intelligence expert with a focus on Middle East, national defense, WMD, and counterterrorism issues, and a friend of mine. She emailed me this morning a very poignant analysis that only someone knowing language and Islam could ascertain. She wrote: “What none of these media is reporting is that the father's (SGT Bowe Bergdahl's father Bob) first words at the WH were in Arabic – those words were “bism allah alrahman alraheem”

– which means “in the name of Allah the most gracious and most merciful” – these are the opening words of every chapter of the Qur'an except one (the chapter of the sword – the 9th) – by uttering these words on the grounds of the WH, Bergdahl (the father) sanctified the WH and claimed it for Islam. There is no question but POTUS knows this.” Folks, there is a lot to this whole episode — like Benghazi — that we may never know. And this is not conspiracy theory, it is truth based upon Arabic and Islamic dogma and tradition. Reprinted with Permission. Read more at <http://allenbwest.com/2014/06/bombshell-first-words-bergdahls-father-white-house-arabic/#Lshd5LPbWyZL6SJ2.99>

IMMINENT THREAT:

Hick's Failed Leadership Leaves Colorado Businesses Exposed

by ColoradoPeakPolitics

In case you started your Memorial Day holiday early last week, you might have missed this interesting article over at The Denver Post. Business leaders from across various sectors of the Colorado economy penned a letter to failed Colorado leader Gov. John Hickenlooper, basically stating they did not appreciate being jerked around by him. Hickenlooper got most of Colorado businesses to buy-in with him early on in his administration through his quirky personality, his small business experience, and his own version of starving the beast—if businesses are proactive in regulating themselves, the anti-business Left will have nothing to complain about. But, as reality has set in, businesses are more aware of

the extreme Left's “if you give a mouse a cookie” attitude than the rational actors—who could balance their own extreme views with a healthy Colorado economy— Hickenlooper presented them as. As The Post reports: Business groups representing homebuilders, agriculture, and oil and gas on Thursday rebuffed Gov. John Hickenlooper's efforts at compromise legislation for local control of oil and gas drilling. “We are surprised and dismayed by the haste in which you and your team are departing from more than six years of rigorous rule-making,” Colorado Petroleum Association president Stan Dempsey wrote to the governor. The governor also received a critical letter signed by

seven groups, including the Colorado Association of Homebuilders, the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, and the Colorado Farm Bureau. “We are extremely concerned legislation that is not in the best interests of our organizations and industries could be introduced,” said the letter which also was signed by the Colorado Dairy Farmers, the Colorado Association of Wheat Growers, and regional political advocacy groups Action 22 and Progressive 15. The \$29 billion oil and gas industry has particularly worked in good-faith with Hickenlooper, only for him now to turn around and sell them out. Hickenlooper's weak-spined leadership shows Colorado businesses that even if they compromise and meet halfway,

Hickenlooper is too passive to protect them from extreme activists demanding more. Even with the most stringent regulations of fracking in the nation, eco-extremists will not be satisfied until fracking is completely banned in Colorado. For the sake of 93,000 good-paying Colorado oil and gas jobs, and countless others in industries under threat from the far Left, it is time for Colorado businesses to wake-up to the dangers of Hickenlooper's failed leadership, and elect a new Governor who isn't afraid to lead. Colorado businesses can't afford not to. Reprinted with Permission. Please see: coloradopeakpolitics.com/2014/05/27/imminent-threat-hicks-failed-leadership-leaves-colorado-businesses-exposed/



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Why Isn't This Reported: Concealed Carry Holders Prevent a Murder!!

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.org

Gee, why isn't this all over the mainstream media?

On May 10th, 2014, a 34-year-old man named Fadi Qandil went to the Central mall parking lot in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, to confront his estranged wife Tabitha while she was on her way to see a movie with two other people, 23-year-old Grayson Herrera, and 27-year-old Dustin O'Connor.

According to witnesses, Qandil approached the party and told them that he had a gun. He then raised his shirt to display a firearm tucked into his waistband. When he went to reach for his firearm, both Herrera and O'Connor, who are licensed to carry a concealed firearm in their state, drew their firearms and fired at Qandil.

Herrera suffered a non-life threatening wound, while Qandil was hit with multiple shots and pronounced dead at the scene by first responders.

So let's see what we have here.

A bad guy shows up and commits felonious assault with a deadly weapon and attempts to shoot a bunch of people (probably at least his estranged wife and likely those who she was with.)

Before he can complete

that act, however, he is stopped in the commission of his felony by two other citizens carrying concealed guns.

Both of the civilians fire several shots between them and none of those bullets strike anything other than the intended target.

Now contrast this with the common "police response" to such an event, where (1) the cops show up only after the alleged assailant has completed at least one felonious act and injured or killed at least one innocent person and (2) they typically either don't shoot at all (because they're too late and the felon has already killed himself, having completed what he intended to do) or they shoot while exhibiting poor marksmanship, often injuring innocent people and/or damaging property.

You would think that this instance, where the only person who got shot was the bad guy, would get boatloads of press. After all, it bleeds, therefore it should lead, right?

Ah, probably not. See, this incident shows with decisive clarity the superiority of citizens being individually armed over reliance on the government.

- The citizens involved were demonstrably better shots, and displayed better targeting discipline, than most law enforcement of-

ficers do under similar circumstances. AND

- The citizens, due to the fact that they were present at the time of the assault and the police were not, effectively ended the assault before any innocent person was harmed. AND
- The weapons carried by the law-abiding citizens did not, despite their presence on these persons for an extended period of time, neither injured or killed anyone other than a person who was attempting to commit a violent felony at the time he was shot in lawful self defense.

There is only one fly in the ointment -- the story "emphasizes" the fact that the two citizens were licensed to carry firearms.

A person's right to lawful defense of self and others, if you recognize the right to life in the first instance, requires no "license."

A license is, by definition, a granted privilege and by both any reasonable moral code as well as the Declaration of Independence's assertion of unalienable rights, recognized (but not granted) by the Second Amendment, no person need ask permission before defending themselves from a deadly assault.

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Supporters of President Obama Will Not Be Happy About Popular Gun Shop's Newest Sign

by Jason Howerton,
TheBlaze.com

Tactical Firearms, a popular gun shop in Katy, Texas, puts up a new sign every week — and their latest one takes a direct shot at President Barack Obama.

The gun store has not been afraid to jab the president of the United States. A past sign read, "I like my guns like Obama likes his voters: Unregistered."

Tactical Firearms recently explained the signs are meant to be funny, not mean-spirited.



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Eric Holder: Opposers of Gun Control are Racist

by Kim Paxton,
FreedomOutPost.com

(Editor/GG: Eric Holder is THE definition of a pathological racist. A shameless, corrupt, dedicated socialist. A (half) black president, a black attorney general.... the list is virtually endless in the government, and, the country is racist? Eric, it ain't working anymore. We see your agenda.)

If you oppose gun control, you aren't fooling Attorney General Eric Holder one little bit. You are clearly a racist, and he knows it.

Attorney General Eric Holder, who has suggested that critics of the Obama administration are motivated by race and referred to America as a "nation of cowards" on race issues while blasting Americans who resist more gun control laws, suggested that those opposed to President Barack Obama's policy agenda of "fundamental

transformation" are quietly prejudiced.

In his Saturday commencement address at Morgan State University, a historically black university in Maryland, Holder said that even though there are no more "separate but equal" laws on the 60th anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education decision, the "vestiges of state-sanctioned discrimination continue to reverberate across the country even today."

He said America is done a disservice when they "trade the noisy discord of honest, tough, and vigorous debate for the quiet prejudice of inaction — and the cold silence of consent." To Holder, dialogue is insufficient to address the "hidden" racism in society but is "a necessary first step that must lead to action."

After comparing Obamacare to the Civil Rights Act of 1965, Holder suggested that those

opposed to Obama's "year of action" are silently displaying their prejudices and suggested that "action" is needed in voting rights, school discipline, and criminal justice reform. He blasted voter ID laws and "zero-tolerance school discipline practices" that "affect black males at a rate three times higher than their white peers." The Justice Department's school guideline reforms have been heavily criticized for effectively forcing schools to enact "de facto racial quotas" in school discipline. (source)

So basically, what it boils down to is that if you are white and you disagree with President Obama on anything, it means that you hate black people. It means that if you are in charge of students at a public school, and you punish a black student, then you must immediately seek to punish a

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for the first time, two upper assemblies are available in the shorter 14.5-inch barrel length.

"The upper assembly conversion kits will allow us to offer more high-quality, state-of-the-art choices to our customers," said Joyce Rubino, Vice President of Marketing for Colt's Manufacturing. "The upper assemblies are made to

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'The Bible...Overrules All That': Gov't Tells Christian Baker He Must Make Wedding Cakes for Gays — But He's Not Backing Down

by Billy Hallowell,
TheBlaze.com

Masterpiece Cakeshop owner Jack Phillips is doubling down on his stance just days after Colorado's Civil Rights Commission upheld a judge's ruling that the baker was wrong to deny a wedding cake to a gay couple.

Phillips told TheBlaze Tuesday that he still has no intention of providing confectionery services for gay and lesbian weddings, maintaining the position he has held since Dave Mullins and Charlie Craig, the gay couple who waged a complaint against him, first approached his bakery in 2012.

"I'm not going to make cakes for same-sex weddings," he said. "That violates my First Amendment speech ... and my duty as a Christian abiding by my savior."

Phillips said that he stopped taking all wedding cake orders in March, just three months after Judge Robert

N. Spencer of the Colorado Office of Administrative Courts ruled against him, finding that he must serve gay couples.

As TheBlaze previously reported, Spencer's order said Phillips must "cease and desist from discriminating" against same-sex couples.

So far the impact on his business has been minimal. Unlike a different bakery that saw business plummet after its owners took the same stance, Phillips said Masterpiece Cakeshop is thriving.

"It's actually increased our business," he said of the controversy surrounding his stance. "Since we were just in the news, it's busier."

"For instance, Phillips said he had 65 orders Monday, up from the 25 or 30 the bakery would normally have on the first day of a normal work week.

Phillips also addressed Spencer's December rul-

ing, saying that the judge said he understood the baker's constitutional rights, but said Phillips' refusal to provide a cake didn't qualify as "speech" and that "discrimination charges overrule it." The commission affirmed this stance May 30.

But the baker disagrees.

"The Bible to me overrules all that and the Bible asks me to be obedient to Christ — and the Bible condemns certain things," Phillips added.

His attorney, Nicolle Martin, told TheBlaze that she and her client are considering next steps which could include an appeal.

Martin also offered an illustration to help critics better understand Phillips' stance.

"I would pose this question to the admin law judge or the tribunal — 'Is this commission prepared to force a pacifist to paint a mural for a disabled U.S. veteran honoring whatever war

he or she fought in and is disabled because of?'," she asked. "Are we to force that painter to paint a mural celebrating [war]?"

Phillips added that he has received harassing phone calls and emails from those angry over his views.

As previously reported, the American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit on behalf of Mullins and Craig after Phillips refused to make their wedding cake in July 2012.

"We are all entitled to our religious beliefs and we fight for that. But someone's personal religious beliefs don't justify breaking the law by discriminating against others in the public sphere," Mark Silverstein, who directs the ACLU in Colorado, said in a past interview with the Associated Press.

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NYT reporter: Obama Administration 'The Greatest Enemy of Press Freedom' in a Generation

by Brendon Bordelon,
DailyCaller.com

New York Times reporter James Risen called the Obama administration "the greatest enemy of press freedom that we have encountered in at least a generation" on Friday, explaining that the White House seeks to control the flow of information and those who refuse to play along "will be punished."

Poynter reports that Risen made the remarks while speaking at Sources and Secrets conference — a meeting of journalism, communication, and government professionals held in New York City. The foreign policy reporter, who is currently fighting a fierce

court battle with the federal government over his protection of a confidential source, warned that press freedom is under serious attack in today's America.

In a speech kicking off the conference, Risen claimed that the Obama administration wants to "narrow the field of national security reporting" and "create a path for accepted reporting." Those who stray from that path, he cautioned, "will be punished."

The result is a "de facto Official Secrets Act," Risen explained, making the current White House "the greatest enemy of press freedom that we have encountered in at least a generation." And the media has

been "too timid" in pushing back against the onslaught.

Some of that timidity was on display at the conference. Jeffrey Toobin, a writer for The New Yorker, denied that any constitutional protections for his profession even existed. "It won't take me long to alienate everyone in the room," he declared. "For better or worse, it has been clear there is no journalistic privilege under the First Amendment."

Robert Litt, the administration's top lawyer for the national intelligence community, agreed with that statement. At the same conference, he likened reporting on national security leaks to drunk driving, ar-

guing that we ban the practice despite the fact that there isn't always a victim.

"Not every drunk driver causes a fatal accident," he explained, "but we ban drunk driving because it increases the risk of accidents. In the same way, we classify information because of the risk of harm, even if no harm actually can be shown in the end from any particular disclosure."

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Sounds Good to Me...

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.org

Oh, this is predictable.

Attorney General Eric Holder, citing an "escalating danger from self-radicalized individuals within our own borders," said Tuesday that the Justice Department will revive a domestic terrorism task

force.

The task force was established after the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995 to share information about domestic threats. It was set to meet the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, after which the country turned its focus to terror overseas.

Sounds good to me.

Mr. Holder, I would like to formally report a suspected domestic terrorist. He is a self-admitted Taliban sympathizer, has caused multiple people involved in command and control of the Taliban to be released, and in addition carries on with people known to sympathize with radical Muslim positions, including

those we are fighting in Afghanistan.

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my God, in whom I trust.”
Psalm 91:2, NIV



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Illegal aliens

Note - Nowhere in U.S. immigration law is the term “undocumented immigrants” used. No knowledgeable person says “undocumented immigrants” unless they’re partisan activists who want us to imagine actual immigrants who overlooked or misplaced some annoying paperwork. No, they’re what the State Department classification says they are, Illegal Aliens, non-citizens who are present in the United States unlawfully.

According to an article at AZ Central, “scores of undocumented immigrants from Central America have been released at Greyhound Lines Inc. bus stations in Tucson and Phoenix over the past several days after they were flown to Arizona from south Texas, officials acknowledged.” It’s not as if they’re embarrassed about the publicity, after this story broke more were released at bus stations along the way. They couldn’t make it more clear. The immigration system isn’t broken, it isn’t enforced. There’s a difference. When law enforcement assists offenders to escape prosecution, the system is broken in another way altogether.

The Washington Times reports Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson “doesn’t want agents trying to capture illegal immigrants at courthouses because those who try to access government services deserve special protection at such facilities.” So law enforcement will protect illegal aliens at courthouses, meaning booking rooms primarily. Protect them from who the article doesn’t say, from law enforcement presumably. How odd. We notice the citizenry isn’t protected from law enforcement by law enforcement, at booking rooms or anywhere else. Perhaps this is what DC means by “special protection.”

The article goes on to report, “more than 36,000

immigrants with criminal records were released into communities last year while awaiting deportation. Among those immigrants were dozens charged with murder, kidnapping, and other major charges.” Any fair observer, a Martian with a first-rate telescope say, would see this as the definitive, platinum plated, can’t-get-no-finer protection from law enforcement. Do the crime, don’t do the time, get an escort back to the ‘hood at worst. Repeat. The only thing deterred here is the law itself.

There is no reason, none, to demand tougher immigration laws. The present law isn’t enforced so why would we believe new laws would be enforced? There is no “rule of law” when enforcement is treated as an annoying legacy. This isn’t prosecutorial discretion, it’s prosecutorial desertion. Nor is it surprising, Attorney General Holder declared at the outset no effort will be expended on behalf of the ‘unjustly privileged’, meaning the ordinary, law-abiding, productive citizen. If DC wants open borders and amnesty, and they do, this is what they shall get, and they are. There’s no compelling evidence to believe otherwise.

Last Thursday, DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson told the House Judiciary Committee, in plain terms, his department had not, and would not, perform its obligation. In classic Hegelian fashion he went on to demand Congress acquiesce and “legalize” illegal aliens—immediately:

We have to accept the fact that we have 11.5 million undocumented immigrants in this country. We have to deal with that. I don’t think we should allow them to exist in a state of legal ambiguity or in a dark hole. So they’re not going away. They’re not going to self-deport. I would rather see us reckon with this

population than continue in the state of legal ambiguity we’re in right now... We’re not going to deport 11-and-a-half million undocumented immigrants in this country. You and I both know that. DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson via Susan Jones at cnsnews.com

If “the system is broken,” they broke it. There is no “legal ambiguity”. Non-citizens in large numbers are in the United States unlawfully. They’re not here accidentally or unknowingly. The law requires they be identified and removed. There’s nothing ambiguous about it. But DC abandoned its duty and now acts as counsel for the defense, a rather undemanding job in the absence of a prosecution. They suggest Congress pardon the illegals, who they paint as blameless bystanders victimized by mere chance in some malevolent misunderstanding. Why would the people not believe they’ve been had? Have the people no place at the table? Now DHS is presenting the accumulated consequences of their malfeasance as cause for the legislature to excuse, rather than make good on, their nonperformance. And they will. This is the real broken system.

DC should have a care about observing the law. It protects the people from DC, yes, and they really dislike that part. But it also protects DC from the people. The law is DC’s entire claim to legitimacy, yet they seem intent on repudiating it in the most public way possible. Bad idea. It’s an absolute, rock-bottom, fundamental principle: a contract is valid only if both parties comply with its provisions. We wouldn’t want the people to think the deal is off, now would we? Next thing you know they may not vote. Or something.

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What better way to institute martial law than to crack down on blacks and whites rioting and battling in the streets?

Anyway, let me make sure I understand this correctly: the AG doesn’t seem to be too keen on white people? Is he...could he be...oh my gosh, does this mean that Eric Holder is a racist too?

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A Sheepdog Barks!

Just when you think Obama can’t do any more harm to this country he surprises even us sheepdogs and further harms the country. Wednesday we heard that Al Qaeda has surged in Iraq and taken over major cities and territories. Obama wouldn’t listen to anyone and made numerous stupid campaign promises like “ending” the war in Iraq. Military leaders and other experienced officials tried to tell him that he shouldn’t pull out too fast. He was told we should not give away our hard earned gains, not waste the 4500+ lives lost there. Obama’s precipitous withdrawal from Iraq will cause America major problems in the future. The whole region is once again destabilized and under the control of Islamic Jihadists. They now have another breeding and training ground from which to plan and kill more Christians and Americans. This is what happens when you END wars and not WIN wars. WOOF! Obama’s policies are so bad that the career diplomat, Robert Ford, Ambassador to Syria from 2010 – 2014 recently resigned because as he said “I finally got to the point I could no longer defend the policies...” Finally, a professional screams out to the public. It is a shame that no senior military leaders have had the guts to do the same. They all knew better but remained quiet. They have let the retired flag officers do the talking and that just doesn’t have the same effect. Sadly the problem transcends this president’s influence. He will be gone in two more years. However, he threw away the fruits of victory when he didn’t negotiate a Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) with the Iraqis to maintain a U.S. presence. He could have. He just didn’t want to. It didn’t fit his campaign promise. He’s doing the same thing in Afghanistan. He’s pulling the U.S. out and leaving another huge vacuum. Of course that will be filled by the Taliban and other extremists. This is really what the Bergdahl debacle is all about. Obama actually believes that he can negotiate a peace agreement with the Taliban. The release of the 5 Taliban Generals (aka thugs and mass murderers) accomplishes 2 of his objectives. First is his legacy

of peace (a pipe dream) and second it is the beginning of emptying out GITMO. These are the only reasons that it makes any sense to trade these high level leaders for an army deserter. The military was against it, Congress was against it and I suspect the Intel community and many of our allies were against it. The specific 5 for 1 trade made here only served Obama. Yes, we should have worked to get back Bergdahl, but not for such a price. It’s pretty clear he could have been repatriated for money only. That would have been appropriate and a properly measured response. Obama’s whole line of reasoning here is flawed. He says the war in Afghanistan is over and he had to get Bergdahl back now. His lapdogs are saying that eventually they would have had to release these 5 bad guys because we couldn’t hold them indefinitely. That is absolutely wrong. First of all just because Obama says the war is over doesn’t make it over. We all know it takes two to tango. Pulling out of Afghanistan is one thing but it doesn’t end the war on terror. The war on terror is far reaching, not isolated in Afghanistan, and won’t be over until all the Islamic crazies decide to quit killing Americans. That’s not about to happen anytime soon and certainly not because Obama says so. The 5 Taliban leaders were not POWs to be given back at the end of hostilities. They are enemy combatants and can be held for as long as the Jihadists wage war on Americans and that might be forever. Obama has somehow in his feckless mind merged these 2 unrelated situations. He doesn’t have a clue about what he is really doing. This over-his-head community organizer has done and is doing irreparable harm to this country. It will take decades and more of America’s blood and treasure to regain the stability we already had. And the harm he is doing goes far beyond his foreign policy. He is wreaking the same havoc in everything he does with his domestic policies. Every day he breaks more laws with his phone and pen. The EPA war on coal is the latest. Many respected Constitutional scholars, like Jonathan Hurley, are speaking out that Obama



is violating our Constitution and Laws repeatedly. Many others point out that many of these “high crimes and misdemeanors” are impeachable offenses. And what does Congress do about it! Absolutely nothing! Tuesday night the House majority leader went down in his Virginia primary. Good Riddance! Too bad the same thing didn’t happen to Speaker Boehner in Ohio. WOOF! These career Republicans are guilty of looking the other way and tolerating this outrageous behavior. They are cowards. Watch them do nothing about the latest offense. When campaigning Obama said he wouldn’t use “signing statements” when he signed bills into law like that dirty Bush did to make end runs around Congress. So what did Obama just do? He used a signing statement when he signed the 30 days notification to Congress law on releasing GITMO detainees and then broke the law and did an end run around Congress when he released the 5 most evil enemy leaders we had. HOWL! And Congress stands around with their tails tucked between their legs and then they express faux outrage. They will do nothing about it! In all reality Obama is actually not the most serious problem we have in America. The most serious problem we have are the idiots that elected this fool not once but twice. Here’s what Thomas Sowell (a black columnist, by the way, lest he be considered a racist) wrote recently about this: “Instead of taking their role as citizens seriously they chose to vote on the basis of racial symbolism, glib rhetoric and wishful thinking.” Perfectly said. WOOF! And I have warned before that in 2016 the LPSDs will do it again to elect the 1st woman president, corrupt or not. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy on America! JMH

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white student. Because... quotas, duh.

Even those who condemn comments that are considered to be racist in nature, are actually, according to Holder, racist themselves.

Even though there was near universal condemnation for Donald Sterling’s and Cliven Bundy’s comments about black Americans, Holder said that was not good enough because the public outrage merely masks “hidden” racism in society.

“But we ought not find contentment in the fact that these high-profile expressions of outright bigotry seem atypical and were met with such swift condemnation,” he said. “Because if we focus solely on these incidents – on outlandish statements that capture national attention and spark outrage on Facebook and Twitter – we are likely to miss the more hidden and more troubling, reality behind the headlines.”

So, face reality, my friends. You’re a racist, I’m a racist, everyone’s a racist. This is how race wars start. Seems intentional, right?



Ponzi Here, Ponzi There, Everywhere.... A Ponzi

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.org

(Editor/GG: The “too-big-to-fail” ponzi banks, brokers and markets are being created by our government! And sustained by it. The consequences: economic collapse. Read Karl’s analysis and weep.)

Anyone who followed the Madoff debacle probably thinks about Ponzis as being deliberately concocted frauds. Instead of using investor money to fund a productive business venture, the con artist channels the proceeds from new investors to pay interest to earlier ones. But economists have started to realize that this type of behavior can also occur spontaneously, even unconsciously, simply by having one expectation feed on another, creating a frenzy of speculation, an inflating economic bubble that is doomed to eventually crash.

Spontaneously, eh?

Scientific American goes on to muse about “camouflaged” Ponzi schemes that allegedly “break no laws.”

Except.... they all do, if the law is predicated on mathematical impossibility -- and it is.

So why not prosecute them all and stop it?

That’s simple: Government in its current form depends on them.

Schiller claims there are “naturally-occurring” Ponzis that feed not on manipulation but “market forces.”

Really Robert? Really?

What “natural market forces” powered the Housing Bubble? Were expando-mortgages natural market forces? Was intentionally not verifying an income and asset statement a natural market force, or did someone (or a lot of someones!) know that only though intentional and direct concealment of material facts could those securities be formed and sold to unwitting investors? How do you fund a mortgage that nobody will buy?

How about government spending? Is it a natural market force when we blow over \$2 trillion a year on “social spending” when for one quarter of that, or just under \$500 billion a year, we could guarantee every household in this country a \$32,000 a year after-tax income?

Where did the other \$1,500 billion -- three times as much as is required to guarantee that income to every household -- go? Is it a natural market force that caused it to be extracted through both taxation and dilution of purchasing power, funneled to powerful people in Washington, D.C. and their patrons through the United States and beyond, or is an active fraud upon the public that results in more than three quarters of that \$2 trillion not going to the claimed purpose?

How about the stock market today? Is it a natural market force when interest rates are manipulated at the same time deficit spending guarantees purchasing power destruction, such that mathematically money is allegedly being lent intentionally at a loss? That of course doesn’t happen (nobody intentionally flushes money down the toilet) so there has to be an artifice -- outright trickery and fraud -- somewhere, yes?

I think so.

How do you change this?

You start with recognizing what has been done since the 1980s, that it’s destructive and intentional, and you put a stop to it.

You accept that this will result in some “too-big-to-fail” institutions failing because they were dynamically and intentionally unstable -- an instability created on purpose by their management. There is nothing natural about such a state and encouraging it to continue is foolish.

You vigorously expose those who run such nonsense as “houses are a good investment/store of value/appreciating asset” as fraudsters and, if they won’t cease and desist, you lock them up.

You demand that our schools teach exponents and what happens over time to all exponential growth curves, without exception. Nobody gets out of a high school without understanding that all such claims are inherently frauds -- every one, every time.

The problem is that we’re not ready to do any of that.... are we?

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PROOF IS IN THE PUDDING: CO Counties Leading Job Growth Are Conservative Strongholds

by ColoradoPeakPolitics

We can write about why conservative policies are good for the economy and boost job growth until we’re blue in the face, but nothing feels better than a real-life example that allows us to say: We told you so.

This week, the U.S. Department of Labor announced that Douglas and Weld counties, Republican strongholds in Colorado, are national leaders for job growth. That’s right, national. Employment in Douglas County grew by 5.9 percent last year, while Weld County saw a healthy 5 percent growth in jobs. Douglas County has such a friendly business environment that it’s been successful in attracting Fortune 500 corporations to locate their national headquarters there, such as CH2M Hill and DISH Network. Weld County can directly attribute its growth to a booming energy sector that accounts for 92,100 jobs.

The report compared 334 counties in the United States that have 75,000 or more jobs. While several other Colorado counties made the list, Douglas and Weld far outpaced them. We also found it interesting that Douglas and Weld both ranked so high yet credit their respective success to very different industries and very different types of jobs. This diversity underscores the fact that government policies should promote job growth in all industries and not discriminate against jobs that political leaders don’t think are good enough. We’re looking at you, President Barack Obama and Senate President Morgan Carroll.

We have watched the left do its damndest to demonize big corporations and oil and gas companies, while simultaneously creating policies that promote big government and subsidize the fledgling questionably viable solar industry. This is the wrong approach and only serves to hurt the hard working men and women who just want to earn an honest living. Just a little something for Colorado Democrats to consider the next time they want to be taken seriously when it comes to the issue of jobs.

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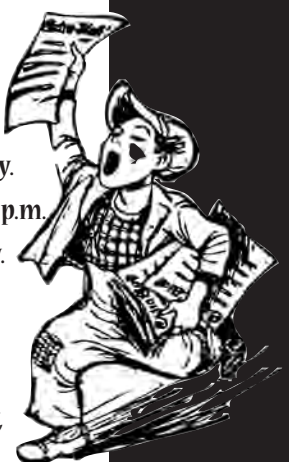
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“Takin’ It To The House...”

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From: Representative
Jim Wilson – HD 60
June 8, 2014

Well, that is what you get for thinking! I thought last week would be my last regular column and you all thought the 69th General Assembly was over. Believe it or not there may be an encore! Even as the session was winding down, there were rumors circulating under the Golden Dome of a special session involving oil and gas. As the final gavel fell, the chances of a special session seemed to be slim and none – and slim had left town. However, slim may be riding back into Denver!

It is no secret – this is an election year. You have received your Primary Election ballots, but the real battle is over the General Election. The scramble to protect incumbents and to provide “cover” for vulnerable candidates is at the heart of the potential special session. Colorado is at the epicenter of national politics with a U.S. Senate seat up for grabs, a hotly contested U. S. Representative race (Coffman vs. Romanoff) and the Governor’s

chair all in the crosshairs. Now, here comes slim...

This oil and gas debate is being presented as a “local control” issue. Republicans, by and large, are all about local control – keeping the government out of people’s lives as much as possible. The Dems, in this case are trying to use that “local control” button to push the environmentalist position of allowing local entities to keep oil and gas production out of their neighborhoods. It is a touchy situation – an oil well in your front yard may not be appealing to you unless you have oil under your property and want to receive the revenue. If you do not have oil under your property, you may not want an oil well in your neighborhood at all.

The oil and gas issue is a lot like funding education. Some communities do not have enough tax base to support their schools while other communities have a huge tax base that would allow them to fund everything. Because this creates an inequity in educational opportunities for the children of our state,

the School Finance Act allows for the equitable distribution of the tax revenue. The oil and gas question is much the same. Should local communities make the decisions that ultimately affect the entire state’s energy policy as well as the industry’s investments of over \$5 billion in the state’s economy? Since oil and gas is not equally distributed geographically across the state, perhaps this is an issue best left at the state level.

Why is this coming up now? Good question, simple answer – it is all about the votes. What I am hearing is the Governor did not have the votes during the session and is scrambling to find votes before calling a special session. The House (37-28 Dem majority) is not a factor. The battle is in the Senate where the Dems only hold an 18-17 edge. Oh, and did I mention there are rumors that behind the scenes is a liberal multi-millionaire Colorado U.S. Representative threatening the process, supposedly saying he will spend millions of his own dollars for a constitutional ballot initiative if the legislature does not pass a



bill that meets his approval? Federal and personal agendas pushing their way into Colorado – does this sound familiar?

Folks, oil and gas regulation is a HUGE issue for our state. The battle lines are clouded by the smoke and mirrors of an election year. Please take the time to look at it through the lens of common sense. After all, in an election year things may not be as they seem! Stay tuned -- and, while we are out of session, feel free to call my home number at 719-539-4452 or contact me through my regular e-mail: wilson-forhd60@gmail.com

Yours for HD 60 --
Representative Jim Wilson



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