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One year ago today this newspaper was born to provide a “choice” and provide a vehicle to have full, open, and honest dialogue in this community. Today, the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel is ONE-year-old. We share our birthday with this great Nation. America is 238 years old today. On July 4th, 1776 our Founding Fathers declared independence from “government” tyranny. The “government” then was one man – a King. Everyone else was a subject. On July 4th, 2013, this paper declared it would be a “Sentinel” (aka Guardian) for the truth for all the citizens. The truth is not always pleasant. The truth is hard to deal with. The truth is not politically correct. There are and will continue to be many local, state, and national “truths” that need to be honestly and widely discussed. There will never be total agreement about any issue. Nevertheless, the issues need public awareness and debate. This paper promised to serve, inform, and protect the good citizens in this area. The guiding principles which shape our coverage are



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The Mountain Publishing Co., Inc. proudly announces the printing of a new weekly newspaper, the "SANGRE DE CRISTO SENTINEL", beginning July 4, 2013. A newspaper to serve the good people of this county, surrounding counties and our neighboring communities located along the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. A newspaper with a conservative voice. A newspaper with "A DIFFERENT VIEW FROM THE SAME MOUNTAINS" than what has

been the only choice - until now. A newspaper for all liberty and freedom loving citizens and patriots.

We believe this is a much needed "CHOICE" in these beautiful, mostly rural, areas of Colorado. The Sentinel (also known as a Sentry) is a Guardian. He watches over, protects, informs and warns us and others of danger. There are many present dangers to our liberties, freedoms and rights. So, first, we need to be informed, then we need to stand up for and be prepared to protect these liberties, freedoms and rights. Lastly, we need to remain vigilant. This newspaper will be our Sentinel and help us all do that.

It will cover the local scene and also provide awareness and warnings about state and federal issues that concern us all. The views in the "SANGRE DE CRISTO SENTINEL" will be based on truth, facts, logic and real common sense. We hope you will see it as a reliable and credible source to help keep you informed and aware of the important happenings at all levels from our small communities to our entire country - The United States of America. We invite you to check us out and then we hope you will support us to make sure this "CHOICE" remains available to all the citizens and patriots in this region.

The Editorial Board



Manny Pedigo and Titus Crawford proudly carry the banner announcing the birth of the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel during the parade on Memorial Day weekend. And the excitement began!

photo courtesy of Barbara Napolitan

told by some we wouldn't last 6 weeks. We are still growing, struggling, learning, and changing every week. We're still learning the right balance of truth and friendship. It has been a challenge. Just for the record it is not easy! There are some that don't believe there should be any criticism in a small community. That is the reason, however, that there are problems that never get fixed. We understand that family, friends, and leaders in this community are intertwined. But there are those in this community that have great influence and they are not always in harmony with our religious and conservative values. We hope you will continue to support us, read us, agree or disagree with us, yet continue to help us make sure there remains a “choice” in this area. The tough issues and the sensitive and contentious information never seemed to be made public in the past. We hope that with your support we will be around a long time. One-sided opinions and dialogue do not serve “we the people” very well. We are grateful for this first year of opportunity to help

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In a letter to his wife about Independence Day, John Adams 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...”



The Sentinel's Creed

We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not granted to us by politicians or governments. Freedom demands responsible behavior of all citizens and must be consistent with the truths expressed in the great moral and governing guides as the Ten Commandments, the Declaration of Independence, the U. S. Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

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

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



For with God nothing will be impossible.

Luke 1:37, NKJV



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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

GOD BLESS AMERICA OR GOD HAVE MERCY ON AMERICA?

Today is America's 238th Birthday. Independence Day speeches are almost always ended with God Bless America. We should pray for that. But is America still worthy of God's Blessings. This nation was founded by men of faith. The "Black Robes" (aka clergy) spoke of our God-given rights and "lit the fuse" of those men that loved liberty and freedom and decided to throw off the yokes of oppression and tyranny. The preachers reminded the people, those obedient to God would be granted many rights, not by the government, but by the Creator. Those courageous men "birthed" the Declaration of Independence. In that document, which broke the chains of allegiance to the British Crown, our Founding Fathers penned these words among others: **"that they (all men) are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness..."** They continued: **"We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude (honesty) of our intentions..."** They finished with: **"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, ..."**

As these smart men broke away from the Crown they made sure to include God in their plans. When they wrote the Constitution they ended it with **"the seventeenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hun-**

dred and eighty seven..."

What did that refer to? Obviously, the birth of Jesus. And when they amended the Constitution with the Bill of Rights, the FIRST thing they made sure of was that Congress couldn't make any law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. That is a testament to how strongly they believed. They happened to believe in God, but didn't want to force that on anyone else. They clearly didn't call for any wall of separation between Church and State. Simply stated, they had no problem with a Christmas Tree being displayed in our seats of government. But they sure knew how important it was to seek God's approval. When George Washington was administered the Oath of Office he added at the end **"So Help Me God."** He then made these few brief remarks about God's favor on our country and the need for His blessings for our continued success:

"I shall take my present leave; but not without resorting once more to the benign Parent of the human race, in humble supplication, that since He has been pleased to favor the American people with opportunities for deliberating in perfect tranquility, and dispositions for deciding with unparalleled unanimity on a form of Government for the security of their union, and the advancement of their happiness, so His divine blessing may be equally conspicuous in the enlarged views, the temperate consultations and the wise measures, on

which the success of this government must depend."

George Washington
April 29, 1789

Obedience to God and the desire for His blessing was woven all through the creation fabric of our country. Once these documents were complete our Founding Fathers went on to say even more:

"[The adoption of the Constitution] will demonstrate as visibly the finger of Providence as any possible event in the course of human affairs can ever designate it."

George Washington

"I regard it [The Constitution] as the work of purest patriots and wisest statesmen that ever existed, aided by the smiles of a benignant [gracious] Providence... it almost appears a Divine interposition in our behalf..."

Daniel Webster

"Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters."

Benjamin Franklin

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

John Adams

"The sum of all is, if we would most truly enjoy the gift of Heaven, let us become a virtuous people; then shall we both deserve and enjoy it..."

Samuel Adams

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports..."

George Washington

These men who helped create this great nation all knew what it would take to keep it. They warned us even. God has clearly blessed the nation from its beginnings. Where are we as a nation today? Are we righteous? God's family structure has been torn apart. We are told that any kind of family structure is okay. That it is not necessary to have a father, a mother, and children. There were always exceptions but the traditional family was valued and respected. Young people grew up striving to create and maintain such a family. Single parent families for the most part used to be a result of death or divorce. Now many single parent families are created by choice. The sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman is lost. We understand that the Constitution is being used to allow same-sex marriage. Our government should not even be involved in sanctioning marriage. God created marriage and it should be done before Him only. Anything else should be a civil union created by men and governments. These unions could then receive equal treatment under our nation's laws. It's just not marriage. Over 55 million babies have been aborted while sanctioned by our government just since 1973. Can you imagine? 55 million of God's children have been killed since Roe v. Wade when the supposedly wise and honorable justices of our Supreme

Court found a phony right to privacy existed in our Constitution. How crazy. In the name of progressivism and the right to choose we have justified, and even encouraged, the killing of about one-fifth of our entire population. Do we believe God is happy about that? Sinful living is all around us. Our churches are failing to uphold God's word. Many churches support and even perform same-sex marriage. Some even support abortion. Few really teach the word of God. Heaven forbid; they surely don't want empty pews. Does America really deserve God's blessings? Many of us sure hope for it, want it, and pray for it. But do we deserve it? Blessings come from obedience. We believe that attitude is lacking today and may be getting worse with each generation. Let's review. Our government is failing, our churches are failing, the people are failing, and our overall morality is failing. We are failing to honor God and His commandments and His direction for living a righteous life. The farther we stray from God the worse it will be for America. Why should God bless us? Do we deserve it? We recognize there are many righteous, yet imperfect, citizens. Our concern is whether there is enough. We must return to the attitudes of our forefathers when the country was conceived. It may not be enough to just say, "May God Bless America!" We may have reached a point where we need to say "May God Have Mercy on America!" So Happy Birthday America, and hopefully, if God continues to have mercy on us, we will have many more. Our life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is at stake.

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What America Needs To Be Great Again!

by Pastor Glenn Shock

"Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place." Revelation 2:4-5

These words spoken to the Church in Ephesus as to its place and redemptive history give great admonition to both individual believers, corporate organizations, families, and yes, even our country.

Ephesus was a church that at one time was a blowing and going church. It was a church that stood strong for the gospel of Christ, but started to live on its memory instead of continue to move into the present with a true understanding of what was actually oc-

curing within its body. The same could be said of America. Many songs have been written through the ages concerning America's roots, America's freedom, and the hope that this country gives many. This Fourth of July weekend, I think it is quite appropriate for us to look afresh and anew as to what America needs to be great again.

Some would argue with me and say, "America has never lost its greatness! America is still great!" I would differ. I think sometimes there comes a time for an honest spiritual perception as to where we really are. We all must experience that in our own life. We cannot keep living in the past nor living on what we think we are now or what we wish we really were and live in that kind of spiritual denial, nor as citizens of this land can we afford the luxury of conveniently forgetting

what the Word of God says about our land and about our culture and how we are to live based upon the Word of God.

There was a golden age in our country. Now, that golden age has been somewhat tarnished by sin and problems that are the result of sin. What we need is an old fashioned, sin-killing, satan-stomping, Holy Ghost revival. Unless we have that kind of movement of God in the hearts and lives of people, across denominational lines, across political strongholds, through the mentality of people in this land, we are headed for destruction.

Pray with me that the Lord will return our nation to the foundational roots of Godliness that will keep our future generations walking in the path of righteousness.

God Bless,
Pastor Glenn

Honored to Serve

In the past five years it has been an honor to serve the residents of Custer County as your Chief Deputy Coroner. I took the job very seriously from training to taking every call that I could attend. Being there to help people in their darkest time is challenging but also gave me the feeling that I was making a difference. Regrettably, I will no longer be able to continue in this

capacity. On June 26th I received a certified letter from our elected Coroner revoking my appointment as a Deputy Coroner. I would like to thank the residents of Custer County for your faith in me, the support I received in my campaign, and again, it was an honor to serve you.

Sincerely,
Brad L Baltzly

A Voice from the "Peanut Gallery"

On West Custer County Hospital District and EMS - a Voice from the "Peanut Gallery"

The situation with regard to Advanced Life-Saving services (ALS) in Custer County has reached crisis level. If a change of course is not made now, our community is headed for disaster.

The issue is not about skills or talents. There are some dedicated and VERY capable people, many of whom are volunteering their time and talents to serve us. The

core issue is much more fundamental: the Hospital District is on the wrong path and immediate course correction is needed. This is a crisis, and it is urgent that this change occurs NOW.

By 3 measures the current leadership is wrong: 1) Morally. 2) Legally. 3) Economically.

MORALLY - People have already died who might have been saved. Others have almost died, but were saved only by outside resources which are not al-

ways available. People wait needlessly. A change is needed today; more people will be jeopardized without it.

LEGALLY - The Hospital District which runs the clinic and EMS is both a non-profit and a special taxing district. As such it is governed by state and federal laws. It is not in compliance with either. Taxpayer funds are being collected, yet not being spent where they are legal-

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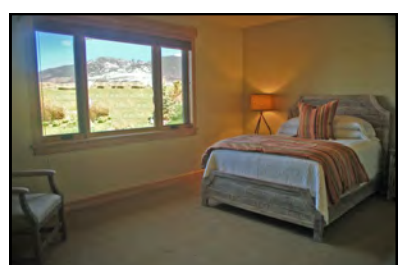
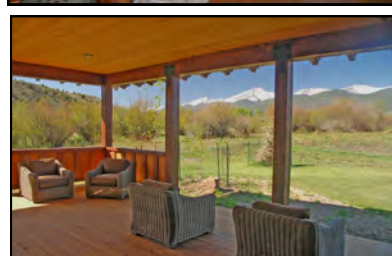
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The Beauty I Long To See

by Scott Bailey

*In pictures oft unrecognized
by those so near to see,
A silent beauty fills my eyes
and sings of being free.
As old men argue politics,
as children romp and play,
There is a stunning majesty
that brightens every day.
I wonder if you see as I,
being nestled in its hills,
The glory of the western sky
that fills my heart with thrills.
The Sangres, friends, are of what I speak;
they fill my soul with joy.
Their radiance found in every peak
brings me tears as a little boy.
Happy tears that taste of love
that always let me know,
Our Father God is up above
His glory the Sangres show.
Stop and look next time you're out
at just how blessed you are,
In thanks and praise give a shout
for from paradise you're not too far.*

Independence Day Cowboy Style

*Cowgirl Sass & Savvy
by Julie Carter*

There are some things about a cowboy that don't change, no matter the era. One of those is his delight in and dedication to celebrating the Fourth of July "cowboy style." Cowboys, if they are anything, are patriotic.

For a hundred years, rodeo has ranked bucking horses and roping cowboys right up there with the firecrackers and parades as part of the tradition of Independence Day. The sport of Ranch Rodeo has given the working cowboy a good reason to go to town whether to cheer on his peers or be part of the competition.

Just to clear up any issues of mathematics in the profit and loss department of this celebration, expenses are always only an estimate by the cowboy and rarely mentioned. However, if there is a "win" for the income column, it will never be forgotten and will become part of the cowboy's memories of legendary proportion.

The ambiance of a rodeo on the Fourth of July has changed only in the wide array of arena options available. Many a small town USA still offers board bleachers and bull-wire fencing (leaning and weathered) with the original outhouses

from 1954 still serving as the "facilities." However, these are fading from the landscape.

The other end of the spectrum is the covered, air-conditioned sportsplex with, in addition to the arena, a swimming pool, a couple restaurants, a western wear and tack store, basketball court, adjoining golf course, and softball field.

In spite of the contradicting monetary math, rodeo grounds across America will be covered over in trucks, trailers, hats, and swinging ropes this July 4th holiday. It is Cowboy Christmas time and the cowboys have already been on the road for days working up their momentum for the holiday.

Even the livestock seems to know the routine. As the cowboys stand at the chutes, hats held over their hearts as the flags are posted and the national anthem is played, the bucking horses waiting in the chute will snort and kick the gate behind them. It is part of the musical percussion of rodeo.

That moment, those sounds, burn into the recesses of a cowboy's rodeo memories, along with the smell of arena dirt, the banging of gates as livestock is moved around, trailers rattling across the parking lot, and

the sound of hoof beats as a horse lopes to the arena.

Fourth of July rodeoing is defined by road-weary unshaven cowboys, tired horses, and pickups filled with dirty clothes, rumpled programs, empty coffee cups, dust-covered sunglasses, gas receipts, and a well-worn road map.

Without the need for pulling a horse trailer, the rough stock cowboys will pile in together over the 4th of July week, crisscrossing the country, for example, from Greeley to several places in Arkansas, back to Arizona, and up to Montana followed by a run in the South. Burning up the rodeo highway the old-fashioned way has not gone out of style.

They don't all win, they can't all afford it, but across the board, they all love it with a passion only they feel and no one but they can understand.

It makes me very happy to know that the tradition of rodeo continues without much change in the basics. You can't say that about very many things in this world.

It is a world where "rodeo" isn't a noun and "try" isn't a verb.

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The Sangre de Cristo Mountains from just east of Silver Cliff.

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Two: Make sure the system is properly bonded / grounded. Systems that are properly grounded experience fewer problems and less severe damage when struck.

Three: A copper water line installed between the well and house is one of the best grounds but it is expensive. Remember that when push comes to

shove nothing that man can do will stop a force of nature that can cross miles of sky and destroy a large ponderosa pine or blow a hole in the ground several feet across.

One benefit of insurance is that most homeowner's policies cover damage due to lightning.

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ly required to be spent: on 24x7 Emergency Services. The ballot mandates are simple and unambiguous. The service plan is clear. The voters of Custer County approved tax dollars to fund 24x 7 Emergency Medical Services. That money is therefore, legally defined as: "Solicited Designations." It's against the law to spend any of it on anything other than precisely what it's designated for. No deviation is allowed without prior voter approval. So taxpayers, have been, and are now being, defrauded. Our tax dollars

are being misappropriating to pay for non-emergency medical services, which we never approved. It is time for a "claw-back" of what has been illegally spent. It's about the Rule of Law – period. Out tax payments are designated for 24x 7 Emergency Medical Services. That's the only thing they can be legally be spent on.

ECONOMICALLY – Westcliffe is not Aspen, but try telling that to the business owners here when they get their property tax bills. Commercial property taxes are almost as big as annual mortgage payments. Taxes are killing our economy. The last thing we need is more taxes. The clinic is nice and it serves

a lot of people. But Custer County can survive with a reduced or changed clinic. However, EMS is essential! Without ALS more people will die; our families, friends and neighbors. People who could be saved. There is a problem at the clinic, which has been wrongly transformed into a crisis with EMS. Money that was designated for 24x7 Emergency care, is being spent on other things. This is morally and legally wrong. It should stop immediately. It's time to see that EMS gets ALL the tax funds which are paid to the Hospital District.

*Larry Sanders,
Westcliffe*



Eight-Mile Fire Burning on BLM Land

A small fire sparked by lightning nearly a week earlier in the Eight Mile Drainage near Penrose came roaring to life last Friday with a change in the direction and speed of the wind in the area growing from less than two acres to about 500. As of press-time on Tuesday, the fire has burned approximately 528 acres and is 40 percent contained. No structures have been burned and there have been no injuries. Firefighters now working to contain the fire expect it to remain on BLM land and, while a few homes in the Red Rocks Subdivision have been put on pre-evacuation notice, no evacuations have been needed to date.

Sentinel photo by Paul Sage



Shakespeare in the Sangres

A Comedy of Errors was performed last weekend at the Ampitheater behind The Feed Store Restaurant.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

Happy Anniversary Steven & Kristi Sandeen!

July 4th, 2014 is not just a day to celebrate our country's independence; it is also the day to celebrate the Silver Anniversary of long time valley residents, Steven & Kristi Sandeen.

Steven & Kristi moved to the valley from Arvada with their 3 amazing children, Jake, Ben & Arielle, in 1998 onto raw land: upon which they built their beautiful home from the ground up.

Steven has successfully owned & operated his business, Elite Home Service, since before moving to the valley and through

his business has built, renovated & improved many homes, barns & garages.

Kristi volunteered as a counselor at the Lighthouse for 7 years, she then became Assistant Director for her last 2 years. Kristi is now exceptionally cleaning homes throughout the valley under Elite Home Service.

Family & close friends will be celebrating Steven & Kristi's 25th Anniversary with a party being given by their life-long friends, David & Michealle Woolery.

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Front Sitting: Kathy Wampler, Back, from the left: Brenda Janssen, Connie Miller, Bev Shoemaker, Yvonne Phillips.

by Candi Sage

Eagle Summit Ranch and the Roever Foundation celebrated another graduation of warriors on Friday, June 27, with the support of Custer and Fremont County veterans and community members.

This group of eleven participants in Operation Warrior Reconnect (Recon) was a combination of Army, Navy, Marine, and Air Force military men with experience in the Middle East and Vietnam. During their stay, the men went bowling, horseback riding, ate well and gained help to "find their way home" following their experiences and injuries.

These eleven men are from around the United States with two from Colorado. Congratulations to the warriors for their bravery and commitment. Welcome Home!

Pictured Above: Top photo: Dave and Matt Roever with the June 27 Graduates. Left: Kathy Wampler singing "Hero" at the close of the ceremony. Right: Dave Roever introducing Beverly and Jerry Shoemaker, Directors of Eagles Summit Ranch, CO. Bottom: Community members give wonderful support to these wounded warriors!

Sentinel photos by Paul Sage

Local Mountain News & Notices

Hospital District Writes Modified Service Plan; Attempts to Make Ambulance Service Optional

Analysis & Commentary

by Paul Sage

The West Custer County Hospital District has submitted a proposed revision of their service plan to the Board of County Commissioners. It essentially crosses out parts of the service plan they have been failing to fulfill – some for years – and adds vague new language in others.

For example, where the legal, voter-approved service plan speaks of providing medical care “on a regular and 24 hour emergency basis,” the district’s proposed revision states that they may provide medical service on “an established business hour basis.” It does not indicate what that is or who establishes it, but presumably it refers to the ‘banker’s hours’ arrange-

ment currently in place.

Where the covenant the Hospital District has with the citizens of the county says they “will also furnish ambulance service,” they propose to absolve themselves of this obligation by changing the wording to include that they will “seek to” do so.

While the district board was careful to absolve themselves of the responsibilities entrusted to them by the citizens of the county they either no longer do or no longer wish to perform (like the ambulance service), the remainder of the ‘revised’ service plan is a freshman effort at best. None of the outdated statistics or figures in the 1988 service plan are updated and the budget included is still the original 1988 budget.

As a reason for the necessity of providing this service to the county in the ‘revised’ service plan, it still lists “attendance at the Conquistador Ski Area has risen and the number of seasonal events such as the Jazz Festival, which draw people to the county, has increased.” In fact, Conquistador Ski Area was closed down in federal receivership in 1988, and the Jazz Festival is also a thing of the past, like Western Days and Mining Days and a number of other events previously held in the county. Increasing events and tourism left the county on the same train as the building boom and through-the-roof real estate values.

One thing accomplished by revising the service plan is to reaffirm that the existing one is still in place. No change to the “archa-

ic, historic service plan,” as Clinic Director Delwin Lester called it on March 24th, would be necessary if they were not currently obligated to adhere to it. If, as District Board member Bob Tobin said at the same meeting “the service plan had language that is no longer operative, Emergent care is not provided at this facility – period” were a legitimate option, there would be no need to make changes to the plan. In fact, the desire to legally change the plan appears to confirm that it is or should be in place today.

Additionally, the contract signed in 1988 by Keith Hood as Chairman of the newly created Hospital District Board and George Draper as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners would still bind the district to provide ambu-

lance service. The signed agreement states in part “the District agrees to pay all costs of operation and to provide ambulance service that has historically been provided by the ambulance corps.”

Submitting such a ‘revised’ service plan to the county commissioners seems to be an exercise in futility. The commissioners have repeatedly told this group that they don’t have the authority to interfere with the West Custer County Hospital District which is a voter approved governmental entity in its own right.

The answer to this question has been delivered to the district numerous times and accusing them of “pussy-footing around” or “sitting on the fence” will not change that reality. The answer might best be summed

up by Commissioner Kit Shy’s response in February of this year when he explained to the District board that “the Ambulance District was formed and they went to the public and said ‘we are going to provide these services and we’re going to ask you for money to do that.’ Now to me that’s a contract. The taxpayers and the citizens entered into a contract to provide you with the money to do it. Your covenant and your agreement is with the voters and the citizens, not with the County Commissioners. If you’re going to change that plan and no longer provide a service that you agreed to, you need to go to the voters and tell them that. County Commissioners don’t step between the voting public and a district that was formed by the voting public.”



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“Mindplay: Allied Deception in WWII” Author Speaks on WWII Spies, Codebreaking

Covert intelligence played a major role in Allied victory during WWII. Part-time local Dennis Kane will be speaking on this topic with “Mindplay: Allied Deception in WWII” on Thursday, July 10, at 7 p.m. This free program at the West Custer County Library is part of the Adult Summer Reading Program events series.

In “Mindplay,” Kane will uncover the little-known British covert intelligence contributions that collectively saved many lives, assured Allied successes, and ultimately helped restore freedom and liberty to the world. His presentation traces the powerful mixture of the military intelligence-gathering and clandestine operations involving double spies, code breaking, and elaborate strategic deceptions that took place in the European

theater and culminated in the successful D-Day invasion.

Kane, former U.S. Army intelligence agent, retired public library administrator, and retired high school English teacher invites the community to accompany him as he briefly recounts these poignant stories of WW II in honor of the many heroes who made the Allied efforts successful.

Kane said for the past 40 years, he and his wife, Kay, and their family have returned to Westcliffe from their home in the Minnesota Twin Cities area to engage this area’s lively and friendly residents and enjoy the Wet Mountain Valley grandeur for their summer respite.

For more information on this event, contact West Custer County Library Director Amy Moulton at 783-9138.

Valley Vibrations & Play with Your Food

The West Custer County Library’s free Summer Reading program for all ages continues the week of July 7th with a bang and a splat.

At “Valley Vibrations” teens will learn authentic Djimbe drumming. Playing a beautiful, handmade African drum as the sounds and vibrations fill the room is an experience not to be missed. Space is limited and advanced registration is required. This event takes place on Wednesday, July 9, at the library, and will begin at 1 p.m. It is open to teens entering grades 6-12. If interested, contact the library to see if there is still space available.

“Play with Your Food” combines fun, food, and science. Kids will be mad scientists as they

discover the secrets of what lurks in their kitchens. This wonderfully messy time is open to kids entering 5th grade and under on Thursday, July 10th from 1 - 2 p.m. in the Custer County School’s Multi-purpose room. No advanced sign-up is required.

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.

Can You Help?

On this Independence Day, we owe a debt of gratitude to every veteran who helped create and keep this country free. To every one who has served, we say, ‘Thank You!’

In Memorial Park in Westcliffe, there is a plaque, which reads:

This park is erected in honor of those in our community who served in WWII and in memory of the following men who made the supreme sacrifice:

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Wild West Cowboy Church's Ranch Rodeo was a Great Success!

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The first place team was Tate Rusk, Alan Oloman, Dave Bunker, and Jake Shy.

*Sentinel photos
by Carol Clemenson*

Save the Date! For the Westcliffe Stampede Parade, Rodeo, 4-H Fair & Livestock Sale



Photo by Nicole Bowman

**The fun starts on Friday, July 18, at 6 p.m.
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**The Parade is Saturday, July 19, at 10 a.m.
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Here is an interesting piece of trivia. Both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were the only signers of the Declaration of Independence who later served as presidents of the United States. They also died on the same day, July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration.

In a letter dated July 3, 1776, to his wife, Abigail, John Adams wrote, "I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost Us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States.

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information source: www.wikipedia.com

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35k Non-Pro - Earnings	Scott Murdock	
15k Novice Horse - Earnings	Kenneth Platt	
15k N.H. - Non-Pro - Earnings	Robert Tregemba	
15k Amatuer - Earnings	John Wade Murdock	
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Nathan Lacy with Donna Hood



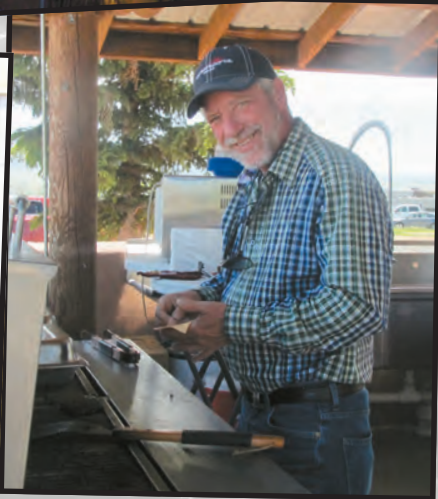
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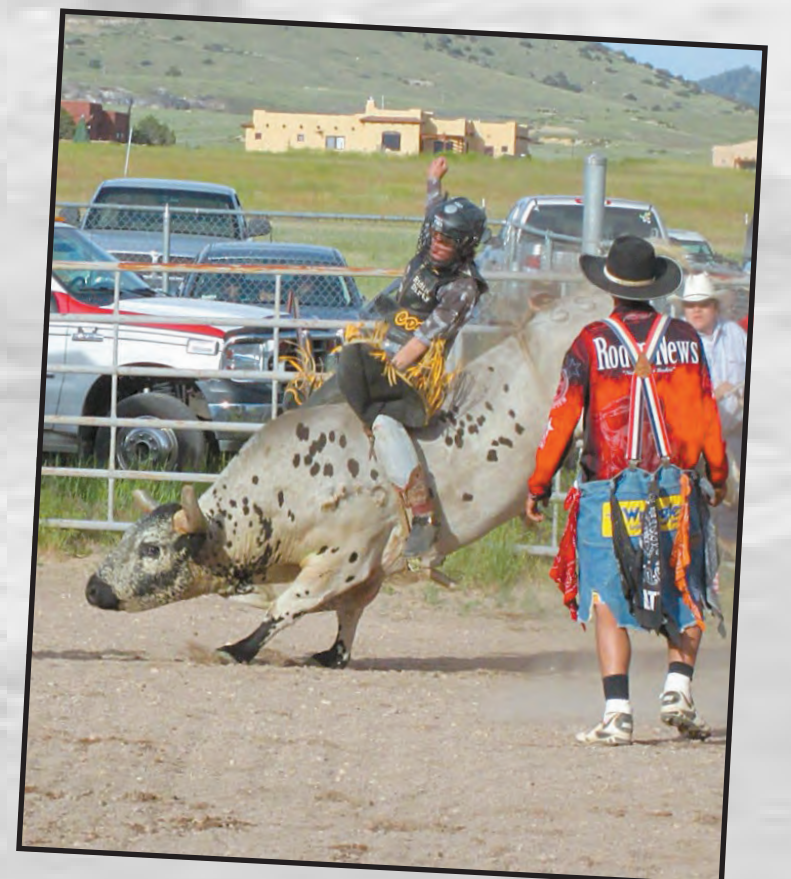


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Sheriff's Report...

As of Tuesday, July 1, there were six males in jail.

June 30 At 11 p.m., Colorado State Patrol responded to an accident on Highway 96. A 2001 Chrysler PT Cruiser driven by Cammel Southwick, age 45, of Westcliffe was westbound on Highway 96 at about mile marker 12 when she stated that a deer ran in front of her vehicle. While attempting to avoid the deer, Southwick sustained heavy damage to her vehicle.

June 30 At 1:30 a.m., an ambulance was dispatched to County Road 182 for an 89-year-old male with difficulty breathing. He was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

June 30 At 1509 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to mile marker 18 on Highway 96 for a female bicyclist who had gone over the guardrail. She was transported to Parkview.

June 30 At 1300 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Granada Court for a 79-year-old female with a nosebleed that would not stop. She was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

June 29 At 11:35 p.m. the Sheriff's office received a phone call about Charles Flynn, age 41, of rural Westcliffe having a dog chasing a fawn and had it down. Flynn was given a summons for dog chasing the deer. The fawn had leg injuries. Flynn was ticketed for a dog harassing livestock. He will appear in

court at a later date.

June 28 At 2:55 p.m., a 2003 Chrysler PT Cruiser going westbound on County Road 310 was driven by Brenda Abbott of rural Westcliffe when she lost control of the vehicle and went off of the right-hand side of the roadway. The vehicle rolled one-and-a-half times and came to rest on its top. Abbott was extricated by the Wet Mountain Fire Department. The vehicle sustained heavy damage. Abbott was taken to Parkview Hospital with possible head injuries.

June 28 A summons was issued to Lyle Ellison, age 37, of Hillside. The summons was for an incident that occurred on June 10 for damaging the roadway in Silver Cliff while he was attempting to move a trailer house. Ellison was also charged with driving a commercial vehicle without a Commercial Drivers License and also charged for operating a motor vehicle carrier without a PUC permit. He will appear in Custer County at a later date.

June 27 At 1918 hours, the Wet Mountain Valley Fire Department and Custer County Sheriff's office were dispatched to Bishop's Castle. The owner had demolished an outhouse and had decided to burn the structure. A female had reported the fire. An argument ensued and she was run off the property. The Rye Fire Department had responded to the fire and was run off the property. When the Custer

County Sheriff's office arrived, they secured the area. The Wet Mountain Valley Fire Department had also responded to the fire. The fire was extinguished jointly and no charges were made.

June 25 At 10:28 a.m. on Highway 67 at about mile marker 1, it was reported that a male and a female were fighting at the side of the highway. Deandre Hines, age 25, of Denver and Lebre Jackson, age 19, of Aurora, Colorado, were both arrested for domestic violence and booked into the Custer County jail. Jackson was released the next day on a personal recognizance bond, and Hines was released after someone signed a signature bond in the amount of \$1,500 for him.

June 24 At 7:28 a.m., an ambulance was dispatched to South Colony where a 59-year-old female had been hiking and was having chest pains. The Sheriff's office, fire department, Search and Rescue, and the ambulance corps brought her down the mountain on the Sheriff's department's ATV to the trailhead where Flight for Life was waiting for her. She was flown to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

June 24 The Wet Mountain Valley Fire Department responded to a female hiking in South Colony who was having chest pains.

There were five ambulance calls and three fire calls as of July 1.

Events Calendar

Friday, July 4, 2014

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Terry Salter Estate Sale held at Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club, 90 C.R. 241
9 a.m.: Parade entries line up at The Mining Co. Restaurant
10 a.m.: Independence Day Parade, Westcliffe. Join the Southern Colorado Patriots (Tea Party) in their section of the parade and for the 2nd Amendment Rally and March, Westcliffe
5 - 8 p.m.: "First Friday" Art Reception: The Artists' Gallery, 416 Main St., Historic Downtown Cañon City. Live musical performances. Refreshments served.
6:30 p.m.: Shakespeare in the Sangres (Amphitheater)

Saturday, July 5, 2014

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Terry Salter Estate Sale held at Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club, 90 C.R. 241
9 a.m.: ROCKETS TO THE SKY, Saturday Sampler at the Hermit Park Pavilion with Steve Janssen of the Pueblo Air & Space Museum. RSVP recommended by

calling 783-0610. Cost \$5 for program, \$5 per rocket.
4-6 p.m.: Sangres Art Guild Summer Show Reception at 3rd St. Gallery
6:30 p.m.: Shakespeare in the Sangres (Amphitheater)

Sunday, July 6, 2014

1 p.m.: Mutton Busting at The Wild West Cowboy Church, 60260 Highway 69, Westcliffe
2p.m.: Shakespeare in the Sangres (Amphitheater)

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

6 p.m. in the Jones Theater: Gary Ziegler presents "Discoveries in Peru" and a BBC short film on Machu Picchu; question and answer period. Refreshments before the program. Suggested donation, \$20.

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.: Teen Summer Reading Program at Library. Valley Vibrations: Intro on African drumming. Call library for Kids & Adults programs: 783-9138.

Recurring Events and Business Hours

Monday

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

Monday through Friday

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

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

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

Monday and Thursday

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

Tuesday

12:30 p.m.: Bridge Club meets in the library community room in downtown Westcliffe.
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Jammin' band at The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff

First Tuesday of the Month:

6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes - American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting

6:45 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, Post 170 Auxiliary 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

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Supreme Court Pares Back Obamacare's Contraception Mandate

by Pete Kasperowicz,
TheBlaze.com

The Supreme Court ruled Monday that Obamacare cannot force companies to pay for emergency contraceptive coverage for their employees that could lead to abortions, in violation of their religious beliefs.

The 5-4 ruling delivered a huge victory to conservatives who have worked for years to scale back the various mandates of the controversial healthcare law.

The Court decided that Obamacare cannot be used to require for-profit, closely held companies to provide certain birth control drugs and devices — such as morning after pills — that could cause abortion.

The case was brought by Hobby Lobby, an Oklahoma-based retail chain, owned by the Green family. The Greens said they are willing to cover 16 of the 20 birth control methods mandated by Obamacare to its employees, but not four others because the risk of abortion goes against their religious beliefs.

The company argued before the Court that the Obamacare mandate violates the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 which says the government cannot place burdens on the exercise of freedom of religion.

"Providing these objectionable drugs and devices violates the deeply held religious convictions of the Greens — the sole owners of their family businesses — that life begins at conception," the company's website says. "Yet refusing to comply with the federal mandate would subject them to an untenable choice of paying substan-

tial fines or discontinuing the outstanding and affordable health insurance plan currently provided to their valued employees."

The majority opinion written by Justice Samuel Alito agreed with that argument. According to SCOTUS Blog, the Obama administration failed to show that the broad contraception mandate is the least restrictive way of advancing its interest in ensuring access to birth control. The Court also ruled that the decision applies only to the contraception mandate, not others. Justice Anthony Kennedy noted that the government could pay for this coverage if it wants to make it available, but cannot compel a company to do so.

The decision deals a big hit to the Obama administration, which defended its interpretation of the law as something that forces companies to provide all manner of birth control methods to workers.

Republicans in Congress welcomed the high court's ruling.

"Religious liberty will remain intact and all Americans can stay true to their faith without fear of big government intervention or punishment," said Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.). "Our nation was founded on the principle of freedom, and with this decision, America will continue to serve as a safe haven for those looking to exercise religious liberty."

House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) called the ruling a victory for religious freedom and a defeat for the Obama administration's "Big Government objectives."

"The mandate overturned

today would have required for-profit companies to choose between violating their constitutionally-protected faith or paying crippling fines, which would have forced them to lay off employees or close their doors," he said.

"The president's health care law remains an unworkable mess and a drag on our economy," he added. "We must repeal it and enact better solutions that start with lowering Americans' health care costs."

The case is *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby*, referring to Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Burwell. She replaced Kathleen Sebelius earlier this year — prior to that, the case was *Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby*.

The case is the second big blow to Obama from the Supreme Court in as many weeks. Last week, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously that President Obama's 2012 "recess" appointments were not legal because Obama made them when the Senate was not in recess.

That ruling prompted Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) to say the decision was the biggest rebuke to a sitting president since 1974, when the Court decided unanimously that President Nixon must release the Watergate tapes.

Also related to abortion, the Court last week struck down a Massachusetts law that said people can't stand on a public road or sidewalk within 35 feet of an abortion clinic.

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NATIONAL 2ND AMENDMENT ACTIVIST TO SPEAK: JULY 5, CAÑON CITY

Renowned 2nd Amendment activist and founder of the III% movement, Mike Vanderboegh, will deliver a speech at Veterans Park, Cañon City, on July 5 at 9 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Southern Colorado Survivors, the Royal Gorge Tea Party, and the Southern Colorado Patriots Club. The event will be held at the band shell on the north side of the Arkansas River just off of 2nd Street. Please bring a chair and water.

There will be a question and answer session after the speech. Mr. Vanderboegh is the author of the nationally respected Sipsey Street Irregulars blog and was, along with David Codrea, responsible for breaking the Fast and Furious ATF gun running story a few years ago. He travels the country confronting anti-2nd Amendment politicians and was present at the recent Bundy Ranch versus ATF standoff in Nevada.

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Phay Street Murder Suspect Jaacob Van Winkle Will Not Face Capitol Punishment Trial

by: Barbara Penezic

Jaacob Van Winkle, suspect in the March 9th triple murder case, will avoid a death penalty trial by pleading guilty to 36 charges and accepting a ‘Life without Parole’ sentence. This was one of the most horrific crimes Cañon City has ever experienced. A mother and two young children were brutally murdered, and the third child, a teen-age girl, raped in the very home where her family lay dead or dying.

Mr. Van Winkle was arrested in July of 2012 by CCPD on charges of 3rd degree assault, false imprisonment, reckless endangerment, and domestic violence. A plea agreement was entered into in August of 2012 that reduced the charges against Jaacob Van Winkle and resulted in putting him back on the streets in a very short time. Mr. Van Winkle has also faced problems in Indiana where he was questioned about the death of his landlord in September of 2011. In 2004, Van Winkle was convicted of child molestation and vicarious sexual gratification in Johnson County, Indiana. WCSI, an Indiana-based news/talk radio station, reports he was sentenced to four years and five months in prison on the child molestation charge and eighteen months on the sexual gratification charge. In 2007, Van Winkle was sentenced to an additional two years and nine months behind bars on the same child molestation case.

During the advisement hearing in the Fremont County Courthouse on March 10th, Judge Thorson said he is also being held on a failure to appear warrant issued out of Adams County, involving a protection order violation. Jaacob Van Winkle is currently being held in the Fremont County Jail on a no bond hold and in addition to the murder charges, he is being held on a separate case for failing to register as a sex offender.

District Attorney Thom LeDoux does not wish to comment on the motion to waive the preliminary hearing for an entry of plea hearing. LeDoux did say, however, that the consultation with the victim has taken place. The motion document states that, “the district attorney has determined that acceptance of such a plea is an appropriate resolution of the case under the circumstances.” The coroner’s reports suggest that this mother and her two children died of multiple incised wounds, (repeated stabbing) and a teen-age girl will live the rest of her life trying to forget the terror of that awful night. The Phay Street murderer will most likely be allowed, once again, to enter a plea that will save him from a more humane death than he visited upon his three innocent victims. This may not seem to be justice to some, but when justice is put on the scales with cost, justice doesn’t always win.

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Fremont County Commissioners Need More Time; Vote on Medical Marijuana Regulations Delayed

by: Barbara Penezic

Fremont County Board of Commissioners met in special session Thursday, June 26th, to discuss proposed regulations for Fremont County medical marijuana business license. The meeting room was filled with people from both camps, pro and con. Approximately 20 citizens were heard by the commissioners. Many of the speakers expressed gratitude at having the opportunity to be heard and for the efforts of the commissioners in diligently working to find a just and suitable answer for all concerned.

The first speaker was the pastor from The Cowboy Church at Crossroads. He did not express an opinion for either side of the issue but did ask God’s wisdom and guidance for our community leaders adding that our land is in turmoil and the Bible could offer help. He cited 2 Chronicles 7:14, “if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” The pastor said this was spoken to the children of Israel but today it would apply to anyone who is Christian. “My prayer is that all would seek God to guide us.”

Richard Hollabaugh told the Commissioners he would like to see the moratorium extended. He expressed doubt that the regulations could be policed if enacted. Mr. Hollabaugh said, “It seems we are trying to regulate a nuisance and by the time we get it all regulated it is still a nuisance. The camel’s nose is in the tent, it’s in.” Another resident expressed concern about including language within the regulations that would make it mandatory for armed guards to undergo certain training. The Penrose Water District still has some questions regarding source(s) of adequate water supply. The



Fremont County Commissioners Meeting.

Sentinel Photo by: John Penezic

PWD would like to be consulted in the approval process when changes are proposed that would increase the potential for water consumption in the district.

Several speakers spoke of their concerns about light, odor, and water usage. Commissioner Payne said they had received numerous complaints from Penrose residents in reference to odor complaints. He said he had investigated that issue and found it to be valid. Mr. Brown told the Commissioners that Apple Valley has spent \$200,000 in the past three months in an effort to address lighting issues, and said it would cost between \$300,000 and \$400,000 to mitigate the odor complaints. “I would love to comply with that.” Brown added, “We have spent every dime we have to make our neighbors happy.” There is no way we can comply with regulations as they are. You are putting us out of business and we may have to move our operations to Pueblo.

Commissioner Bell asked for patience from the audience. “I truly feel the need to do this right when we get it done. I don’t think we are quite there yet. We need a little more time.” Commissioner Ed Nordon, and chairperson, Tim Payne agreed with Ms. Bell. They felt a need to investigate the issues that had been brought to them more thoroughly before making a final decision. The Fremont County Commissioners are now scheduled to vote on medical marijuana regulations during the regular meeting on July 8th.

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Fred Warner: Write-in Candidate for County Commissioner

by Candy Thompson

Fred Warner asked for the support of the RGTP at the June 26 meeting joining Katie McCallister as a contender for Debbie Bell’s seat as County Commissioner in Fremont County District 2. Warner will be a write-in candidate in November rather than running against Bell in the primary and possibly leaving her without any competition.

“She (Commissioner Bell) has to have competition. She has to, because if nobody runs against her, that’s consent. That’s like saying, ‘What you’re doing is wonderful’...really, I don’t really think so,” Fred explained.

Candidate Warner introduced himself to the group by giving the crowd an idea

of who he is and why he believes he qualifies for the office of County Commissioner. He listed his experience and education in the military for 27 years before taking questions from the audience of approximately 50 patriots. Warner described how he took an oath to support and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. “There was no expiration date on that,” he added.

He earned a masters degree in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma and holds a BS in Professional Aeronautics and two associate degrees, one in education and one in Aircraft Maintenance. His flier says he was “trained by the International Economic Devel-

opment Council.” Warner says that “stepping into the arena to be a commissioner will be going back to public service; it’s long hours, it’s thankless work...it’s doing what needs to be done when it needs to be done, for the people who need it to be done.”

Experience in the Air Force includes being a Maintenance Operations Division Chief with 35 people in his charge and managing emergency operations for the base as well as the entire population in the German town. As an Aircraft Section Chief, he and his 110 men were rated as the best Aircraft Section in Europe.

Warner related how he felt his experience as a leader in the military qualifies him for

the job of commissioner. He also was a Chamber Director in Raton, New Mexico.

Fred fielded questions on how he would promote business and jobs in Fremont County, a subject that raised the ire of many with the general feeling that government needs to get out of the way and stop burdening the businesses and others with so many regulations.

Answering mostly in generalities, he said there should be more focus by Economic Development making it easier for businesses to come to Fremont County by promoting real-estate for homes for employees. He also talked about jobs for youth saying there are tools used by Human Resource Development that would be

helpful to young people.

When asked if he knew anything about Agenda 21, he admitted that he knew very little but would look into it. He was asked about his training with International Economic Development Council and whether it is tied to Agenda 21 or the Council on Foreign Relations. Fred replied that he didn’t know. The sentiment was strong that government should stay out of the way and let the free market thrive with fewer regulations and less taxes and that his job as commissioner would be to see that the rights guaranteed by the Constitution are protected.

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National Security Crisis From Texas

The occupant of the Oval Office has refused to enforce border security laws and has created a national security crisis while thousands have poured over the border of states like Texas. The “president” himself creating the problem now claims it is a humanitarian crisis because children are coming across without their parents. This is not even a veiled attempt to force Congress to accept his amnesty proposal to give these illegals citizenship and put them on the public dole, forever indebted to the Democratic Party. Notwithstanding, Texas Republican Governor Rick Perry told Fox News that the White House is allowing record numbers of terrorists from the Middle East across the border.

Perry said, “We have record high numbers of other than Mexicans being apprehended at the border. These are people that are coming from states like Syria that have substantial connections back to terrorist regimes and terrorist operations. So we’re seeing record, historic high numbers of these individuals being apprehended... We flagged this issue in 2012 and have yet to even have a response as far as I know, not from the president, but not even from his administration.” Perry fired a political shot at the “president” saying he “is totally and absolutely either inept or making some decisions that are not in the best interest of American citizens, particularly from a public safety standpoint.”

While I appreciate what Governor Perry is saying, we have to keep in mind

that he is seriously considering running for president in 2016. It is highly understandable that Perry would like to make some political hay while the sun is shining. But for some residents of Texas who normally are stalwart supporters of Perry, his grandstanding is having the opposite impact. One such person asked, “Why aren’t our governors in border states addressing the problem with our state constitutional rights?! Especially Perry who is considering another run for President! If he cannot address and enforce it on a state level, would he do any better on a national level?”

The point is that we do have a Constitution that enumerates states’ rights. And if the law-breaking president refuses to enforce the law, then the governor should protect the rights and security of those who elected him. Perry needs to stop pointing fingers at a corrupt criminal president and put his words into actions. The United States is in deep trouble financially, morally, and internationally. We are faced with a character crisis in our leadership. Perry and his colleagues on the border do well to point out the evil befalling their states and the nation. But it gets old when, in reality, they have the authority to be Romans 12:21 leaders: “Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.” Perry can set the example now of the type of president he would be in the future.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
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by Tyler Durden
ZeroHedge.com

Originally posted at
Economic Noise blog,

A country dies slowly.

Those living during the decline of Rome were likely unaware that anything was happening. The decline took over a couple of hundred years. Anyone living during the decline only saw a small part of what was happening and likely never noticed it as anything other than ordinary.

Countries don’t have genetically determined life spans. Nor do they die quickly, unless the cataclysm of some great war does them in. Even in such extreme cases, there are usually warning signs, which are more obvious in hindsight than at the time.

Few citizens of a dying nation recognize the signs. Most are too busy trying to live their lives, sometimes not an easy task. If death occupies their mind, it is with respect to themselves, a relative or a friend. Most cannot conceive of the death of a nation.

A Country Dies Slowly First

For those interested, signs or symptoms precede death for a country often as they do for a person. There is a pattern that involves the following:

1. The Economy

Economically, people become poorer. It becomes harder to feed a family. Economic growth stalls and then reverses. Work opportunities decline. Disincentives to work rise as government tries to ease the burden on the unemployed and lower skilled. These efforts require more revenues which means higher taxes or debt financing. Disincentives to create jobs are magnified by attempts to address the problem. High-

er taxes and other burdens are imposed on the productive making work less attractive.

The response should not be surprising. Capital flees first. It goes to areas where adequate returns are still available. Jobs are created but not in the host country. Finally a “brain drain” begins. Talented people leave the country for places that offer greater opportunity. In the case of the U.S., to escape U.S. taxes these people must renounce their citizenship. Citizenship renouncements are currently at the highest levels in the history.

The flight of capital, both real and human, further lowers standards of living. Signs of stagnation become more apparent. They may begin as seemingly benign as roads which have too many potholes. “For rent” signs are seen more frequently. Classified job ads decrease. “Going out of Business” sales are no longer marketing gimmicks.

Initially, people dig into their savings or begin to borrow in order to retain their standard of living. Most believe it is a temporary situation. Eventually bankruptcies increase. Strip or full malls close. Large areas like Detroit become close to uninhabitable.

These conditions characterize the beginnings of the decline. As the decline continues, things get much worse.

2. The State

The State is threatened by a decline. Generally, it moves into full pretend mode. Three behavioral traits characterize its behavior. The State must convince citizens:

1. Things are not as bad as they seem.
2. The State is not responsible for the situation.

3. The State must do more (grow bigger) in order to solve the problems.

Statistics issued by the state are fudged to convey a false image of well-being. Government spending soars in an effort to juice reported economic activity. Much of the spending is unproductive in terms of providing things that would have otherwise been bought. It is also counterproductive to a proper functioning economy as price discovery is disrupted and consumer and investment decisions are based on false signals.

Incentives are provided to encourage people to live beyond their means. Debt appears nearly free and readily available. Bubbles occur and then burst. New bubbles are necessary to replace old bubbles. People and businesses are encouraged to make imprudent decisions, all in the attempt to make the economy appear better.

The State has one objective and that is to remain in power. Laws and regulations multiply at ever faster rates. Tyrannical rules and legislation are passed under the pretense of protecting the people against some threat. In reality, these laws are passed to protect the leaders against the public when they finally understand what has been done to them.

“Bread and circuses” increase to divert peoples attention from the developing problems. Dependency increases reflecting an attempt to placate the masses. A “wag the dog” war or crisis is often used as a means to rally the public against some phony enemy.

3. Society

Society becomes coarse as this process progresses. People are increasingly unable to provide properly for their families. Some desperately turn to unethi-

cal behavior, even criminal acts. Common decency declines.

The regulations imposed from above reduce the sphere of voluntary interactions between people. The government decides more and more what you must do, when and how you must do it. What you can say comes under attack. Finally how you must live is increasingly determined.

Free markets are slowly replaced by a command and control ordering of society. Coercion displaces freedom as the coordinating force for society. People increasingly do what they must rather than what they want.

Interest groups, i.e. politically preferred constituents, created in good times don’t demand less when there is less available. The inability to meet their demands creates political strife and eventually civil problems. Honoring their demands divides society even more. Not honoring demands may produce rioting and civil unrest.

Society becomes increasingly divided in terms of the “makers” and the “takers.” As the takers grow in numbers, the makers shrink in numbers. Soon the parasites overwhelm the productive. Society collapses at that point.

Are The People Aware?

The United States, the once beacon of freedom and wealth, shows advanced deterioration in all three areas above. The rate of deterioration is accelerating. To paraphrase Ernest Hemingway’s response to a bankruptcy question:

How did your country die? Two ways. Gradually, then suddenly.

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An Illustration of Private vs. Government Employment

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.org

(Editor/GG: Hmmmm, Custer County Health Clinic versus ANY private health clinic? Just saying.....)

I will say this much -- At any private employer if this was happening, everyone involved would be instantly fired. No ifs,

ands, or buts, and no apologies either:

“It appears, however, that a regional office has reached a new low: Management for EPA Region 8 in Denver, Colorado, wrote an email earlier this year to all staff in the area pleading with them to stop inappropriate bathroom behavior, including defecat-

ing in the hallway.”

Pleading?

And you wonder what the government does with your money?

They pay people to pretend to work who are actually taking a poop in the hallway.

As I have documented with sim-

ple arithmetic as much as 3/4 of the funds spent on various programs are in fact stolen through graft, fraud and simple abuse.

Our government has no legitimacy whatsoever on any sort of analytical basis.

We deserve what we get from our government because we tolerate this sort of thing and

do not insist that everyone involved be fired instantly, forfeiting all benefits on a permanent basis, and that this sort of outrageous conduct be met not with a wink, nod or plea for people stop but rather with indictment and prosecution.

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Four Myths About Immigration Reform Destroyed by New Labor Study

by Michele Hickford, AllenBWest.com

(Editor/GG: Having trouble finding a job the last few years? Look no further than the politicians we have elected in the last 30 years, RINOs and liberal, socialist democrats. But with Obama in charge now, there is no hope. The country we grew up in is lost. The borders are open, the welfare spigot is on full bore, and every one of these illegals will eventually vote for more government assistance.)

If there’s any improvement in the job market right now, it’s going to immigrants, legal and illegal. You’re a native-born American? Tough luck.

According to an analysis by the Center for Immigration Studies, using the “household survey” collected by the Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor known as the Current Population Survey (CPS), all net employment growth in the United States since 2000 has gone to immigrants, legal and illegal.

Since the first quarter of 2000, there have been 5.7 million more workers with new jobs who were immigrants, legal and illegal.

Further, because the native-born population grew significantly, but the number working actually fell, there were 17 million more working-age native-born Americans not working in the first quarter of 2014 than in 2000.

The report completely destroys four myths about how wonderful increasing the immigrant population will be which should put a nail in the coffin for the Schumer-Rubio bill (S.744) (oops, sorry Marco) and similar House measures:

- 1. There is a general labor shortage.** False. There has been a long-term decline in employment for native-born Americans across age and education levels.
- 2. Immigration increases employment for native-born Americans.** No it doesn’t. See above.
- 3. Immigration increases job opportunities for natives.** Hardly. Over 17 million immigrants arrived in the last 14 years, but employment for native-born Americans has deteriorated significantly.
- 4. Immigrants do the jobs Americans won’t.** The report found only six occupations that were majority immigrant (legal and illegal) but they account for only 1 percent of the total U.S. workforce. “Many jobs often thought to be overwhelmingly immigrant are in fact majority native-born. For example, 51 percent of maids and housekeepers are U.S.-born, as are 63 percent of butchers and meat processors. It is also the case that 64 percent of grounds maintenance workers are U.S.-born, as are 66 percent of construction laborers and 73 percent of janitors.”

So why is the Chamber of Commerce – working alongside establishment Republicans – so eager to pass some sort of immigration reform?

Because, generally, it’s cheaper for business. The report posits:

The Summer Work Travel Program (part of the J-1 visa program) allows employers to hire temporary workers without having to make the Social Security and Medicare payments that employers would be required to make on behalf of native-born workers. Another example of the way the immigration system makes foreign workers more attractive to employers is that those who enter under the H1-B visa program cannot change companies easily, making them more captive to their employers. Immigrants may also be more willing to work off the books, for lower pay, or endure worse working conditions than natives, causing employers to prefer them as workers.

Immigrants may also be more mobile. By coming to this country, immigrants almost always see substantial improvement in their standard of living, no matter where in the United States they settle. This may make them more willing to move wherever there is job growth in the United States. Natives, on the other hand, may need significant wage incentives to move, which, because of the availability of immigrant labor, businesses are unwilling to offer. All of these factors, and perhaps others, likely explain why so much of the limited employment growth in the last 14 years has gone to foreign-born workers.

We don’t need to worry about shipping jobs overseas if we just ship all the overseas workers HERE. And that’s exactly what appears to be happening.

Hate to be xenophobic here, but exactly when will our American government start looking out for its own American citizens?

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Marc Faber Explains the Fed’s Dilemma in 15 Words

by Tyler Durden, ZeroHedge.com

For over 5 years we have been explaining the hole that the fed has been digging (most ironically here). This morning’s op-ed by Warsh and Druckenmiller highlights many of the problems but we leave it to Marc Faber to succinctly sum up the dilemma that the Fed faces (and by dilemma we mean, the plan) - “The more they print, the more inequality there is, the weaker the economy will become.” Simply put, “It’s a catastrophe,” Faber told CNBC, “What the Fed has done is to lift asset prices, and the cost of living. In the meantime, the cost of living increases are higher than the wage increases. The typical American household income is going down in real terms.” Recovery?

One can read 696 page neo-Marxist tomes “explaining” inequality in a way only an economist could - by ignoring the untold destruction economists themselves have unleashed on society with their “scientific theories” (and providing a “solution” to the inequality problem which we warned readers was coming back in September of 2011) or one can read the following 139 words by Elliott’s Paul Singer which in two short paragraphs explains everything one needs to know about America’s record class inequality, including precisely who is the man responsible:

Inequality in the U.S. today is near its historical highs, largely because the Federal Reserve’s policies have succeeded in achieving their aim: namely, higher asset prices (especially the prices of stocks, bonds and high-end real estate), which are generally owned by taxpayers in the upper-income brackets. The Fed is doing all the work, because the President’s policies are growth-suppressive. In the absence of the Fed’s money printing and ZIRP, the economy would either be softer or actually in a new recession.

The greatest irony is that the president is railing against inequality as one of the most important problems of the day, despite the fact that his policies are squeezing the middle class and causing the Fed – with the president’s encouragement – to engage in the radical monetary policy, which is exacerbating inequality. This simple truth cannot be repeated often enough.

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The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand



Federal Judge Rules Against Colorado Sheriffs in Gun-Control Lawsuit

by George Gramlich

(Editor/GG: Another sad day for what was our Constitution. If you don't follow the original intent, you don't have a Constitution. Let's go back to around 1776 or a little later. Some statist (yes, liberals, you were there then, too) proposes a law that restricts the powder horns carried by all men who owned muskets (and just about every man owned a musket) to only enough gun powder to shoot fifteen rounds.

And, said statist says, you can only carry fifteen musket balls with you at one time. Enough is enough, our old liberal whines (and boy, when libs start whining you just want to ...fill in the blank....) you don't need fifteen rounds to hunt or for self defense. Do you think the U.S. Supreme Court would have upheld those proposed laws back then? Our forefathers just got done beating the heck out of the best army in the world to secure our freedom, and the ONLY reason we won was because our men were armed without restriction. And this is the absolute essence of the 2nd Amendment, the citizens must be armed so as to defeat tyranny, both foreign and domestic. It is NOT about hunting or our God given right to be able to defend ourselves - it is about our ability to defeat tyranny. The libs know it and we know it. This dance has been going on for a long time, and it isn't going to end well. The lib-

erals goal is to essentially disarm our country so that it will be impossible for the citizens to oppose their socialist tyranny. But I got a heads up for you libs, you have run out of money to buy votes, and in the end game, Freedom and Liberty WILL prevail.)

U.S. District Court Judge Marcia Krieger upheld the constitutionality of the gun-control laws limiting the capacity of ammunition magazines to 15 rounds and the mandate for background checks for all guns purchases and transfers.

Judge Krieger, who was appointed to the bench by former President George W. Bush, ruled in a clearly restrictive, 50-page opinion, that the laws were reasonable and were not restrictive in their application so as to be unconstitutional based on the 2008 Supreme Court decision, District of Columbia vs. Heller (where the court ruled that the District of Columbia's ban on all handguns was unconstitutional). She stated that "As profound as Heller is, it does not stand for the proposition that there can be no permissible regulation of firearms or their use".

At a press conference after the decision was announced, Weld County Sheriff John Cooke said, "We believe that it is a plainly wrong on the law and on the facts."

Sheriff Cooke said that the sheriffs will appeal the decision, even all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.



Idaho: Restaurant Encourages Open Carry of Guns

by Dean Weingarten, GunWatch.Blogspot.com

(Editor/GG: Haven't seen this in Westcliffe yet, even after last year's July 4th Open Carry march resulting in many restaurants actually running out of food.)

In Moscow, Idaho, a restaurant offers a discount to people who openly carry firearms.

In the vast majority of states, openly carried firearms are legal. The right to open carry has been used in a number of states to push for the passage of "shall issue" laws to allow people to legally carry firearms concealed. Virginia, Ohio, and Wisconsin are states that readily come to mind. Texans are currently using the legal open carry of rifles, guaranteed in their state Constitution,

to push for the legal open carry of handguns. Arizonans used the right to open carry to remove illegal regulation. Guam had open carry before they passed a "shall issue" law this year. The strategy has generally worked.

Forty-one states and a territory have "shall issue" statutes, eight states have "may issue" laws, which allow local authorities to deny carry permits without clearly stated reasons; 1 state, Vermont, does not require a permit to carry a gun and does not issue one. Four of the "shall issue" states do not require permits, but issue them for reasons of reciprocity and special circumstances. There are currently 45 states in which the open carry of modern,

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Gun Ban Stopped by Colorado Recall Elections Aftershocks

by Dean Weingarten, GunWatch.Blogspot.com

(Editor/GG: This is why the Southern Colorado Patriots Club July 4th 2nd Amendment March/Rally is so important. Time to stand up, folks, or lose your rights. The morally bankrupt federal and state judges sure as heck ain't going to protect them.)

After the immense amount of money, old media airtime, and Obama administration political capital was spent on enacting restrictive gun legislation in Colorado last year, the electorate rebelled.

Grassroots campaigns led by people who had never been involved in politics beat the establishment. Two legis-

lators were recalled. A third, thought to be in a safe Democratic district, resigned under pressure at the last instant, in order to save the Democrat majority in the State Senate. The political establishment was shaken. That political earthquake continues to reverberate.

As part of the establishment push to disarm the population, an organization was formed to put a referendum on the ballot to ban firearms on college grounds which the Colorado Supreme Court had recent ruled illegal. Spearheaded by Ken Tolz, a long-time proponent of citizen disarmament, Safe Campus Colorado had six months to gather 86,000 signatures for its initiative. I have not found where the funding for the signature

drive came from.

The gun control group says it has gathered sufficient signatures to place the gun ban on the ballot. They also say that they will not do so. From Colorado Pubic Radio, Tolz is quoted:

"By having this on the ballot, it brings back to prominence some of the feelings that existed last year and we don't want to get caught up in that environment," he says.

David Kopel, who is representing 55 sheriffs in a lawsuit against the new gun laws, puts it more bluntly:

"It's eminently sensible and prudent

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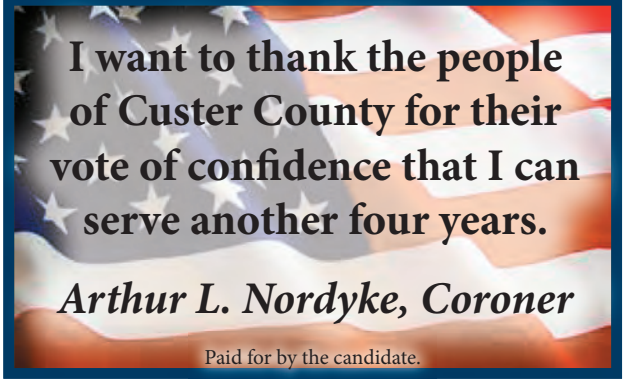
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MARK UDALL'S PRICE TAG: Left-Wing Extremist Millions Causes Udall To Sell Out Coloradans

by ColoradoPeakPolitics

We now know how much Sen. Mark Udall was willing to sell Colorado out for - \$15 million (give or take). The eco-extremist Tom Steyer is hoping to have a \$100 million dollars to spend in just seven races this election cycle. Which means, if Steyer distributes his hoped-for funds evenly, it only took less than \$15 million dollars for Udall to choose a San Francisco eco-extremist's wishes over those of Coloradans. As The Associated Press reports:

NextGen Climate Action said it plans to spend at least \$50 million contributed by founder Tom Steyer, a retired hedge fund manager and longtime Democratic donor, and another \$50 million the group is seeking to raise from likeminded donors. The money will be used to back Democrats and attack Republicans running for Senate in New Hampshire, Iowa, Colorado and Michigan, and for governor in Pennsylvania, Florida and Maine.

We don't know what is more insulting: Udall selling Colorado out for only \$15 million, or that he values keeping his own job more than creating jobs for average Coloradans. Then again, it has been Udall's continued "me-first, Colorado-second" attitude that has put Udall's job in danger in the first place.

Opposition to the Keystone XL pipeline is nothing but an extremist issue pushed by those on the margins of the Democratic Party. The chance to switch America's energy supply from chaotic regions to a much more stable neighbor makes sense and has been embraced by many mainstream Democrats such as former Colorado Senator Ken Salazar. For Udall to favor extreme special interests over what is best for Colorado shows he no longer deserves to be our senator. Every ad Steyer pumps into Colorado will just be another reminder of Udall's betrayal of Colorado.

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300,000 DUPLICATE COLORADO VOTERS? Up To One in Twelve Registered Elsewhere

by Joshua Sharf, WatchDogWire.com

(Editor/GG: The Sentinel will be researching duplicate voter registration in Custer County. Could be very interesting.)

Watchdog.org reported on Wednesday that a multi-state database of voter registration information from Secretaries of State shows that as many as 300,000 Coloradans may also be registered to vote in other states. That comes to just over 1 in 12 registered Colorado voters, and it raises additional questions about the difficulty of ensuring clean voter rolls in the light of recent loosening of the rules, up to and including same-day voter registration without adequate identification.

Known as the Interstate Cross-Check (or simply, the "Crosscheck"), the database is coordinated by the Kansas Secretary of State's office. Begun in 2005 with just four states, the Crosscheck has grown to include 28 states, but it doesn't even include the most populous states of California, Texas, Florida, and New York. Of the states included, Arizona, Washington, Michigan, and Georgia have the largest number of potential duplicate registrants with Colorado. Arizona alone has nearly 30,000. The Crosscheck also found 10 duplicate voter IDs and 729 duplicate voter rows within Colorado.

The Crosscheck has in past years yielded cases of double-voting referred for prosecution. Andrew Cole of the Colorado Secretary of State's office estimated the number to be about a dozen over the last several election cycles.

"We use the Crosscheck every election, to check for voting in places where the person is not a resident, or voting twice in the same election," said Cole. "The problem we have is that we need the FBI or the US Attorney to investigate and prosecute these things, and they're often reluctant to do that. It's also difficult to prove, since ballots should be anonymous. Because it's so hard to prove, which is why it's important not to have people registered in more than one place."

Nevertheless, the actual state of affairs may be far less daunting.

While Colorado relies on the Cross-check to detect double voting, it does not rely on it to detect duplicate registrations. Kansas doesn't check the data for accuracy, and even matches of names, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers aren't guarantees of duplicate registrations.

"There's a lot of bad data," said Rich Coolidge, also of the Secretary of State's office. "People will enter wrong SSNs, even wrong birthdays, it may get copied wrong from the form, or even transposed from a neighboring line. Arizona in particular was giving credit for matches that didn't turn out to be true."

Coolidge stated that for Colorado to declare a match, name, date of birth, and Social Security number all needed to match. He declined to offer an estimate of how many duplicate voters there actually are.

For registrations, Colorado instead uses ERIC, the Electronic Information Registration Center, put together by the Pew Foundation. That database uses other sources, such as death and DMV records, and the National Change of Address database.

Federal law prevents the Secretary of State from simply removing registrants based on duplicate data, Cole said. "Voters may have moved, and simply not know that they're registered in two places. We reach out to them and ask them to remove their own registration. We've made that easy to do with a "Withdraw My Registration" link right there on our web page." County clerks will also deactivate voters for returned ballots.

Personal experience, however, says that the registration lists from the Denver County Clerk – the gold standard of registration lists – are woefully tarnished when it comes to apartment complexes. Old residents are still registered there; new registrants can register right up until Election Day at this point, and ballots for old residents won't be returned, since the Post Office still has them on file. And in 2008, the ACLU successfully sued to stop then-Secretary of State Mike Coffman from clearing the rolls of dead voters and those who had moved.

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for the Democratic establishment in Colorado in 2014 to say we don't want a gun ballot issue out there," Kopel says. "Whatever happens with that ballot issue, it's going to bring more pro-gun voters to the polls and then once they are at the polls to vote on the gun issue, they will probably vote also in the candidate races for the more pro-gun candidates."

How much money was spent on the initiative, that will now be flushed down the memory hole? The recent marijuana initiative which was likely considerably more popular, cost \$211,000. If the same dynamics applied, this initiative would run over \$200,000. A nice chunk of change for an unarmed population group, but not a huge amount for Michael Bloomberg.

That is assuming that the group's leaders are telling the truth. A truly Machiavellian political activist would claim that they had sufficient signatures, but were sacrificing their effort for the greater good of the party, even if they fell short. What better way to gain credit with the Democrat political establishment, at little or no cost to yourself? As the signatures will not be turned in, there is no way to be sure.

Still, the failure of this initiative to be on the ballot is another one of the aftershocks to follow the recall earthquakes from the grass roots. I expect more to come in November. I do not think that the people's memories are as short as Governor Hickenlooper seems to believe.

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30 Signs That You're One of Those "Crazy Preppers"

by Daisy Luther,
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With all the recent talk in the news about "Doomsday Preppers" and the demonization in the media, you have to be aware that you're considered a little...different. The fact that you are self-reliant is such an oddity to most that, frankly, they find you to be either nuts, a little bit scary, or both. According to the U.S. government, we are all extremists on the verge of committing depraved acts of terrorism. Here are the top 30 signs, should you ever be the subject of a nationwide manhunt, that you, too, will be considered a "Crazy Prepper on the Loose":

1. Pantries are so mainstream...you have food stashed in strange places in every room of the house.

- 2. You have enough toilet paper to get through a year of uncomfortable digestive upsets...occurring with six people simultaneously
- 3. Speaking of which, you possess at least three different ways to use the bathroom, only one of which is an actual bathroom.
- 4. Your kids know what OPSEC means...at the age of four.
- 5. You have topographical maps of your area...plural.
- 6. When you're forced to interact with "the others" you feel like you are awkwardly censoring your true opinions.
- 7. You think nothing of treating an injury or illness yourself because "what if there was no doctor?"
- 8. Paintball is no longer just a fun way to spend an afternoon - it's called "training".

- 9. With every major purchase, you contemplate going for the off-grid version.
- 10. You have more manual tools than power tools.
- 11. You've washed entire loads of laundry by hand for either necessity or practice. (And not just your dainties...we're talking about jeans and stuff!)
- 12. Your kids are not afraid of guns...or fingers pointed like guns...or pastries in the shape of guns...or drawings of guns.
- 13. When house hunting you look for multiple heat and water sources.
- 14. You store food in buckets...lots of buckets...like, maybe even a whole room full of buckets.
- 15. You garden with a determination and time commitment normally reserved for endurance athletes

- training for an Ironman triathlon.
- 16. If you don't have a water source on your property, you have put in miles of footwork searching for one nearby, and have mapped multiple discreet routes to and from the source, and figured out how to haul the water back to your house on each route.
- 17. Your first instinct when hearing about some event on the mainstream news is skepticism. (False flag event, anyone?)
- 18. You believe that FEMA camps are real and that you are most likely on "The List".
- 19. Instead of CNN, you have alternative news sites bookmarked in your favorites on your computer.
- 20. You have enough coffee/tea/favorite-caffeinated

- ed-item-of-choice to last you through three apocalypses.
- 21. You have enough over the counter medications stashed away to outfit a small-town pharmacy.
- 22. You have an instinctive mistrust of most cops or anyone working for an alphabet agency.
- 23. You could sink a ship with the weight of your stored ammo.
- 24. Looking for a fun weekend outing with the kids? Forget amusement parks - the shooting range is where it's at.
- 25. When the power goes out, you calmly light the candles and proceed with whatever you had been doing previously.
- 26. A longer-term power outage is called "practice".

- 27. If a like-minded person comes over to your house, they'll realize you are "one of them" by seeing your reading material. Other folks won't even notice. The FBI would call your copy of The Prepper's Blueprint and your James Wesley Rawles fiction "subversive literature".
- 28. Your children carry a modified bug-out kit in their school backpacks.
- 29. You can and dehydrate food with the single-minded fervor of an Amish grandmother facing a 7-year drought.
- 30. Calling 911 is not part of your home security plan.

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New EPA Regs Issued Under Obama Are 38 Times as Long as Bible

by Ali Meyer,
CNSNews.com

Since President Barack Obama took office on January. 20, 2009, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued 2,827 new final regulations, equaling 24,915 pages in the Federal Register, totaling approximately 24,915,000 words.

The **Gutenberg Bible** is only 1,282 pages and 646,128 words. Thus, the new EPA regulations issued by the Obama Administration contain 19 times as many pages as the Bible and 38 times as many words.

The Obama EPA regulations have 22 times as many words as the entire **Harry Potter series** which includes seven books with 1,084,170 words. They have 5,484 times as many words as the **U.S. Constitution** which has 4,543 words, including the signatures; and 17,088 times as many words as the **Declaration of Independence** which has 1,458 words including signatures.

Using the Regulations.gov website and the *Federal Register* itself, CNSNews.com found 2,827 distinct rules published by the EPA since January 2009 covering, among other things, greenhouse gases, air quality, emissions, and hazardous substances.

The *Federal Register* publishes documents, including proposed rules, notices, interim rules, corrections, drafts of final rules, and final rules. The CNSNews.com tabulation included *only final rules* from the EPA.

To get an approximate word count for each EPA rule

in the *Federal Register*, CNSNews.com evaluated a few random rules from the 2,827 EPA regulations published since Obama took office, and calculated an approximate average of 1,000 words per page. From this, CNSNews.com calculated that the 2,827 final EPA rules that have been published in the Federal Register so far take up 24,915,000 words.

This is only an approximation because some pages in the *Federal Register* carry more words than others, and some regulations end in the beginning or middle of a page. For example, one of the regulations was five-pages long and totaled 5,586 words, an average of **1,117 words per page**.

Another regulation was three-pages long and 3,150 words, which averaged to 1,050 words per page. another rule was four-pages long and 4,426 words, or an average 1,106 words per page.

"The broader question of whether the Obama Administration's EPA is "overreaching" in its regulatory effects has not gone away. Critics both in Congress and outside of it regularly

accuse the agency of overkill," states a Congressional Research Service report, **EPA Regulations: Too Much, Too Little, or On Track?**

"EPA's actions, both individually and in sum, have generated controversy," the CRS report states. "Both Democrats and Republicans in Congress have expressed concerns, through bipartisan letters commenting on proposed regulations and through introduced legislation that would delay, limit, or prevent certain EPA actions."

Yet, EPA proponents are fighting for more rules. "Environmental groups and other supporters of the agency disagree that EPA has overreached. Many of them believe that the agency is, in fact, moving in the right direction, including taking action on significant issues that had been long delayed or ignored in the past. In several cases, environmental advocates would like the regulatory actions to be stronger," said the CRS report.

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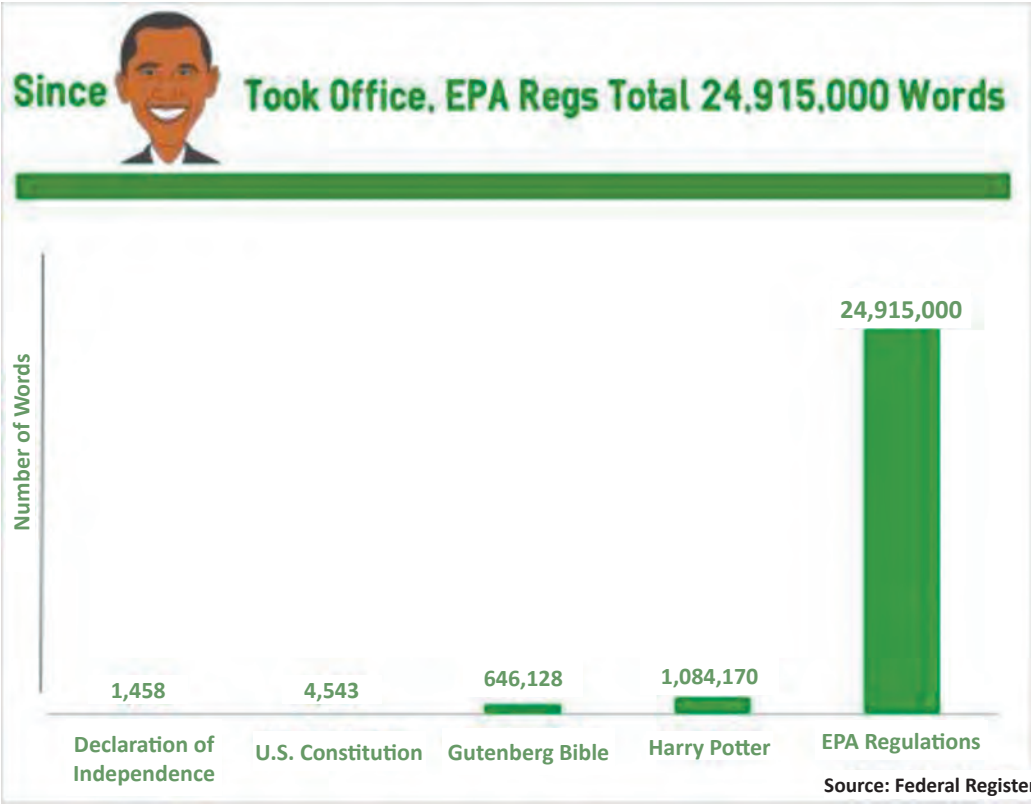


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Total Debt In America Hits A New Record High Of Nearly 60 Trillion Dollars

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(Editor/GG: If you think there is any way out of this, let us know. Our guess is that this is going to end ugly. Real ugly.)

What would you say if I told you that Americans are nearly 60 TRILLION dollars in debt? Well, it is true. When you total up all forms of debt, including government debt, business debt, mortgage debt and consumer debt, we are 59.4 trillion dollars in debt. That is an amount of money so large that it is difficult to describe it with words. For example, if you were alive when Jesus Christ was born and you had spent 80 million dollars every single day since then, you still would not have spent 59.4 trillion dollars by now. And most of this debt has been accumulated in recent decades. If you go back 40 years ago, total debt in America was sitting at about 2.2 trillion dollars. Somehow over the past four decades we have allowed the total amount of debt in the United States to get approximately 27 times larger. This is utter insanity, and anyone that thinks this is sustainable is completely deluded. We are living in the greatest debt bubble of all time, and there is no way that this is going to end well.

When the last recession hit, total debt in America actually started going down for a short period of time.

But then the Federal Reserve and our politicians in Washington worked feverishly to reinflate the bubble and they assured everyone that everything was going to be just fine. So Americans once again resorted to their free spending ways, and now total debt in the United States is rising at almost the same trajectory as before and has hit a new all-time record high.

For a while after the recession it was trendy to cut up your credit cards and get out of debt.

But that fad wore off rather quickly, didn't it?

It is almost as if 2008 never happened. We are making the same mistakes with debt that we did before.

As I noted recently, total consumer credit in the U.S. has risen by 22 percent over the past three years alone, and at this point 56 percent of all Americans have a sub-prime credit rating.

And have you noticed that a lot of people are not afraid to extend themselves in order to buy shiny new vehicles these days?

During the first quarter of this year, the size of the average vehicle loan soared to a new all-time record high of \$27,612.

Five years ago, that number was just \$24,174.

And as I noted in one recent article, the size of the average monthly car payment

in this country is now up to \$474.

That is practically a mortgage payment.

Speaking of mortgage payments, even though home sales have been falling and the rate of homeownership in the United States is the lowest that it has been in 19 years, a very large percentage of those who own homes are still overextended.

In fact, one recent survey discovered that a whopping 52 percent of Americans cannot even afford the house that they are living in right now.

At the same time, an increasing number of Americans are acting as if the last financial crisis never happened and are treating their homes like piggy banks. Home equity loans are soaring again, and when the next great crisis strikes a lot of those people are going to end up getting into a lot of financial trouble.

There has been much written about what is wrong with the housing industry, but the truth is that home prices are still way too high and young adults cannot afford to purchase homes because they are already loaded down by huge amounts of debt even before they get to the point where they are ready to buy.

In fact, a newly released survey found that 47 percent of millennials are spending at least half of their paychecks on paying off debt...

Four in 10 millennials say they are "overwhelmed" by their debt -- nearly double the number of baby boomers who feel that way, according to a Wells Fargo survey of more than 1,600 millennials between 22 and 33-years-old, and 1,500 baby boomers between 49 and 59-years-old.

To try to get out from underneath it, 47% said they spend at least half of their monthly paychecks on paying off their debts.

When I read that I was absolutely astounded.

Of course the biggest debt that many young adults are facing is student loan debt. According to the Federal Reserve, there is now more than 1.2 trillion dollars of student loan debt in this country, and about 124 billion dollars of that total is more than 90 days delinquent.

What we have done to our young people is shameful. We have encouraged them to sign up for a lifetime of debt slavery before they even understand what life is all about. The following is an excerpt from my previous article entitled "Is College A Waste Of Time And Money?"...

In America today, approximately two-thirds of all college students graduate with student loan debt, and the average debt level has been steadily rising. In fact, one study found that "70 percent of the class of 2013 is graduating with college-related

debt -- averaging \$35,200 -- including federal, state, and private loans, as well as debt owed to family and accumulated through credit cards."

That would be bad enough if most of these students were getting decent jobs that enabled them to service that debt.

But unfortunately, that is often not the case. It has been estimated that about half of all recent college graduates are working jobs that do not even require a college degree.

Considering what you just read, is it a surprise that half of all college graduates in America are still financially dependent on their parents when they are two years out of college?

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, only 36 percent of all Americans under the age of 35 own a home at this point. That is the lowest level that has ever been recorded.

And we are passing on to our young people the largest single debt in all of human history. Weighing in at 17.5 trillion dollars, the U.S. national debt is a colossal behemoth. And almost all of that debt has been accumulated over the past 40 years. In fact, 40 years ago the U.S. national debt was less than half a trillion dollars.

But this is just the beginning. As the Baby Boomer "demographic tsunami" washes through our economy, we are going to be facing a wave of red ink unlike anything we have ever contemplated before.

Meanwhile, the rest of the planet is drowning in debt as well.

As I wrote about the other day, the total amount of debt in the world has risen to a new all-time record high of \$223,300,000,000,000.

Our "leaders" keep acting as if these debt levels can keep growing much faster than the overall level of economic growth indefinitely.

But anyone with even a shred of common sense knows that you can't spend more money that you bring in forever.

At some point, a day of reckoning arrives.

2008 should have been a major wake up call that resulted in massive changes. But instead, our leaders just patched up the old system and reinflated the old bubbles so that they are now even larger than they were before.

They assure us that they know exactly what they are doing and that everything will be just fine.

Unfortunately, they are dead wrong.

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A Sheepdog Barks!

Happy 238th, America!

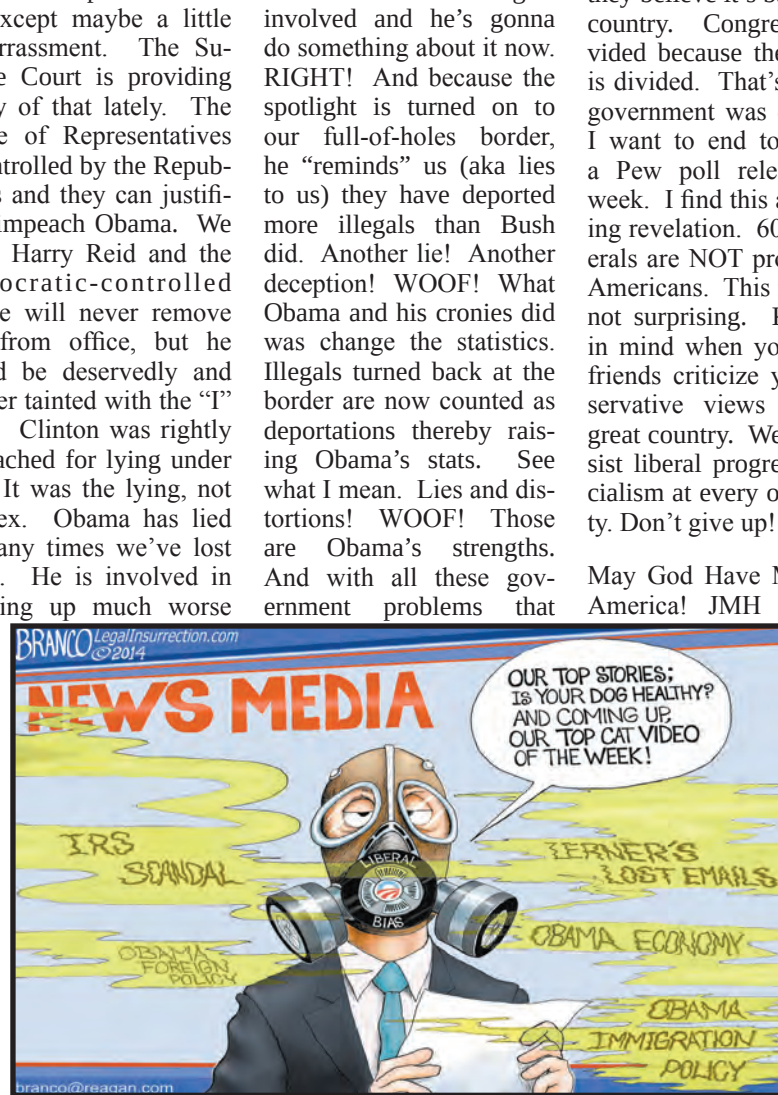
We owe the ability to live in the world's greatest nation (not perfect) to the courageous, God-fearing men who loved freedom and liberty more than their own lives and property. We owe them all our gratitude and respect. Thank you Founding Fathers and all those that served in the Revolution. Now to current events. WOW! What a beating Obama has been taking. It reminds me of the old "Rope a Dope" when Ali would lie back on the ropes and seemingly get pummeled. There is a big difference however between Obama's "Rope a Dope" and Ali's. Ali's was an effective strategy that fooled his opponents into thinking they were winning while tiring them out at the same time and it led to eventual victory. Obama's "Rope a Dope" is because he is actually a weakling getting the stuffings beat out of him. This is somewhat enjoyable to watch except when we realize that the real suffering is being felt by the American people. We just need him gone. It was America's biggest mistake electing this man and there will be no recovery until we move on. Jonathan Turley, a well-renowned constitutional scholar, has been speaking out lately. He basically says the president is violating the Constitution and not enforcing the laws of the country. What more does it take to justify impeachment? The answer is nothing. High crimes and misdemeanors is all it takes and Obama has committed plenty of both. So what's going on? Cowardice! WOOF! Boehner is talking about suing the president. What nonsense. It makes for good political theatre but it accomplishes nothing except maybe a little embarrassment. The Supreme Court is providing plenty of that lately. The House of Representatives is controlled by the Republicans and they can justifiably impeach Obama. We know Harry Reid and the Democratic-controlled Senate will never remove him from office, but he would be deservedly and forever tainted with the "I" letter. Clinton was rightly impeached for lying under oath. It was the lying, not the sex. Obama has lied so many times we've lost count. He is involved in covering up much worse

crimes and deserves the same fate. Come on, John, don't just sue him -- Impeach him. The media will simply not report honestly on the liar. They have too heavily invested in him and his causes. Brit Hume has been the first to actually say "this is clearly a failed presidency." Many of us knew this a long time ago but it's nice to see others start to reach the same conclusion. Bill O'Reilly staunchly defended Obama for over four years. He would hardly criticize him because he wanted the big "interview!" Well, he got that second big interview and when Obama looked into the camera with that smirk and said there was not even a "smidgen" of corruption or wrongdoing in the IRS it was even too much for big Bill. Now he blasts him every night; something he should have been doing all along. Obama cannot speak without deceiving the American people. He always makes it sound like his administration is doing something when they are doing nothing. Two little examples. In a press conference last week he said the children coming across the border were being "apprehended." This makes you think something proactive is going on. The truth is they are being brought across the border by "coyotes" who then point them to the nearest Border Patrol office and they go turn themselves in. There's no "apprehension" going on here. No proactive measures, only reactive. This pilgrimage of children has been going on for a few years and Obama and his administration has been doing nothing about it. So finally the press makes an issue out of it when some pictures are leaked and Wham Bam -- Obama gets involved and he's gonna do something about it now. RIGHT! And because the spotlight is turned on to our full-of-holes border, he "reminds" us (aka lies to us) they have deported more illegals than Bush did. Another lie! Another deception! WOOF! What Obama and his cronies did was change the statistics. Illegals turned back at the border are now counted as deportations thereby raising Obama's stats. See what I mean. Lies and distortions! WOOF! Those are Obama's strengths. And with all these government problems that



lead right to his doorstep, Obama continues to play the blame game. Now he is blaming those dastardly federal employees as he recently called them boneheads. He even told us former Secretary of Defense Bob Gates (a Republican) told him someone would be messing up every day somewhere in the government. Imagine that! Millions of employees and someone might be messing up? DUH, that caught us all by surprise! NOT! These last few weeks the Supreme Court has really slapped Obama around. He has been rebuked on his unconstitutional actions about privacy, separation of power, religious rights, and recess appointments. Turley says it's been the worst 10 days for a president in the history of the United States. And what does this arrogant president do after being slapped down. He goes out on Tuesday and threatens the Republicans and the American people with doing more illegal and unconstitutional things with his pen and phone. He actually said to the House Republicans, "If you don't like my executive orders then do your job." Like the Republicans not doing what he wants them to do justifies his illegal actions. He is a president, NOT a king. The Republicans don't do everything he wants because they believe it's bad for the country. Congress is divided because the country is divided. That's the way government was designed. I want to end today with a Pew poll released last week. I find this a disgusting revelation. 60% of liberals are NOT proud to be Americans. This is sad but not surprising. Keep this in mind when your LPSP friends criticize your conservative views and our great country. We must resist liberal progressive socialism at every opportunity. Don't give up! WOOF!

May God Have Mercy on America! JMH



The U.S. Economy Has Collapsed: “This Is A Monstrous Negative Revision”

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For months the administration, financial pundits and Wall Street analysts made it a point to inform Americans about the healthy state of our economy. One of the key metrics they’ve used as proof of recovery was the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) which measures the productive output of the U.S. economy as a whole.

Earlier this year the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis noted that this measure was showing positive growth. But now, after a second official revision, all of that purported growth used to goad consumers into spending more money on homes, cars, and other goods has been revealed to be nothing but conjecture. According to the BEA, not only did economic growth stall during the first quarter of 2014, it completely collapsed, signalling a significant shift in consumption habits amid increasing food and energy prices:

“Real gross domestic product — the output of goods and services produced by labor and property located in the United States — decreased at an annual rate of 2.9 percent in the first quarter of 2014 according to the “third” estimate released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis.”

The government first made consumers believe that the economy grew. Then they revised this down to slight negative growth. The latest revision of -2.9% growth is significant, because even with official inflation at over 2% America’s economic output has declined. It seems that no matter how much money they pump into the system, it isn’t enough to offset

the lack of income or job growth:

“This is a monstrous negative revision.

A big part of it was non-residential fixed investment. Rather than invest, companies have issued debt and bought back stock. But this does nothing for the economy — it simply blows a bubble in the market. How long before that comes home to roost? Not long now, I suspect.

If you think companies don’t expect a recession inbound, you’re nuts. Inventory draw-downs subtracted 1.7% from the GDP number. Companies don’t build inventories if they don’t think they can sell them — as such this is a forward indicator.

Oh, and current production profits? They’re down while current taxes were up. Obamacare anyone? Worse is that undistributed profits decreased too and this is the second quarter sequentially in which they did. What does a company pay dividends with? Undistributed profits.

So for two quarter the markets has risen like a rocket while the fuel for that rise has been exhausted for the last six months.

This will turn out well, I’m sure.

Source: Karl Denninger’s Market Ticker”

Officially, we have not yet entered a recession. That requires two quarters of negative growth. However, the current trend indicates that’s exactly what’s going to happen. In the next 30 days the BEA should be releasing the GDP rate for the second quarter of 2014. According to economist John Williams that will more than likely show a nega-

tive print and will lead to an official confirmation that the U.S. has entered another recession.

What’s worse, unlike the previous recession that followed the collapse of 2008, there is no way out of this one:

“The reason for this is that the consumer is strapped... doesn’t have the liquidity to fuel the growth in consumption.

Income... the median household income, net of inflation, is as low as it was in 1967. The average guy is not staying ahead of inflation.

As a result — personal consumption is more than two thirds of the economy — there’s no way you can have positive sustainable growth in the U.S. economy without the consumer being healthy.

As the renewed downturn gains wider acceptance or wider recognition, that will intensify the selling pressure. When someone starts selling, it’s going to be a race for the door, and I am looking for a dollar selling panic to be the trigger for the onset of hyperinflation.

I don’t see what will save it at this point.”

To cries of fear mongering and ‘doom porn’ contrarian economists and analysts warned that these numbers were being fabricated, despite the fact the the underlying fundamentals showed a clear draw-down in consumer confidence, company inventory, home sales and overall spending.

Now all of those warnings are coming to pass.

We have entered the next leg down and given that the governments of the world have pretty much used up all of the arrows in their quivers, there is noth-

ing to stop what’s coming.

And what’s coming is nothing short of a complete collapse of our way of life. Hard to believe? Yes. Implausible? No.

It is so plausible, in fact, that well known radio commentator Mark Levin recently noted that the U.S. government has been actively preparing for and simulating the collapse of our financial system, as well as the widespread violence that will follow:

“I’ll tell you what I think they’re simulating.

The collapse of our financial system, the collapse of our society and the potential for widespread violence, looting, killing in the streets, because that’s what happens when an economy collapses.

I’m not talking about a recession. I’m talking about a collapse, when people are desperate, when they can’t get food or clothing, when they have no way of going from place to place, when they can’t protect themselves.

There aren’t enough police officers on the face of the earth to adequately handle a situation like that.”

This is happening right here and now. The streets may not devolve into madness tomorrow or next month, but piece by piece the foundations of America’s economic health and social structure are crumbling. The time to finalize preparations for what’s coming is now.

It’s going to go from bad to worse.

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holstered pistols is generally legal, as it has been in most of nation for most of its history. The one state that restricted open carry further, California, has become the location of a federal court decision that states that if you restrict open carry, then you must, at minimum, have a “shall issue” concealed carry policy. California is a weird outlier, as it is one of only six states that have no state constitutional protection for the right to keep and bear arms.

Restoration of the right to carry firearms has been met with fierce opposition in the old media. The argument has always been that there will be “blood in the streets” and a return to “the wild, wild, west”. It never happens. The west referred to was mostly a fiction created by the media starting with dime novels, then moving to the movie theater and then television. The wild west was more peaceful than modern urban centers which have become the modern frontier.

Private establishments have always had the right to bar customers from carrying arms on their property, a right that was usurped by the government in many states. When the general right to bear arms is restored, many store owners are exhorted by the media to ban the carry of arms on their premises. In some locations, the local governments applied some persuasion to this end, even buying “no guns” signs to “give” to store owners to “assist” them in making the decision. After the stores start losing customers, and are told why, the signs come down.

Some establishments have discovered what has long been established by various studies: gun owners tend to be better educated and more prosperous than the general public. Crime rates tend to drop with an increase in

citizens carrying legal guns. Some of these establishments have put these facts together and come to the obvious conclusion: It is a good idea to attract gun carriers as customers. The value is clear. Not only does the store or restaurant gain business, it gains a considerable increase in security for almost no cost. Everyone understands why police bars, donut shops, and gun shops are seldom the targets of armed robberies: criminals do not wish to be shot.

Here is the notice From cds-smokepit.com, located in Moscow:

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CD’s Smoke Pit has hit on a business model that appears to be working well. While other establishments have welcomed legal firearms owners, CD’s goes further by working to attract them. I suspect that we will see more of this strategy in the future.

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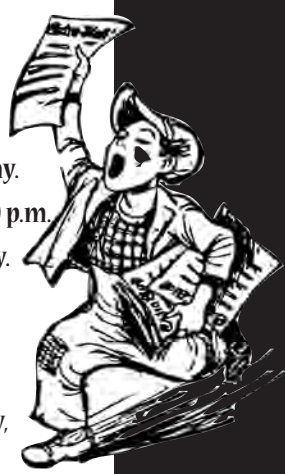
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