

Bobcats Volleyball Team Starts Strong!

by Coach Greg Cravens

The Custer County High School Volleyball team has started strong this season, with 3-0 overall and 2-0 in conference play. The Bobcats are a little less experienced as a team than in years past. The Seniors are Alysha Benoit, Kristian Curtis, Jordan Beach, and Madeleine Woods. Madeleine had 99 kills last year and has the most varsity experience on the team. Coach Cravens is encouraged by the younger talent and is looking forward to this season!

On Friday, September 5, the season started against Sierra Grande. It was a 5-set match with the Bobcats finally winning: 25-20, 25-29, 19-25, 22-25, and 15-4. Sierra Grande was a good test for the Bobcats, as they played very strong defense. “We had a very hard time scoring, because the Panthers were pick-

ing up everything we sent over,” said Coach Cravens. Jordan Beach led the Bobcats with 13 kills. Kristian Curtis led the team in aces with 5, and 3 of those coming at the start of the 5th set. “If it wasn’t for Kristian serving in that 5th set, I’m not sure how it would have turned out for us,” the coach commented.

Saturday was a new day for the Bobcats, and a chance to show off their talents. Del Norte and Sanford were in town to do battle. Both teams had finished better than CCHS the last two years in conference, so the Bobcats made it a point to try to do well against them. The morning started off with CCHS vs Del Norte. The Bobcats made a slow start, but went on to win the first set 25-22. The second was a close one, with Del Norte winning 27-29. The third and fourth sets were all Bobcats-- 25-19 and 25-20. The team was led

by Woods, with 9 kills for the match.

The final match of the day was CCHS vs Sanford. Sanford always has a good volleyball program, and Coach Cravens and the team wanted to do well against them. Sanford showed how good they are, winning the first set 19-25. The Bobcats just couldn’t get any momentum in the set. The second set proved to be another close one, with the teams going back and forth most of the set. Custer County was finally able to get a set victory at 29-27. The Bobcats didn’t want to give up the opportunity, and went out for the third and fourth sets to secure another confer-



Bobcats continue their winning streak with a win against Sanford.

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ence win--25-19 and 25-23.

There is no letting up now for the Bobcats. The Coto-paxi Pirates are in town on Thursday, September 11 for a big rivalry match. The JV will start play at 5:00 p.m., and the varsity will follow. On Friday, Crested Butte is in town, and THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE

TO SEE THE GIRLS PLAY AT HOME UNTIL OCTOBER. All the action starts with JV at 4:00 p.m., and the varsity will follow. The Bobcats are off to Sargent on Saturday, September 13 for two very important conference matches against Sargent and Center.

Henrich Field Dedicated

by Coach Troy Bomgardner

At the home opener for 2014 football season, the CCHS football field was dedicated in honor of long-time school district employee Gary Henrich. A large sign was unveiled prior to the football game that read Henrich Field. Mr. Henrich cared for and manicured the football field into

After the dedication, the Bobcats took on the Thunderbirds of Sangre de Cristo. The Thunderbirds were 1-0 and coming off an impressive 44-0 win over Holly. Following a recovery of an onside kick, the Bobcats exploded with an 8 yard run on the 1st play. A loss of one on 2nd down and an errant snap on 3rd down forced a 4th down



Bobcats line up for the dedication of Henrich field before their game against Sangre de Cristo.

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

one of the nicest fields in the entire state of Colorado. In addition, the daughters of Mr. Henrich were presented with a “book of memories” from the school district staff. And finally, Kris, Madison, and Nicole Henrich placed a GH sticker on the football players’ helmets that will be worn for the remainder of the 2014 season.

and a fake punt that came up less than a yard short. “That first drive was a pivotal one,” said Coach Bomgardner. “We had a shot to get a quick score and didn’t do it. We are trying to find our “identity” as a

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man who trusts
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Our Opinion... From the Editorial Board ONE WAY WAR?



It is time to stop all the nonsense, all the political cowardice, and all the parsing of words. Islamic Jihad has been declared. They have declared war on America and the rest of what we call "the western world." So is it possible they can be at war with us and we just continue to ignore that? The Obama Administration won't ever say the words Islamic and terrorists in the same sentence. They still classify what Major Nidal Hassan, a self-proclaimed Soldier of Allah, did as workplace violence. This is absurd. Are we that politically correct? Are we that naïve? Are we really that stupid or cowardly? It's time Americans demand our government face reality and start doing what is needed to really protect us. This all begins with Congress declaring official "War on Terrorists." This sets many things in motion. Our very safety is at stake. Our national security is truly at stake. It's not Climate Change as Hillary Clinton and others in the Democrat Party would have us believe. It's the jihad against us. The jihad that has been declared by Islamists! Spare us the "Neville Chamberlin" view that there are a lot of good Muslims and we can work with

them. Okay, we stipulate that there are a lot of good Muslims. However, if the "experts" are correct and there are only 5-10% radical ones, that means there are about 200 million Muslims that are Islamic terrorists out there who want to kill Americans, westerners, and infidels. That's enough for our leaders to be concerned and take appropriate action. Appropriate action is Congress declaring war and starting to do the things that really matter in protecting us. Let's start with the basics. Stop with the soft, meaningless words like militants and extremists. According to Webster "militant" is someone "ready and willing to fight" or "vigorous or aggressive in support or promotion of a cause." That describes almost every American veteran or patriot in our country. Webster further defines the adjective "extremists" as one who has "the quality or state of going to extremes." Again any passionate patriot or citizen who peacefully marches in support of their beliefs can be called an extremist. It doesn't even begin to describe evil murderers who will kill innocent people indiscriminately or brutally cut off their heads. Stop with the soft words. Call them out for what they are: terrorists, killers,

assassins, butchers, cut-throats, homicide bombers, etc. And then add the word Islamist! Yes, their might be a few others around the world but let's be honest. 90% of all the evil in the world is being done by the Islamic Fundamentalist terrorists and they are the real threat that America and the world needs to deal with. We must get our heads out of the sand and face reality. The President needs to do that most of all. You can tell the mindset of the President and Vice-President by the words they use. They continue to use the word justice. We will "bring them to justice" they say. We didn't bring Hitler to justice. We defeated his armed forces and killed him. One might agree that killing these murderers on the battlefield is justice. However, this Commander-in-Chief and V.P. really mean bring them "to justice." Vice President Biden is being praised for being a "hawk" because he said we will follow them to the "gates of hell." Actually he finished that with "bring them to justice." Words are important. This administration means send the FBI out and bring them to our courts in America. This is what they wanted to do with all the GITMO detainees. This is insane. They

don't mean send our armed forces to kill them. They mean put them in court if possible. This is the wrong way to defeat and destroy ISIS. The President is now talking tough after the NATO meeting. Remember just recently he said we needed to degrade ISIS and bring them to a "manageable" level. Nonsense! One manages their diabetes not their cancer. These Islamic terrorists have said they will come to America. They have already beheaded two Americans to prove their intent. We need to stop with all the soft talk trying to be politically correct and cautious. These evil people are at war with America. We need to be at war with them. It's time to get serious. A few drone strikes here and there won't solve the problem. We need wartime action. We need to take note of what Prime Minister Cameron of Great Britain just said and did. We need to stop the wholesale import, legal and illegal, of bad guys into our country. We need to secure our borders. We need to stop unlimited immigration and travel visas. We need to wake up and realize there is a lot we can do. There is a lot of reporting now on "homegrown" terrorists. Does that surprise anyone? America is

fertile ground for this type of thing. Why? Multiculturalism is why. Immorality is also another reason. There are enclaves all over America. We don't require assimilation anymore. It's okay to live in one's own group and say, do, and preach anything. Some judges and lawmakers even support allowing Sharia Law to be used in America. Young, unemployed, uneducated men with no moral compass or Christian values are easy to recruit for evil purposes. Most likely we have hundreds of recruits and ISIS-type soldiers already in our country or ones that travel back and forth on their passports. It's time we get tough and accept that we are at war with Islamic terrorists. Jihad exists. Let's get prepared. Let's take appropriate action before, not after, a big strike. Yesterday was the 13th anniversary of 9-11. In 2001 we all said we would never forget. Have we forgotten already? Do we need another mass killing to happen? No, we just need to take these evil men and women seriously now. We hope the President got the strategy right on Wednesday night.

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Is Gun Confiscation Next in Westcliffe?

Local Democrats Attack Independence Day Parade!

by George Gramlich,
Rural Custer County

And it starts with a Parade! Fellow Americans, the patriotic celebration of our July 4 Independence Day Parade is again in jeopardy. Custer County's minuscule Democratic Party, led by left-wing activists, Comrades Roland Williams and Brent Bruser, are again seeking to end the successful event celebrated and embraced by thousands here. This is the same liberal cell that tried to cancel the parade two years ago over 2nd Amendment issues using a bogus "citizens" petition in an attempt to intimidate the Westcliffe Town Board.

The issue centers around the local Democrat Party's obsession with the immensely successful Southern Colorado Patriots Club (SCPC) July 4 Parade section (with around 500 marchers last year and about 300 this year, the vast majority of them being your fellow Custer County residents), that is, their neighbors carrying their family guns and supporting the 2nd Amendment with signs, a perfect example of our free speech rights. Funny how a couple of dozen Westcliffe socialists are trying to deny thousands of their neighbors (spectators and marchers) their God given 1st and 2nd Amendment rights.

This brings us to the newly left-leaning Westcliffe Town Board who are tortuously attempting to replace the current, successful volunteer sponsors of the July 4 Parade, the Wild West

Cowboy Church, and the the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel newspaper with the local, small, and extreme left-wing Democrat Party! One must wonder why?

The word recently from the politically correct at the Westcliffe Town Board is that they want "harmony" (spoken by Board Member and local business owner, Paul Wenke). Folks, "harmony" is the liberal speak translation for "tyranny" and the stark suppression of our constitutional rights. It starts with banning guns in public, then prohibiting certain types of guns, then gun registration, then certain types of magazines, then violent SWAT raids at our homes. The Westcliffe Town Board is leading the local anti 1st and 2nd Amendment assault with its denial of the Cowboy Church and the Sentinel's request to again run the July 4 parade (the last July 4 Parade was run by the Cowboy Church and the Sentinel and the prior parade was sponsored by the Town itself, these two events have been the most successful parades in Westcliffe history with record breaking attendance and retail sales figures. Two years in a row and there is no doubt that the carrying of firearms by patriotic marchers brought in the big crowds. The events experienced Zero incidents and were led by our own Sheriff Jobe. State politicians marched in it (e.g., Rep. Jim Wilson). These two parades generated a huge amount of positive print and TV coverage for Custer County, and EVERYBODY was welcome

to participate no matter what their political or social orientation/cause was.) Nope, can't have that. There is somehow, a lack of "harmony" in a successful, patriotic celebration of our nation's independence from tyranny in a county with a heavy majority of conservative Christians.

The left-leaning Town Board is forcing the Cowboy Church and the Sentinel to form a "parade committee" with the Democrat Party and have them jointly decide what the "parade rules" are. Note that at this time, there are NO Town parade rules. So when the three parties got together informally recently to begin discussions (and what do the Democrats do, of course, bring a lawyer. Very friendly move, but typical of leftists.) the first thing (reportedly) out of left-wing democrat Comrade Roland Williams mouth is that they demand all guns be banned along with signs carried by marchers! (I kid you not, see more below.). (Which are the SOLE reasons they want to run the parade, suppression of free speech and our 2nd Amendment rights.) Now everybody knows (but maybe not the Westcliffe Town Board) that the Southern Colorado Patriots Club is not going to agree to either "rule". Hey, Town Board, do you think that this was maybe foreseeable? Duh. Seems to me that this "parade committee" charade mandated by the Town Board could just be a set up so the Board can declare an impasse and (considering the comments at the last two Town Board

meetings and the left leaning Board makeup) declare the Dems the sole sponsor or just cancel the most successful retail event in recent memory. Then we would have "harmony", and Board Member Paul Wenke would be in synch with the community's left-wing Democrat minority. Although local business owners, particularly Main Street entities, might not see too much "harmony" there as tens of thousands of sales dollars go bye-bye.

Question for the Westcliffe Town Board: Why are you denying one of the county's most successful Christian church and the county's conservative newspaper the opportunity to repeat a totally inclusive, patriotic, record breaking retail sales event? What has changed since that June 2013 Town Special Meeting when the Town Trustees voted unanimously to sponsor the Independence Day parade with the SCPC members and guests marching armed? And folks, this is not a joke, if it wasn't so sick, the Town Board is seriously considering giving the July 4 parade to these local left wing partisans (and folks, there is only a handful of these extreme left-wingers in the county), the Democratic Party, who have already stated they have a whole list of prohibited activities that won't be tolerated: and, as mentioned previously: guns of any kind will be prohibited along with patriotic signs! Yup, that is one their non-negotiable demands for an Independence Day Parade! Signs that express our love for

our country and our Constitution! Can't have that in an Independence Day Parade! Might scare the children or offend our marxist neighbors. Perhaps the American Flag will be the next thing banned. Or the prayer that Rob Canterbury says for the Patriot Club before the parade begins. Or when the Patriot Club sings "God Bless America" at the end of the parade. Or our American Legion veterans won't be allowed to wear their service uniforms. Or wearing a cross on your clothes. Or having a sign with the word "God" (eg, "God Bless America") in it. Yup, waves of harmony are flowing all over us now in patriotic Custer County. I can see the Westcliffe Town Board just swinging with kumbaya vibes washing over them with visions of unelected bureaucrats disarming the peasants dancing in their partisan heads. Maybe the Town Board's next move (with the guidance of the local Democratic Party who have expertise in this area) will be to establish a "free speech zone" in the town, very small of course, and out of the way so as not to offend our freedom loving left wing neighbors. No guns allowed of course in the Westcliffe Town Free Speech Zone. Or patriotic signs. And of course, no bibles. We require harmony here in Westcliffe.

And I just gotta throw this out, cause I just can't figure out why the Town Board (via the local Democratic Party's wishes) will not renew the Wild West Cowboy Church and the Sentinel newspaper "au-

thorization" for another Independence Day Parade which would be the simple, logical and rational solution. Could there be some anti-Christian bias here as the Cowboy Church is a "full bore", down-to-earth ministry, and the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel is Christian owned and Christian themed. A little far fetched perhaps, but the Democrats insistence on "no signs" in the parade could be an indication. I don't think it is a reason (at least I hope so), but it is not out of the realm of possibilities. The current Obama regime is well known for its anti-Christian actions.

Westcliffe Town Board: There will be local political and economic consequences if the rights of our fellow Custer County citizens are denied. You are following a sickening, minority, partisan path which will hurt your town and our county. The Town Board is not an anonymous body; your individual votes will be noted. Celebration of our constitutional rights (especially the 1st and 2nd Amendments) is the reason for Independence Day. To see this glorious day turn into a mockery of our Constitution because of a handful of local left-wing democrat activists will have local, state, regional and even national repercussions that we suggest you ponder a bit. Go back and please read our Constitution and the process of its creation. Our Founding Fathers were guided by God's hand in creating the U.S. Constitution. It is sacred ground.



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The Use of Deadly Force

I read Joe Cascarelli's letter to the editor last week and because he asked for someone within the community to provide some guidance to those citizens who may ever find themselves in a deadly force situation, I thought it was an opportunity to share some professional and personal insight on what is often overlooked when a person makes the decision to carry a gun. Joe, before I begin, I want you to know that I have 12 years of experience working the streets of Cañon City as a police officer and carrying a gun while carrying out my duties. In December of 2006 I had the great misfortune of being in a deadly force situation where a 24-year-old man attempted to shoot me and lost his life in that encounter. At that time I was an NRA certified firearms instructor, Armorer, and SWAT team member, yet through all my training and experience it was not until after this incident, that I truly realized the implications involved with carrying a gun.

I will try to address the comments and questions one by one as best I can. It is important to understand, Joe, this is not a topic that could, nor should be done in one article, or an hour for that matter. It is very complex and there are many factors that play into it. This takes hours to explain and discuss. It should be done in a setting where open discussion and examples can be given. Perhaps we can put together an informational class for the citizens of the valley, at no cost, to help educate and inform those who wish to carry. With this in mind, I will give some very brief information to begin the discussion.

I do not agree with your comment regarding Policing as a completely reactive entity by law. We can argue semantics but policing at its root is the attempt to prevent criminal activity through relationships and proactive work to prevent and improve communities. There are no laws to prevent departments from proactively approaching crime; the problem is typically nearly every department across the nation is strapped for funding. Whether you agree or not is irrelevant, it is a fact. Communities oftentimes ignore pleas for funding from public service entities and then when an event occurs, they wonder why a better response wasn't conducted? Policing by nature is reactive, but with modest effort, crime can be reduced through proactive approaches.

As far as your rights as a citizen: if you have lived in Colorado for any period of time, you are probably aware of the "Make My Day Law" which is unique to Colorado. It is similar to the Florida "Stand Your Ground Law" but different in its protection. This law essentially states that a person can use deadly force against an intruder who was not invited into their home and threatens harm to the resident, no matter how minor. The "Make My Day Law" also stipulates that if you shoot and kill an intruder under this law, you "can" be immune

from prosecution and lawsuits. This is not a guarantee but has occurred at least 22 times since 1985. The Make My Day Law is very liberal and goes to great lengths to protect homeowners from the threat of intruders in their home. It does not apply outside of your home.

The incident on Hardscrabble would not fall under the Make My Day Law so we have to approach this as a self-defense incident. In Colorado, each citizen has the right to defend themselves by using the amount of force he/she reasonably believes is necessary for self-protection. If this were to happen, the burden of proof falls upon the shooter to establish that he/she believed they, or someone else, were in imminent danger of serious bodily injury or death. In simple terms, if you were to shoot an aggressor outside of your home, for any reason, you would have to prove to the courts that you believed you or someone else were in absolute danger of being seriously hurt or killed. This can be a difficult hurdle in the court system.

If you carry a gun for protection, you should know and understand the four requirements of deadly force: Opportunity, Ability, Jeopardy, and Preclusion. Does your assailant have the opportunity to harm you or others? Do they have the ability? Are you or others in Jeopardy? Have you done everything you can to avoid the situation? As an example, let's say as a citizen I am confronted by a 26-year-old male party that is 6'2" tall, weighs 260 pounds, and tells me he is going to kill me. Immediately I need to assess the threat. Does he have the opportunity to do what he threatens? Yes, he is large in size and in immediate proximity of where I am at. Does he have the ability to kill me? Perhaps, he says he does, he is very large, I have no idea what his training is in hand to hand combat, and he is aggressive in nature. He has indicated an intent and acts in a manner to follow through with his threats. Am I in jeopardy? This is the critical point where I have to determine if I can defend myself or elude the aggressor without incident. Does he act in a manner to indicate I am in danger? Does his tone of voice threaten me? Is he actively aggressive? Is there anything I can do to avoid a confrontation or leave the area without further risk of harm to me or others? Have I done anything to avoid the situation? (Preclusion) Do I have pepper spray on me or anything else to stop his aggressive actions? What is my training in ground fighting or self-defense? Once I have made this assessment I have to be able to act quickly and then be able to explain in detail why I made the decision I did. If my decision were to include the use of a firearm, this will be scrutinized and analyzed to no end and I must understand my rights and what I have to prove to defend myself in court. It is also important to note that an assailant may meet deadly force requirements for one

person and not another. All of this is dependent upon the assailant and the victim individually. This applies similarly to civilians and officers although there are differences I will not go into for this article.

My understanding of the Hardscrabble incident is that the victim attempted to avoid contact by continuing to drive down the highway. When the gang forced him to the side of the roadway, he was no longer able to avoid the situation. Once the gun was brought into the incident, this became an immediate deadly force situation. The suspect had the opportunity to seriously harm the victim, they had the ability with at least one gun, knives and possibly a bat, and the family was certainly in jeopardy. The victim had tried to escape the situation and was unable to do so. At that point he would have been warranted in using the force he reasonably believed was necessary to defend himself and his family.

So does this mean he would have been found not guilty or justified and not charged? I can't give you that answer. I can simply tell you how the law is written. Any time a citizen, or a police officer for that matter, shoots and kills someone it is a homicide and is investigated as such until proven otherwise. If you carry a gun and do not have some type of insurance to protect you in the event you ever have to use that weapon, you are putting yourself and family at great risk, bottom line. If you shoot someone, no matter the circumstances, it will cost you considerable time and money. Initially \$40,000 is probably a safe number to anticipate for the criminal case. Then you will be sued civilly, no matter what happens in criminal court and that is always a huge risk financially as those cases can result in millions of dollars in settlements.

In closing, I understand this was brief but this is a subject that takes hours to teach. Prior to carrying a gun, I advise you be knowledgeable about the laws that protect you and the criteria you will be required to prove in the event you are forced to use it. There are many risks and great responsibility that goes with carrying a gun and it is imperative to know and understand this. Anyone who knows me is fully aware I am a strong advocate of concealed carry and responsible gun ownership, but understand it is a very big responsibility. When you purchase a gun or strap on holster, you have made a conscious decision to take on that burden. Make sure you are aware of your surroundings, and avoid confrontation if possible. Heaven forbid you are ever presented with a situation where you may have to use your weapon, but if you do know this, once you pull the trigger, your life has changed in ways you had never imagined and you will never be the same.

*Carry wisely and be informed,
Shannon Byerly,
Republican Candidate for Custer County Sheriff*

Personal Defense Information

This is in response to Joe Cascarelli's Sept 5th letter regarding a request for some education/information for citizens facing potentially dangerous/deadly violence such as the July 5th Hwy 96 attack by a motorcycle gang. This letter is meant as a companion to the one published on the same subject by our next sheriff—Shannon Byerly.

In addition to being the person that Joe referenced at the beginning of his letter, I have been teaching personal defense to civilians for 12 years. My instructor certifications include every basic & advanced firearm and non-lethal personal defense cert from the NRA, and pistol & patrol rifle instructor certs from the Sig Sauer Academy. I'm also the senior instructor for Gunsmoke in Arvada and a board member of the Sangre Shooting Sports Club in Westcliffe. While the majority of our classes are held in the Denver area, I have held some CCW & firearms classes in Westcliffe over the last 4 years.

In the way of an initial response to Joe's call for help, Shannon and I are in discussions regarding the development of one or more forums for the Custer County residents with the primary purpose of educating our good citizens in-and-around the subject of personal defense. Shannon would provide the law enforcement perspective while I would cover it from the civilian standpoint. While there is a great deal of overlap between the LE and civilian approaches to this subject, there are also some significant differences. A few examples would include: (i) LE is obligated to go towards a troubled situation, while we civilians (most of the time) should avoid, evade, or escape such circumstances; (ii) the rules of engagement are different in that LE has several levels of force to think about and utilize, and they have ra-

dios, backup, and often operate in teams in violent situations (iii) LE and civilian thought processes have some necessary differences in the aftermath of a shooting or violent encounter.

I endorse everything in Shannon's companion letter regarding the laws and his recommendations. I also agree with him that it is virtually impossible to provide adequate tutorials on the subject of personal defense in the necessarily brief space of a local newspaper. Additionally, while many of the subjects and concepts can be described in written format, the most effective is in eyeball-to-eyeball classroom scenarios. Therefore, I won't try to provide any detailed advice in this letter. Rather, I strongly suggest that all who are truly interested in protecting themselves and their loved ones make the time and allocate the dollars to seek out reputable formal training classes in as many tangent subject areas as possible—less-than-lethal weapons, martial arts, knives & firearms, concealed carry courses, self-defense laws, etc. If the decision is made to carry a firearm, having reputable insurance coverage and/or a personal defense legal plan or coverage (such as US Law Shield) should be seriously considered.

As to the aforementioned educational forums, Shannon and I plan to begin the development effort following the November elections with a target of the initial meeting sometime in the 1st quarter of 2015. At this point we are thinking about forums 1-2 times a year or as often as necessary based on continuing interest, about 2 hours in length, and no charge to Custer residents. We will keep you informed of our status via the *Sentinel* following the elections.

*Regis Frank,
Part-time Custer County Resident*

Thanks from the Silver Cliff Museum



Thanks to everyone who attended and those who helped in anyway that made our Open House at the Silver Cliff Museum a huge event.

This brought awareness to our 1879 Historic Fire House and Town Hall and the many displays of Custer County

*Dorothy Urban,
Museum Curator*

Local Mountain News & Notices

Rare Virus Sends Children to ICU

Testing by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention laboratory has confirmed 19 of 25 specimens submitted by Children's Hospital Colorado tested positive for enterovirus-D68, an uncommon respiratory virus. Investigation into this outbreak is ongoing, and the department is working with Colorado hospitals and the CDC.

Recent reports in the Denver area and other cities across the country have called attention to an increase in pediatric patients with severe respiratory illness and asthma exacerbation. Some patients have required hospitalization, and some have needed care in pediatric intensive care units. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is not aware of any patients who have died because of this condition.

Initial testing at the CDC indicates that illnesses in

other cities also are caused by EV-D68 with at least 900 children being treated for the virus and at least 86 hospitalized since mid-August.

The illness is characterized by difficulty breathing, difficulty getting enough oxygen, and wheezing in some patients. A minority of patients have a fever.

There are no vaccines to prevent EV-D68 infections.

Patients can help protect themselves from respiratory illnesses by washing hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds, avoiding touching their eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, avoiding kissing, hugging, and sharing cups and eating utensils with people who are sick, disinfecting frequently touched surfaces such as toys and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick. Parents, if you have a sick child, please do not send them to school.

If you have a young child, especially under the age of five or an asthmatic child, you must be vigilant. If you are not sure, please check with your family doctor early and make sure the asthmatic patient is using any preventive medications as ordered.

"As Children's Hospital in Denver has had 19 confirmed cases and many admissions of children with these symptoms, Southern Colorado must be prepared as this virus may be coming our way," said Chris Nevins-Woods, director of the Pueblo City-County Health Department.

Gang Members Apprehended!

Teamwork has paid off. As reported in the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel, two of the four gang members in the Hardscrabble motorcycle gang and tourist encounter were arrested and appeared in Custer County court for advisement on Friday, September 5. A court date of October 3 is set for arraignment. On Tuesday, September 9, 2014, Milisa Boedigheimer, a third gang member, was arrested by the Westminster Police Department. The fourth gang member, Ryan McNeil, was arrested by the Adams County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday, September 10, 2014. The prisoners will be transported to Custer County by our local law enforcement agency. According to the arrest warrants, bond had been set at \$50,000 each.

Silver Cliff Board of Trustees Meeting

by Larry Luikart

The Silver Cliff Board of Trustees began with the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call, Marty Wolff was excused for illness, and the introduction of attendees. There being no Old Business the meeting moved directly to New Business.

Christe Coleman, Custer County Emergency Manager, gave a presentation on updating the Custer County Hazardous Mitigation Plan. The old mitigation plan has expired and, in order for any government entity to be eligible for federal funds through FEMA, a new plan must be written. Ms. Coleman invited Silver Cliff to participate in the plan. The actual cost of preparation of the plan, at a minimum, will be fifty thousand dollars. The federal government will pay 75% of the cost, the state of Colorado will absorb 12.5% and the various county and city en-

tities will absorb another 12.5%. Ms. Coleman asked Silver Cliff to contribute \$500 in the form of in-kind donation of labor and materials toward funding the plan. The plan would cover such areas, to name a few, as wildfire, flood, and geologic issues. The Trustees, realizing there is no choice but to participate if they ever needed FEMA funds, approved the decision to participate and to provide the requested funding.

(This reporter would like to remind the readers that the federal, state, and local funding for such projects does not come from our secret money source in the kingdom of Oz. Each of these governmental entities through taxation is taking funds out of your wallets. We have become conditioned to think the federal government in particular is providing these goodies for free at no cost to you the taxpayer. The fifty-thou-

sand dollars necessary to write this voluminous plan comes directly or indirectly from you the taxpayer. We wonder why the federal debt is seventeen trillion dollars.)

Mayor Weber covered the topic of Silver Cliff obtaining its own zip code. He reported the major problem involves state sales tax revenue. Without a zip code the sales tax revenue collected in Silver Cliff defaults to Westcliffe. The amount of revenue lost is approximated at ten thousand dollars per year. Major Weber is working with Senator Udall's Office in this endeavor.

Dorothy Urban, Museum Curator, presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the town to Michael Franta for his beautiful art work on the storage buildings behind the museum. She also offered a special thanks to the volunteers who do so

much to keep the museum operation going so smoothly.

Trustee Danny Smith reported on the Custer County Community Development Corporation meeting. The topic was broadband development. Mr. Smith reported he felt the reaction of the County Commissioner has been minimal and there seems to be little interest on their part to move this fourth utility forward. Mr. Smith pointed out to the Silver Cliff Board the development of broadband and internet technology is absolutely necessary if the county expects to retain our residents and businesses.

There were no public comments and the Board began the process of outlining priorities, considering capital outlays, and staff work for 2015. This process is ongoing and will involve more work before a final list is presented for approval.



Gov. Candidate Beauprez Representative Gives Talk

Josh Hosteler, Republican governor candidate Beauprez's regional director for southern Colorado, delivered a speech covering Beauprez's platform to a large crowd at The Mining Company Restaurant last Friday morning. The event was sponsored the Custer County Republican Party. For additional information on the Mr. Beauprez's campaign please see: www.bobbeauprez.com.

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The American Legion Shines In Custer County

The American Legion, largest worldwide war-time veterans service organization showered kudos on Westcliffe Veteran Carol Kennedy and Colorado at the national Legion convention held at Charlotte, North Carolina. Kennedy was the 2013-2014 Commander of the Department of Colorado.

Awards presented to Kennedy and Colorado included:

- Department Commander of the Year. Awarded to Kennedy personally. This is like being named the MVP of the Super Bowl.
- Several awards for leading Colorado to #1 in all categories of membership improvement.
- Awards for northern Colorado flood relief assistance, veteran recruiting, and public relations.

Way to go Colorado and Commander Kennedy! Colorado Rocks!

Commander Kennedy belongs to The American Legion Westcliffe Post 170. She says, "We work hard helping ceterans in our county with programs to



National Commander Dan Dellinger presenting Department Commander of the Year award to Commander Kennedy.

courtesy photo

help purchase food, clothing, firewood, propane, electricity, travel to medical appointments, and special programs to help veterans with minor age children. We also provide community programs like Main Street flags, Boy's State, Veterans Go to School, and the annual Christmas toy

ride. The American Legion believes in patriotism, helping veterans, children and our community. If you believe, join us and we can make a difference."

Post 170 meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at Cliff Lanes. All interested veterans are welcome.

Custer County Search and Rescue Labor Day Weekend Rescues

by Cindy Howard, CCSAR

Custer County Search and Rescue responded to two callouts over the Labor Day weekend, both of which kept teams out in the field all night; and a third callout this past Saturday, September 6th.

On Saturday, August 30th, members were called to evacuate a patient with possible Acute Mountain Sickness, (AMS) and dehydration. The mission was in difficult terrain above Hwy 165 near Camp Jackson along the Camp Crocket Trail in the Wet Mountains. Pueblo County assumed Incident Command, but requested CCSAR personnel assist in the all-night litter evacuation. The mission concluded at 07:30 when all members returned to the SAR base.

Sunday, August 31st, team members responded to a report of two male climbers who had "cliffed" out descending the wrong couloir on Crestone Needle. Four members were fielded overnight and located the stranded pair. Attempts to access them were unsuccessful during the night. At daybreak, the Colorado Search and Rescue Board, (CSRB) was contacted for assistance and CCSAR learned that a second mission was underway in the same vicinity for yet another climber from Colorado Springs who had also descended incorrectly. He was also stuck above Cottonwood Lake with no retreat possible. CSRB requested a Blackhawk helicopter and the two missions were combined into a single response, in order to share that resource. Saguache County assumed IC and Western State Mountain Rescue (WSMR) responded with an additional four technical climbers who were inserted, along with a Saguache County team, via the Blackhawk. The single male subject was able to down climb, assisted by

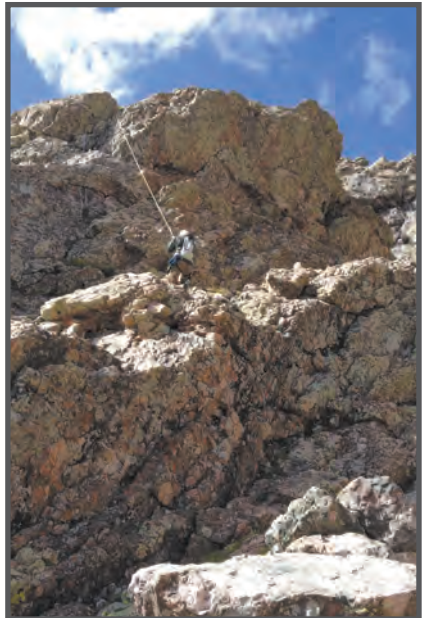
two other hikers in the area and walked out on his own. The two climbers from Denver were reached by WSMR in the late afternoon and were then lowered from the scene at 16:00 hours. That mission concluded at approximately 20:00 hours when CCSAR retrieved the WSMR team. Saguache County had driven the WSMR team vehicle from Crestone to the Westcliffe SAR base to return them to their Gunnison base of operations.

Just before 11:00 hours this past Saturday, September 6th, CCSAR members were again called, this time to respond to a 75-year-old male patient who had been thrown from his mule on the South Brush Creek trail at approximately 11,400 ft. He reportedly had head, shoulder, and back injuries. CCSAR members requested Flight for Life assistance and were available to be inserted into the area. Deteriorating weather conditions appeared as if this could be yet another long night for CCSAR members. FFL was able to spot a party of five hunters in the area and fielded their paramedic from a nearby landing zone. After refueling, FFL returned to the scene and the crew and hunting party were able to successfully



Top photo: CCSAR members Sam Ramer and Cindy Howard

Courtesy photo by Jeff Hobby, Custer County Search and Rescue



Lower photo: Subject being lowered to safety near the Crestone Needle.

Courtesy photo by Ryan Paul, Western State Mountain Rescue

load the patient onboard the chopper.

CCSAR members who had been standing by, began their planned GPS training class and finished it with a field exercise at the Comanche/Venable Trailhead where GPS and radio skills were honed outdoors. The evening field exercise, complete with rain and hail, simulated the real deal for team members who must be prepared for the elements and potentially a long night



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Chamber of Commerce Knosh and Know: Healthcare Reform

This month's Knosh and Know hosted by the Custer County Chamber of Commerce will be on Wednesday, September 17, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Chamber office/Visitor Center located at 110 Rosita Avenue inside the All Aboard Westcliffe building. A brief chamber member meeting will be held at 5 p.m. prior to the Knosh and Know.

The Knosh and Know topic is healthcare reform including some of the newer changes in the laws and their impact on individuals and small businesses. Leading the discussion is Paul Roberts, Director

of Sales/Marketing with Colorado Choice Health Plans in Alamosa.

Chamber members and other interested folks are invited to attend the Knosh and Know. There is no cost to Chamber members; others pay \$5. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information or to make a reservation which is suggested to make sure there is adequate seating and handouts, call the Chamber office at 783-9163. Current office/visitor center hours are Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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2014-15 Sixth Grade Health Class Swimming and Club Membership Program

Club America WMV is offering its Fourth Annual Sixth Grade Health Class Swimming and Club Membership Program which began Tuesday, September 9 for school students and will begin September 16 for home-schooled students. Available to all 6th graders in Custer County, the program is scheduled Tuesdays from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the pool through December 16. American Red Cross Wa-

ter Safety Instructors teach water safety throughout the swim course and also guide the student aquatic workouts. Students will learn benefits of healthy nutrition as they develop their athletic/aquatic abilities. Families with home-schooled 6th graders can enroll their students at Club America. Just stop by the front desk to obtain the necessary paperwork. Swimming questions can be addressed to Lisa Kaufman,

Aquatic Programs at Club America, by leaving a message at 783-0750 for her. Club membership provides students with membership cards in a program that runs October 1, 2014 – June 1, 2015. The memberships allow 6th grade students to use the facility during all public swim hours (usually Fridays and Saturdays 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. when lifeguards are on duty).

Bobcats Cross Country in Lyons

by Coach Jack Swartz

The St. Vrain Invitational in Lyons, CO, has proved to be the biggest and fastest meet so far this season for the Bobcat harriers. With the travel involved the 7 athletes participating got to partake in a unique pre-race dinner. Our athletes got to mingle with athletes from Lyons, Telluride, and Salesian High School located in Los Angeles, California. Conversation ranged from training to where to

train in each of those locations. The meet provided excellent results as well. All 7 athletes ran season best times led by Corey Lewenkamp who ran in the 4a/5a race placing 12th overall in a time of 16:31. In the 2a/3a race the boys team was led by Kaylan Stoering in 18:52 closely followed by Michael Franta at 18:59. Rounding out the 4 scorers were Dillon Wommack at 20:21 and

Wesley Kagan at 22:21. The boys team placed 18th out of 30 teams in the combined 2a/3a race. Not to be outdone, the girls were led by Kayli Short in a time of 23:36 and Katlyn Freeburg with a huge season best time of 25:34. The team is back on the course this Saturday (9/13) in Pueblo, CO, for the Pueblo Invite. This meet will include all high school and middle school athletes.

Cotopaxi: Right At Home

by Aspen Serfoss

Once again, the Cotopaxi Pirates displayed their skills and teamwork on the football field with a win of 28-12 against the La Veta Redskins. The game started off close with alternating touchdowns from both teams, but by the fourth quarter, it was clear that the Pirates were on a roll. Both teams were pumped up, resulting in a very intense football game. All the fans were on the edge, watching their boys

push to succeed. The anticipation didn't just come from the stands, though. On the sidelines, coaches and players alike cheered and encouraged their team to work harder and come out with a victory. During the game, a few disagreements were had on some calls as well as the actions of several players, creating an even more strained environment. In the end though, Cotopaxi persevered and proudly marched away with a second victory that had

the crowd cheering with excitement. Head coach Jeremy Cole was also very proud of his team and their accomplishment. When asked how he felt about the game, he said with pride, "The boys played with a lot of heart...everybody fought for a hard win." The season thus far has been very successful for the Pirates as they are now 2-0 in league. They hope to continue their winning streak on Saturday, September 13, at Mountain Valley.



Bobcat Menu • Sept. 15 - Sept. 18, 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
breakfast French Toast Sticks Scrambled Eggs Fruit, Milk	breakfast Ham, Cheesewich Fruit Milk	breakfast Scrambled Eggs W.W. Toast Fruit, Milk	breakfast Sausage Gravy Biscuits Fruit, Milk
lunch Chili w/ Crackers Choice of Veg. Choice of Fruit Milk	lunch Beef Stroganoff W.W. Roll Choice of Veg. & Fruit Milk	lunch Hot Dog Choice of Veg. Choice of Fruit Milk	lunch Mac 'n' Cheese Choice of Veg. Choice of Fruit Milk

Elementary: Main dish, bread, milk, choice of 1 veg. & 1 fruit • Middle & High School: Salad Bar

Bobcats Sport Schedule

CROSS COUNTRY	VARSITY FOOTBALL	VOLLEYBALL
Friday, September 12 9 a.m.: Air Academy at Colorado Springs	Friday, September 19 TBA: Fowler AWAY	Friday, September 12 4 p.m. Crested Butte/ HOME
Saturday, September 13 9 a.m.: Pueblo Central Invitational AWAY	Friday, September 26 TBA: Cripple Creek AWAY	Saturday, September 13 10 a.m.: Sargent/Center AWAY at Sargent
Saturday, September 27 9 a.m.: Canon City Invitational AWAY	GO BOBCATS!	Saturday, September 20 8 a.m.: Akron Tournament AWAY
Saturday, September 13 1 p.m.: Swink at HOME		Friday, September 26 10 a.m.: South Park/Cripple Creek at South Park

Offsite School Board Meeting: A Plea to Allow Outside Counseling

by Carol Clemenson

On Friday, September 5th, the Custer County School Board held an off-site public board meeting before their all-day workshop began. Dena Wood spoke to the Board on the issue of troubled kids in our school today. She has asked for a discussion on this problem before and was turned down by the school superintendent, Chris Selle. She came to this board meeting to present her case to the whole school Board. Dena related to the Board that she had recently met a certain Dan Dietz, Sr., in Denver. Mr. Dietz is the father of Danny Dietz, a Navy SEAL who was killed in Afghanistan in 2005. Danny was a problem child

growing up with many run-ins with the police and had a hostile relationship with his parents. It finally got to the point where it was either jail or enlisting in the Navy, and Danny went Navy. As with many of our youth over the years, the military straightened Danny up with Danny taking ownership of his past discretions. Navy Seal Danny Dietz was one of the SEALs killed in Operation Redwing which has received a lot of publicity from Seal Marcus Luttrell's book, "Lone Survivor". Mr. Luttrell was the only SEAL Team member to survive the horrendous battle. (God Bless these American heroes.) After the death of his son, Mr. Dietz started the Danny Dietz Leadership and Training Foundation in honor of

his son's memory. The purpose of the Foundation is to help parents and kids create a safe and positive environment in which young people can learn. Mr. Dietz now travels around the country helping troubled kids by instilling in them good principles like will, confidence, self-improvement, and humility. Dena went on to say that the community has experienced too many youth tragedies over the last few years and that a proven and effective speaker/counselor like Mr. Dietz could have a big impact on our children here in Custer County. Dena requested that the School Board reconsider the Superintendent's refusal to have Mr. Dietz come and give a presentation to the school.

KIDS Friday, September 12, 2014

Let's Meet a Patriot Nathan Hale

Nathan Hale was born June 6th, 1755 in the colony of Connecticut. At the age of 14, Nathan entered Yale College where he studied astronomy, mathematics, and literature. He graduated with class honors in 1773 and became a teacher. When the Revolutionary War broke out in 1775, he joined Connecticut's militia. However, for conflicting, unknown reasons, Nathan did not go on any missions with the militia. Then, he received a letter dated July 4, 1775. A former college classmate challenged Nathan by writing, "Was I in your condition, I think the more extensive service would be my choice. Our holy Religion, the honor of our God, a glorious country and a happy constitution is what we have to defend." Inspired, several days later Nathan Hale accepted a commission as a first lieutenant in Connecticut's 7th Regiment. The following spring, the unit was re-located to Manhattan to help protect New York City from a British offensive. General Washington needed information regarding the British troop movements. He needed a spy behind enemy lines. Hale had not yet physically fought in the war and saw this as his opportunity to fight for a patriotic cause. On September 10th, 1776, he was the only man to step forward to volunteer for the mission. Two days later, disguised as a Dutch schoolmaster, he was slipped behind enemy lines becoming one of the first known American spies of the Revolutionary War. Although successful in collecting information, unfortunately, the British captured the city on September 15th and Hale was identified as a spy punishable by death. On September 22, 1776, Nathan Hale, now 21 years old, was hanged. Legend tells that his final words standing on the gallows were: "I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country". Source: Wikipedia.org and History.com

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Pictured here is Nicole Lorenzen, Queen 2014

courtesy photo by Stephanie Miller

Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program Commodities to be Distributed Wednesday, September 19th

The 'Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program' (TEFAP) Commodities will be distributed on Wednesday, September 17th. Rules require a person to show verification they live in Custer County. Types of valid verification would include ID, utility bills, or mail received at your current address. Distribution to the eligible public will start shortly after 8:00 a.m. as soon as volunteer staff are prepared. Distribution will take place at the south end of the scale house behind the court house.

Consumers should have access to freezer space as some of the items need to be kept frozen until used. Commodities will be handed out on a first-come basis and include: canned peaches, canned salmon, cranberry juice concentrate, raisins, canned green beans, dried pinto beans, apple cherry juice, corn rice cereal, bread, pastries, and potatoes.

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Acts 16: 30-31, NKJV



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Events Calendar

Friday, September 12
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.: John Fielder Wilderness Slide Show by Custer County Conservation District at school's multi-purpose room
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Giver"

Saturday, September 13
Noon - 7 p.m.: High Peaks Music Festival presented by KWMV 95.9FM at Feed Store Park
6 p.m. - 10 p.m.: FREE Concert by Christian rock band, Seventh Day Slumber, at 830 Bridge Street in Cañon City (off of North 9th Street behind Brady's Nursery) at the Living Stone Cavalry Chapel outdoor amphitheater
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Giver"

Sunday, September 14
2 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Giver"

Tuesday, September 16
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.: CCSD Fall School Pictures

Wednesday, September 17
9 a.m.: BOCC meeting at Wetmore Fire Station

Friday, September 19
9:45 a.m. POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony at the flagpole at Cliff Lanes

Saturday and Sunday, September 20 - 21
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.: BOOK FAIR at Historic "West cliff" Schoolhouse, 320 S. Fourth Street. (Marci 783-2289)

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 am

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

Thursday
5:30 p.m.: Weight Watchers meeting in the Hope Lutheran Church basement. Call 783-4144

Second Thursday of the Month: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., "Ask a Nurse" at the library

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

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

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

Obituary Gene Coleman

Gene Coleman, of How-
Gard, passed away Sep-
tember 2, from prostate
cancer. He is survived by
wife Donna, daughters
Sheryl Coleman of Scotts-
dale, Arizona, and Kim-
berly (Robert) Burns of
Leesburg, Virginia, and son
Larry (Cathy) Coleman of
Cañon City, Colorado. He
leaves five grandchildren
and five great-grandchil-
dren.

Born to W.O. and Bessie
(Carr) Coleman on Octo-
ber 18, 1926, he was the
third of six brothers. He
was preceded in death by
brothers Stanley, Jack, and
John. He leaves brothers
Jim of Gunnison, Colora-
do and Miles of Westcliffe,
Colorado.

A 1944 graduate of Custer
County High School, Gene
served in the Merchant Ma-
rines under the War Ship-
ping Administration (Pa-
cific Theater) during World
War II. He received an
honorable discharge from
the United States Coast
Guard.

Gene owned
and operated
many small
businesses in
the Westcliffe
area during the
1940's-50, in-
cluding a car
dealership,
gas station,
and pool hall.
In 1959, he
moved to Gun-
nison to partner
with brother
Jack in operat-
ing the Gunni-
son Trucking
Company. He
purchased the
Salida Transfer in 1964 and
ran it until 1987.

He was active in com-
munity matters his entire
life. Gene was elected to
the school boards for the
Custer County and Coto-
paxi school districts. He
served as Mayor Pro-tem
of Westcliffe. He was ap-
pointed to the board of di-
rectors for Sangre de Cristo
Rural Electric Association
in 1977 and served for 41
years. He enjoyed his work
there and held every office



on the board, including five
years as chairman. He
was named to the board of
directors of Colorado-Ute
Electric Association and
served as the chairman of
that board for four years.
In 2000, he was named
Citizen of the Year by the
Howard Volunteer Fire De-
partment.

Funeral services were held
at Cotopaxi Church, on Sat-
urday, September 6, with
interment following at the
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Royal Gorge Bridge and Park Phase I is now open 7 days a week. Entry is \$16 for adults and seniors and \$11 for children 4 to 11 with under 4 free. Hours for the park in September are 9:30 am to 6 pm to walk the bridge. You may drive the bridge but only when it is not open to the public for walking. This may be done from 8 am to 9:30 am and from 6 pm to 7 pm. The new visitor center with viewing deck that hangs over the gorge opens at 9:30 am. Inside the visitor center is a merchandise shop and Café 1230. The sky coaster is open for extra pay and closes at 5:30 pm. Phase II is scheduled to open in November with a zip line and aerial gondola.



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Sheriff's Report...

As of Tuesday, September 9, there were 4 men and 2 women in jail.

OFFENSES

September 6 Devon Herrera, age 18, of Florence was charged with harassment off of an incident that occurred in the 700 block of South Street, Silver Cliff. Herrera is scheduled to appear in Custer County court at a later date.

August 30 The Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant on a residence at Calcite Court in the Shadow Ridge Subdivision in Westcliffe. The search warrant was for marijuana growing in the basement of a house. The search revealed harvested product packaged and ready for mailing, 300 marijuana plants, and an elaborate growing system including irrigation, lighting, and fans. On September 5, Joseph Baldwin, age 31, of the Calcite Court residence, was arrested, booked into the Custer County jail on a \$7,000 bond. On September 6, Ryan Hirschberg, age 23, of the same residence was arrested on a \$7,000 bond. Both subjects posted bond, were released, and scheduled to appear in district court at a later date.

The operation started about six months ago. Baldwin and Hirschberg came to Westcliffe from the Chicago, Illinois, area. The reason for their relocation is the Colorado marijuana laws. Street value of the confiscated product is approximately \$50,000.

August 18 Charges were filed in juvenile court on a 13-year-old male living in the town of Silver Cliff. He is charged with harassment and stalking of a 15-year-old female. The incident has been on-going for a period of time. He will appear in juvenile court at a later date.

ACCIDENTS

September 5 At 0645 hours, a 1999 Ford pickup truck driven by Michael Thiem, age 50, of Penrose was westbound on Highway 96, about mile marker 4, when he hit a deer. Moderate damage was sustained to his vehicle.

September 4 At 2320 hours, a 2012 Ford Focus driven by Danny Groves, age 57, of Silver Cliff, was driving westbound on Highway 96, about mile

marker 24, when he struck a deer. There was moderate damage to his vehicle.

INCIDENTS

September 5 Cornelia Moon of the 400 block of First Street in Silver Cliff reported that someone had entered her storage shed between September 2013 and December 2013 and removed a pair of snow skis.

AMBULANCE CALL

September 2 At 0935 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Hennequin Creek Drive for a 70-year-old male patient with severe pains. He was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

FIRE CALLS

September 4 At 2124 hours, a fire truck was dispatched to Lope Loop in Bull Domingo Subdivision to stand by regarding a faulty fire alarm. False alarm.

September 4 At 1552 hours, a fire truck was dispatched to the intersection of Straight Street and Main Street in Silver Cliff in response to a down power line and remained until it was repaired.

Court Report...

Jodi Richardson- Charged with domestic violence, harassment, and first degree criminal trespass. The victim in this case did not wish to prosecute. Case was dismissed.

Nicholas Stuart – filed charges against Brandon M. McBee for nonpayment of \$422 for work that has been done. (Colorado Paint and Decks).

Shelly Shelly – Victoria Carpenter, an independent contractor, files suit against Shelly Shelly for work she had done and a balance of \$985 due her. Ordered to pay.

Shelly Shelly – Terry Carpenter also filed a law suit against Shelly Shelly for nonpayment of balance of \$680 she still owes him. Ordered to pay.

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team and we felt like that was a chance to get ahead and not work from behind."

The Thunderbirds took over and faced a 4th down situation and converted on a long pass and went down to score to make it 8-0. The Bobcats quickly answered with a 55-yard touchdown run by Conner Rowley. "It was a very well-executed play by our entire unit," commented Bomgardner. "Kody Aldrich, Cody Lyons, and Bryce Roscoe had excellent blocks that stood out after seeing the film."

A completion from Jordan Rhodes to Kody Aldrich tied the game at 8-8. The rest of the half belonged to the Thunderbirds as they scored 2 more times and took a 24-8 lead into the locker room. "We talked about our toughness at halftime," Bomgardner said with a smile. "It is one of the reasons I love the game of football, sometimes you have to 'suck it up' and draw strength from your teammates. And for the 2nd week in a row I believe our guys did. And you just have to believe that is going to pay off in league play."

The Bobcats came right out after half-time and marched down the field to score led by Rowley's rushing capped off by Rhodes QB sneak for a TD and Rhodes rushing for the 2 pt conversion bringing the Bobcats within 8. However, the Thunderbirds marched right down and scored to make it a 2-score game again. Following the kickoff, Rhodes dropped back to pass and threw an interception which was returned to the Bobcats 30. "Now this was the gut-check time for us," exclaimed Bomgardner. "Down 2 scores and throw an interception and faced with our backs against the wall, but our guys came up with a stop. Randy Bailey, Rhodes

and Christian Lovellette all played their roles on the 4th down to get a stop."

Then the Bobcat offense went back to work with the ball on the 10-yard line. In a matter of 3 plays they were celebrating in the end-zone! A pass from Rhodes to Aldrich on 1st down got the Bobcats some breathing room and then Rowley took the ball behind perfectly blocked off-tackle play and rambled 70 yards for a score. A Rhodes conversion brought the Bobcats within 8 points and a victory seemed possible.

However, it wasn't to be the day for the Bobcats. The Bobcats and Thunderbirds would trade touchdowns and a missed extra point put the deficit at 10 points and a final score by the Thunderbirds and a recover of an onside kick meant the Bobcats would not receive the ball again. The final score stood at 44-28.

"I was proud of our guys and how they came out the 2nd half," commented Bomgardner. "As a coach, you always hope your team begins to learn to fight 'together' and I feel we began to see that. I'm excited for league play."

Leading the Bobcats on defense were CJ Virden with 23 tackles and Jordan Rhodes with 14 tackles. "I believe this was CJ's finest game as a Bobcat," said Bomgardner. "He played solid defense and did some very good things offensively." Bomgardner also noted a number of other Bobcats who played well. "We asked Andy Feldmann to play defensive line in certain situations and he made some excellent plays as his 1st game as a d-lineman. I also think Bryce Roscoe played well on the offensive side of the ball."

Rowley ended up with 225 yards rushing for the Bobcats. Saturday, September 13th brings the Swink Lions to Henrich Field for the opening of Southern League play. Kick-off is at 1:00pm.

Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

Early Morning Explosion Wakens Cañon City Residents

by Barbara Penezic

A house explosion near North 15th and Woodlawn Avenue in Cañon City early Thursday morning left area residents shaken as they were told to evacuate their homes immediately. A suspected gas leak was initially suspected as the reason for the explosion. However, it was later determined that the resident, Matt Christensen, had attempted suicide. The explosion totally leveled the home at 1509 Woodlawn Avenue sending Christensen to St. Thomas More Hospital where he was later transported to a burn center in Denver. His injuries are non – life threatening.

Linda Strom, a 14th street resident recalls, “I thought I was dreaming at first. I remembered hearing thunder as I fell asleep early that evening and thought ‘quit being such a ninny, go back to sleep.’ Then, my six year old landed square in the middle of the bed, her eyes wide with fear and her body trembling as if she were cold. Then I got the reverse 911 call and we were out of there. The

staff at St. Thomas More was wonderful. They made my daughter and I feel safe during our brief stay.” Ms. Cornwell, also a 14th street neighbor recalls, “I seriously thought we were being bombed, it was the loudest explosion I have ever heard, and our whole house shook!”

The hospital offered shelter and refreshments to the evacuees. Jillian Maes, Director of Marketing and Communications, told us, “It was our pleasure to be able to serve our community during this time.”

Insulation and debris were scattered across the neighborhood, a red pick-up truck buried under what had been the garage is barely discernible. The garage door actually landed across the street damaging a car in that driveway. Broken windows in nearby residences verified the force of the explosion at 1509 Woodlawn Avenue. Debris litters the roof of the next door neighbor’s home and the charred remains of the home lean against the side of their house. Yellow crime scene tape marks off the areas where citizens may



The remnants of the home on Woodlawn Avenue after the explosion last Thursday.

Sentinel photos by John Penezic, Jr.

not tread and area residents try to return to the normal routine of their daily lives.

Fire Chief David Del Vecchio tells us the cause of the explosion is being investigated by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. “It appears at this point, it is a gas-related incident,” he said, “It also appears there was a natural gas service to the residence, as well as propane.” Investi-

gators will endeavor to determine the exact cause of the incident and the ignition source.

Atmos Energy Public Relations Manager Darwin Winfield said Atmos responded to the location shortly after receiving a call at 2:40 a.m. Crews disconnected gas service to the home to make it safe for emergency responders. Inspections were carried out to look for

any other possible leaks. None were found and evacuation notices were lifted. Mr. Winfield also reminded customers if you suspect a gas leak, vacate the premises before calling 911 and do not return to your home until it has been checked by a professional. If you have any information regarding this case you are asked to contact Crime Stoppers @ 275-Stop (7867) or the CCPD @ 276-5600.

There Really Is An Answer

by Edward Whitcraft,
Royal Gorge Tea Party

How many of us today truly believe our world is completely out of control? If you are paying attention to any type of news it should be apparent that there is utter chaos in every corner of our world. It wasn’t so very long ago that here in America we were spared from the unrest that plagued much of the world but that is no longer true today. Our local and national news is just as disruptive and unsettling as the rest of the world. Why? What has changed here in the United States that would bring our shining city on the hill in line with the rest of the world? We, who were once so proud and the envy of so many nations, are now facing the same turbulence, lack of opportunity, complacency, and insecurities that other nations have faced for years.

We have an out-of-control federal government that is on steroids when it comes to passing regulations and spending our money. They are arrogant, condescending, and are offended if we the people dare to question them. This is true of our elected officials as well as the bureaucrats that run the federal agencies. We have to ask ourselves, *who can we trust?* What really is the truth? When our elected representatives come home and speak to us it’s almost always a canned speech and always how much they have done for us. Really they have done a lot but it’s run up a 17 trillion dollar debt and added so many regulations and laws that we can’t breathe any more. So we ask them some hard question as to why they haven’t stopped the IRS from picking on conservative organizations, or gotten to the bottom of Benghazi, or the Fast and Furious debacle, or the spying on Americans and all we get is talking points. We ask them why we can’t balance the budget or get the bu-

reaucratic agencies under control and we get tap dancing lessons. Yet, we the people, just keep sending the same folks back to Washington so they can continue to keep us enslaved to a rapidly expanding federal bureaucracy. Shame on us.

It is no better at the state and local level as we have become so dependent on the dollars being given back to us that we just lay down and play dead rather than tell our federal bubba’s that they are treading on our rights and far over reaching their constitutional authority. It is so discouraging to hear our local politicians campaign on cleaning up the mess and making the government more responsive to we the people and then when in office they become part of the problem. They add regulations, fees, and taxes acting just like Washington. They allow the different agencies to go their own way and always the answer is someone else’s problem. Yet we keep putting them back in office. Why?

We still have a chance to make our country great once again. We are not complexly broken to the point of no return. We still have men and women who are God fearing patriots who are willing to stand and be counted. These are the people we need to recruit to run for office and become citizen politicians. Men and women who will challenge the status quo and make the government agencies become accountable to the citizens and elected officials not the other way around. We the people must stop being complacent and lethargic. We must make our elected representatives and government agencies accountable to us. We have allowed our country to implode from within by not paying attention. The up-coming election is a great time to be involved and be informed of your options. It is time for Patriots to Engage!

Someone Spilled The Beans

by Barbara Penezic

A long time planned change for a very busy intersection has recently been leaked to an unwary and seeming displeased public. It has been disclosed just recently and only after a few citizens stumbled on to this bit of rather sensitive information, that the city and county have been planning for better than a year to move the traffic light at Dozier Ave. and Highway 50, the Walmart intersection.

The topic of the proposed intersection light change is something of a hot potato which should be passed along as quickly as possible. Ed Norden, County Commissioner, was quick to point out that this is a City Council\CDOT issue. He further indicated the County has fulfilled its role in the light change by moving the dinosaur to its new home at the college campus. Many residents are clearly unhappy, they wonder, and rightfully so, why it is that funding can’t be obtained to fix the numerous axle-breaking potholes that we must negotiate on a daily basis. One area resident confided in a voice dripping with sarcasm, “Well, I’m so glad to hear that the Walmart light will be moved. I can’t tell you how many nights I have lain awake, unable to sleep, just worrying about that awful traffic hazard!”

The residents of Cañon City are anything but pleased with

the “it is a done deal” answer they are being given when expressing concern and yes, even outrage at this questionable use of nearly \$300,000. I have interviewed numerous people about this issue and have yet to find even one person who has ever considered the intersection at Highway 50 and Dozier to be hazardous. The idea of another round-about north of highway 50 on Dozier does not appear to be a crowd pleaser either. This is another case of our elected officials serving their own special needs and leaving area residents out of the loop.

Input from the people who put them in office is obviously not a high priority to the city council members. Maybe it is time the population turned out in force at the next council meeting and make their wishes known. True, there are no council seats up for election this year but that does not mean that recalls can’t be sought. It is time residents stood up for their rights and let our elected officials know that we will not be treated like children who have no say in the way our community is managed. Our city has many needs and this shameful waste of approximately \$300,000 should not go unchallenged. Let your City Council members know your displeasure and concern over this ‘Done Deal’ choice!

Be Informed,
Get Involved.

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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Fremont RE-1
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Florence-Penrose

Fremont RE-2
2nd Mon. at 7 p.m.
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Of Atheist Bullies, Inane Judges, Schools and God

The First Amendment reads: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.” On March 15, 1982, President Ronald Reagan said, “The First Amendment was not written to protect the American people from religion; the First Amendment was written to protect the American people from government tyranny.” On September 25, 1982, Reagan said,”To prevent those who believe in God from expressing their faith is an outrage...The relentless drive to eliminate God from our schools...should be stopped.”

As we begin football season, several schools have trampled on the rights of coaches, students, student athletes, and even parents by attempting to ban prayer before, during, and after games. For example, the Washington Times has reported that Wisconsin-based Freedom From Religion Foundation successfully bullied Orange County Florida school district to ban local ministers, team chaplains, even references to biblical verses on school property. Coaches and teachers are also prohibited from being present at or participating in student-led prayers. The same organization has sent letters to other school districts in Georgia, Mississippi, and Tennessee threatening law suits for such activities.

I have coached basketball and football for over 40 years. Wherever I was and whatever team I coached,

either myself, another coach, a parent, or an athlete led prayer before the game and after the game. Often we prayed during the game. I have seen lives transformed because of the Christian presence on our teams. My former athletes often tell me about how our coaching and dedication to the Lord changed them at critical points. In training college and pro football athletes, there is no doubt that faith and prayer is a part of many of their lives. Parents, students, coaches, teachers, and administrators in our public schools should openly disobey any court that tells them they cannot exercise their First Amendment rights of religious freedom. Herein, the courts are wrong and have absolutely no authority.

First Amendment protection for the free exercise of religion is obvious--for anywhere, anytime, and anybody. A pompous judge or a radical atheist group has no say as the Constitution is the law of the land. Judges who rule against the First Amendment should be removed from office as they are not upholding the Constitution according to their oath of office. No American should submit to such tyranny. When the Sadducees in Acts banned and imprisoned Peter and the apostles from teaching in the name of Jesus, first the prisons couldn't hold them and “Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, ‘We ought to obey God rather than men.’” Silence and inaction in the face of tyranny is consent.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson

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Flood of Illegal Immigrants Coming

By *Tori Richards*
Watchdog.org

(Editor/GG: Obama’s not too subtle new voter registration program. A tyrant and his new minions.)

Tens of thousands of immigrants who illegally crossed the Mexico border into Texas are in the process of being released into communities throughout the nation rather than being indefinitely detained or immediately deported, a congressman told Watchdog.org.

The releases have already started and the Border Patrol did not disclose how many. At least 60,000 Central Americans have entered the country illegally this year, though some news reports say the figure is as high as 170,000. An effort is under way to place children in foster homes or with relatives already living in the U.S., said Rep. Louie Gohmert, R-Texas.

The adults are being given a “notice to appear,” something like to a traffic ticket that requires they show up for a deportation hearing. Following that notice, they are simply being released. Those who return for the hearing will face a federal immigration judge to determine their fate.

“You know good and well they won’t show up and we won’t go looking for them,” Gohmert said. “When they get their piece of paper saying report back on such a day at such a time, they take that as their legal permit to stay in the country and they go do what they want.”

A senior Los Angeles County Sheriff’s detective who routinely deals

with illegal immigrants said a “massive number – 80 to 90 percent” do not show up for deportation hearings. Detention is not even being considered because Homeland Security facilities are not equipped to hold a large number of people, said the detective, who spoke on a guarantee of anonymity.

The Border Patrol on Tuesday is expected to begin transporting some immigrants to Southern California, despite the protests of U.S. Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Calif. Calvert said he had heard a rumor of the transportation and pleaded with Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson to leave California out of the Texas border mess. Flights carrying 280 people a day will continue for the foreseeable future, FoxLA reported.

Calvert was not initially notified by the Department of Homeland Security. He learned of the plan only when his staff called local Border Patrol agents.

“Instead of solving the immigration problems along our border in Texas, President Obama has decided to spread that problem into communities in my congressional district and throughout Southern California,” Calvert said in a statement.

The senior Los Angeles County Sheriff’s detective offers a shocking insight into DHS’ “notice to appear” program.

“We have illegal immigrants who have been detained because they are suspects in a crime but we don’t have the evidence to charge them yet so

they are just released,” the detective said. “Many of these people have already been convicted of felonies here. It used to be after they served their time in the jail they would be released to immigration officials and deported, but that ship has long since sailed.

“We even have a word for them — criminal aliens,” the detective said.

DHS spokesman Roger Maier was asked about the number of immigrants in custody and how many have already been released. He replied, “I do not have the data immediately available.”

Gohmert was at the Texas border last week, witnessing the problem firsthand.

“Some of them are the cutest little kids you could ever see, you just want to pick them up and hug them,” he said. “Then there are kids who are 15, 16, 17, you don’t know for sure. They could be over 20, but they don’t have any ID and you just have to take their word for it.”

Gohmert said he talked to two women who said the fathers of their children were in North Carolina with good jobs and that they wanted to go there.

“Not only did they think they could come and get to stay, they had heard that the U.S. government would transport the children to wherever the parents were,” Gohmert said. “What’s going to happen is that they will be provided with health care, anything to meet their needs, and food stamps.”

Please see: watchdog.org/157249/illegal-immigrants-released/

AGAINST/FOR/AGAINST?
Udall Flops Around More Than A Fish

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“I was against the public option before I was for the public option before I was against the public option.” Or, so Senator Mark Udall could say, that is, if we can even be quite sure he is against the public option now. The trouble for Udall is he’s been in office so darn long he has votes and quotes that will haunt him forever. Back in 2008, doing a debate Udall said he was against a government-sponsored solution for health care. As Lynn Bartels at *The Denver Post* writes:

...Democratic U.S. Sen. Mark Udall... said during a 2008 debate he was against a “government-sponsored” solution for health care.

The then-congressman, who was running for

an open seat in the U.S. Senate, echoed arguments made by conservatives.

“I’m not for a government-sponsored solution,” Udall said. [the Peak’s emphasis]

Yet, not only was he for the government-sponsored solution that became Obamacare, he also wrote a letter with his fellow Democrats, Senator Michael Bennet, and former Governor Bill Ritter, that Obamacare didn’t go far enough, that a robust public option was needed. As the *Huffington Post* reported at the time:

The public option will provide much-needed competition and choice for health care. And with the majority of Senators, Representatives, and the American people supporting a

public option, its passage would seem inevitable...

Sincerely, Sen. Michael Bennet, Gov. Bill Ritter, Sen. Mark Udall

A public option is not only a “government-sponsored solution” but is in fact the definition of government-ran healthcare. This is like Udall saying he’s not in favor of the Seattle Seahawks, and then turning around and buying season tickets with them (then again, knowing how Udall tries to bandwagon himself onto other people’s accomplishments, this wouldn’t be that surprising).

Not surprisingly, when the Udall campaign was asked about whether Udall supported or didn’t support a government-sponsored solution to healthcare, they gave a non-answer answer:

“They are grasping at

straws,” Udall spokeswoman Kristin Lynch said.

Of course, it’s, like, totally Gardner’s campaign that is grasping at straws. Weren’t they the ones yesterday running around like the house was on fire, throwing every sleazy attack out there? Oh, wait that was Miss Lynch and the rest of Udall’s campaign? Udall and his campaign were so unnerved by his health care revelation they even resorted to what they think is their trump card: talking about the NSA. We expect Udall’s campaign to get more and more vicious the closer and closer they are to losing. Because it’s not enough for Udall to lose, he seems determined to do it in the most classless way possible.

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“for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

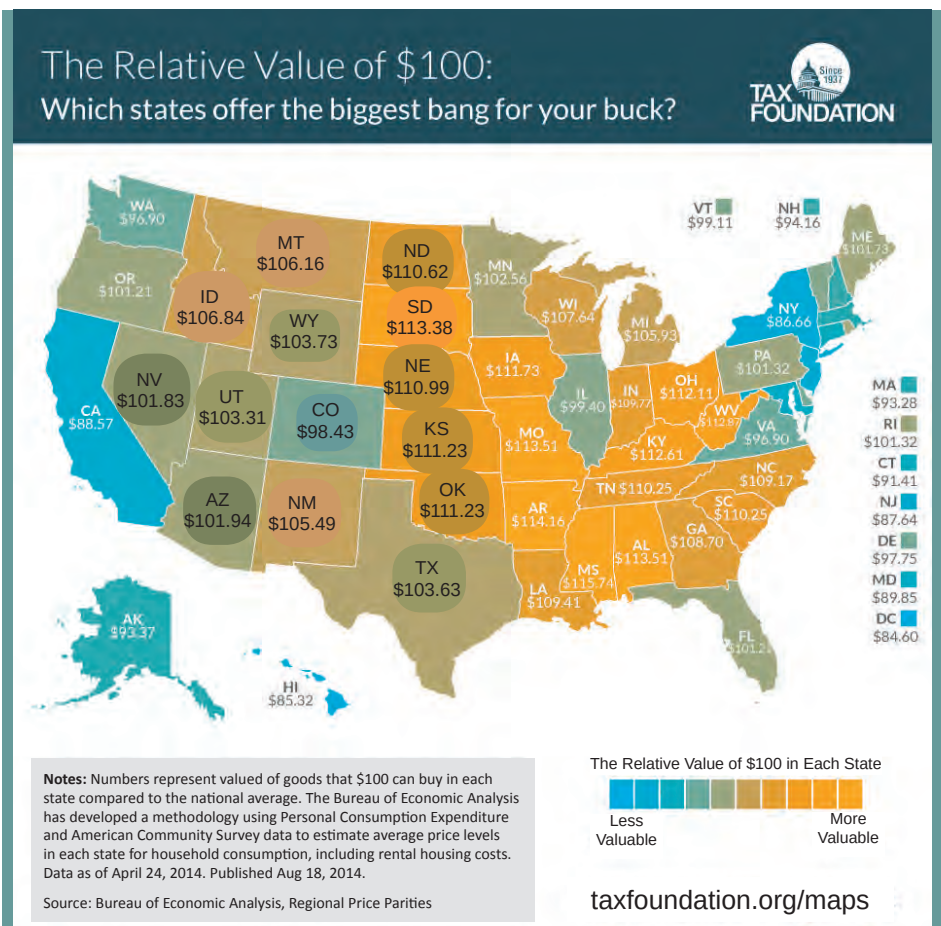
Luke 19:10, NKJV

What's \$100 Really Worth In Each State?

by Tyler Durden,
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(Editor/GG: Notice how Colorado is lower than ALL the surrounding states? Wonder why?)

Because average prices for similar goods are much higher in California or New York than in Mississippi or South Dakota, The Tax Foundation notes points out that the same amount of dollars will buy you comparatively less in the high-price states, or comparatively more in low-price states. **Regional price differences are strikingly large, and have serious policy implications. The same amount of dollars are worth almost 40 percent more in Mississippi than in D.C., and the differences become even larger if metro area prices are considered instead of state-wide averages.**

For example, Tennessee is a low-price state where \$100 will buy what would cost \$110.25 in another state that is closer to the national average. You can think of this as meaning that **Tenneseans are about ten percent richer than their nominal incomes suggest.**



Pistol Packing Teachers in Several States Are Gearing Up for the School Year

by Danette Clark,
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Despite attempts by gun control advocates to weaken our 2nd Amendment rights after the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, teachers in several districts have been trained and will be armed in the classroom this school year. In January, the Argyle School District in Texas voted to arm some of its teachers should the need arise to protect their students.

According to WHNT19 News, "some Ar-

gyle teachers will act as the long arm of the law under the state's Protection of Texas Children Act."

The new state law allows schools to designate workers, including teachers, as "marshals" who will have access to firearms on school property. The law requires the workers to undergo a psychological exam and 80 hours of instruction, including handgun training and active-shooter drills.

Republican State Representative Jason Villalba wrote the law and says it is modeled after the federal air-marshal program.

toward the school environment — "essentially close-quarters combat while youngsters scream and run about".

According to the Kansas City Star report, "training topics include weapons maintenance, threat identification, discretionary shooting, one-handed shooting, shooting while moving, barricade shooting, and "the warrior mindset."

To avoid harming innocents in the area during a threat, teachers are instructed to never use 'overloaded bullets' which have the potential to pass through a target and hit someone else.

Although not going so far as to consider arming teachers, the Compton School Board in California voted to allow select campus police officers to carry semi-automatic AR-15 rifles onto school campuses.

According to RT.com, the school board cited concerns over "the national school shooting epidemic and potential acts of terrorism" when voting in July to "allow certain school district officers to buy these rifles and hold them in their cars should a mass shooting or terror attack occur".

The district will train the chosen officers, who will then carry the firearms in their cars starting September.

As confirmed by the Washington Post, according to a list maintained by the group Everytown for Gun Safety, there was an astonishing 74 school shootings in the 18



month period following the Sandy Hook incident. Shootings at K-12 schools during that time totaled 39, and an additional 35 shootings took place at colleges and universities.

Since 2012, at least 9 states have enacted laws allowing employees to carry firearms on campus, the first state being North Dakota.

At least some parents in Texas have said the Argyle School District is right on target in allowing teachers to carry; and the Warsaw School District in Missouri reports that, after advising parents of the plan to arm some of their teachers, they have received zero negative responses.

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Why You Need a Gun

by Bob Owens,
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A young couple in Springfield, Missouri, were two of the latest victims of a trend towards large gang attacks on individuals and small groups.

Both suffered serious injuries, but survived thanks largely to the young man's refusal to give up and stay down. All the criminals escaped, even though police officers were on the scene in seconds (which almost never occurs).

If the officers had not been there, there is a good chance that the young man and possibly the young woman would have been beaten to death in what authorities think may have been a race motivated hate crime.

Now, how quickly do you think this assault might have been over if one of the victims had produced a semi-automatic pistol when the assault began and started putting projectiles into criminals only

slowing briefly to speed load with a spare magazine?

We don't have to speculate.

A similar attack occurred in Milwaukee several days ago and ended when one of the "victims" pulled his concealed weapon and shot one of the criminals dead. The rest of the cowardly criminals fled, leaving their buddy behind. Once that toe-tagged criminal was identified, the rest of his gang was easily rolled up by police.

Citizen control cultists don't think that you "need" a concealed weapon, a semi-automatic carbine, or standard capacity magazines, and they certainly don't want to get the training to fight with these self-defense weapons effectively.

They think you should be disarmed and defenseless.

What do you think?

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The Argyle district teachers who will be packing are required to have and maintain a handgun license, pass a psychological evaluation, and undergo firearms and emergency response training.

In Missouri, the Kansas City Star reports that 10 Missouri school districts have received intensive firearms training at Shield Solutions near West Plains. More Missouri districts recently signed contracts with Shield Solutions and others are currently in negotiations.

Shield Solutions instructors are all current law enforcement officers, and the training is specifically geared

A decorated WWII veteran, who never fired a shot while overseas, won a battle with a robber half his age on Saturday. The hand to hand combat lasted until Arthur M. Lewis and the robber were both exhausted. Lewis had shot the robber six times, four times in the chest, once in the arm, and once in the wrist and leg. Lewis himself was wounded with a graze to his left arm.

Lewis' girlfriend says that people think of him as frail, but he is anything but frail.

FL: 89-Year-Old Wins Gunfight with Career Criminal

The alleged robber, Lennard Patrick Jervis, has been arrested 20 times since 1989. From palmbeachpost.com:

"Lewis was working behind the counter at The Jewelry Exchange at 900 N. Federal Highway when he was approached by a gun-wielding man around 3 p.m., according to an arrest report from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. Lewis said he immediately grabbed the suspect's revolver and pulled out a .38-caliber handgun from his own pocket.

The two men wrestled for several minutes and fired shots at each other. Despite battling someone half his age, Lewis got the best of it. A man identified by the sheriff's office as Lennard Patrick Jervis, a Miramar resident, was shot six times by Lewis, including four times in the chest. Lewis' left arm was grazed by a bullet, but he was otherwise unscathed."

Other members of the gun culture would do well to consider Mr. Lewis as an

example of grace under fire. His modesty is common among the WWII veterans that I have known. I wonder how many crimes Mr. Lewis may have prevented by aiding in the incapacitation and arrest of Lennard Jervis.

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by Greg Campbell,
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Colorado's largest gun rights group is threatening to sue a small-town public library for asking a woman to leave for violating its ban on firearms.

Erika Sattler, who has a concealed carry permit for her handgun, said she was asked to leave the Clearview Library in Windsor when another library patron apparently spotted the weapon and complained to a library staff member.

The library has a policy prohibiting weapons of any kind except those carried by law enforcement.

A bedroom community for several larger Northern Colorado cities, Windsor is also the headquarters for Rocky Mountain Gun Owners, the

gun-rights lobby that was instrumental in recalling two state senators last year who voted for the state's new gun control laws.

The group cited state law that allows guns to be carried practically anywhere, including in libraries. It demanded that the library change its policy or it would file a lawsuit as soon as Friday.

"I would like to continue to use this library and I would like to be able to protect my children in this library," Sattler said during a board meeting Thursday.

RMGO members attended the meeting, but several other patrons spoke out in support of the ban. The board said it would take the matter under advisement, but made no immediate change to the

policy.

That could land it in court, according to a legal notice sent by RMGO prior to the meeting.

"There is no doubt about the law in this case," wrote attorney James Bardwell. "It has been in place for over 10 years. I was very surprised to hear the library district is still pursuing a policy which much larger government entities have long since abandoned."

Bardwell wrote that RMGO would encourage gun owners to continue carrying firearms at the library and he also encouraged the board to change its policy to avoid litigation which would be a "waste of resources of the library district."

"We firmly believe that library patrons exercising

their inalienable right to protect themselves is not disruptive to the library environment nor is it incompatible with a library," he wrote. "A library should be a place where all freedom is recognized and supported, not just a place for freedom of speech."

Also this week, voters in Castle Rock overturned a city ban on firearms carried on city property, including parks and libraries. The Associated Press reported that the special election had the highest turnout in the city's history, but the measure to overturn the restrictions passed by only 151 votes.

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Don't forget to read
"Is Gun Confiscation Next
in Westcliffe" on page 3!

At Least 17 Fake Cellphone Towers Capable Of Invasive Spying Have Been Discovered Across America

by Mike Krieger of Liberty Blitzkrieg Blog, Submitted by Tyler Durden, ZeroHedge.com

(Editor/GG: Some of my more conspiratorial friends were telling me about this a few years ago. I laughed them off. Couldn't happen in the U.S.A. Well, folks, welcome to Obamaland.)

When Lee Goldsmith drives by one of the many fake cellphone towers being discovered throughout the U.S., his \$3,500 CryptoPhone 500 will immediately display the warning message in the image below.

When you drive by the same fake towers, known as “interceptors,” your run of the mill iPhone or Samsung Galaxy won’t alert you to any potential security breach. And that’s exactly how those people who installed these interceptors, whoever they are, like it.

I’ve seen headlines about these fake cell towers over the past several days, but didn’t investigate the matter until today. It appears *Popular Science* broke the story in late August with the piece: *Mysterious Phony Cell Towers Could Be Intercepting Your Calls*. The article focuses on the revelations of Lee Goldsmith, CEO of ESD America, which makes ultra-expensive and ultra-secure cellphones (another player in this market is Silent Circle with its Blackphone) . What Lee Goldsmith and other users of the CryptoPhone 500 have discovered while driving across part of America will shock and disturb you.

We learn from *Computer World* that:

“Through notifications such as that, CryptoPhone users found and mapped 17 fake “cell towers” in

the U.S. during the month of July. While most phones can’t find those interceptors, a \$3,500 CryptoPhone 500 can. The phone has a Samsung Galaxy SIII body, but unlike the Android OS that comes standard on the Galaxy SIII and “leaks data to parts unknown 80-90 times every hour,” ESD America hardened the Android OS by removing 468 vulnerabilities.

“Interceptor use in the U.S. is much higher than people had anticipated,” said Les Goldsmith, the CEO of ESD America. He told *Popular Science*, “One of our customers took a road trip from Florida to North Carolina and he found eight different interceptors on that trip. We even found one at South Point Casino in Las Vegas.” He added, “What we find suspicious is that a lot of these interceptors are right on top of U.S. military bases. Whose interceptor is it? Who are they, that are listening to calls around military bases? The point is: we don’t really know whose receptors they are.

Privacy groups have been fighting unconstitutional stingray surveillance for several years, yet there’s still a great deal citizens don’t know about the portable devices known as IMSI catchers, also known by the generic term “stingray.” It acts like a fake cell tower and tricks your mobile device into connecting to it even if you are not on a call. It is used for real time location tracking; some can pinpoint you within two meters as well as eavesdrop and capture the contents of your communications.”

They can do even more than that, including pushing spyware to devices and sending spoof texts.

“Goldsmith conducts testing on his company’s “baseband firewall” while

driving by an unnamed government facility in the Nevada desert that runs an interceptor. **“As we drove by, the iPhone showed no difference whatsoever. The Samsung Galaxy S4, the call went from 4G to 3G and back to 4G. The CryptoPhone lit up like a Christmas tree.”**

You might know your phone is being intercepted if it shows 2G, instead of 3G or 4G, but some interceptors claim to be “undetectable.” The VME Dominator, for example, is marketed only to government agencies. It promises that it allows “you to intercept, block, follow, track, record, and listen to communications using unique triangulation and other advanced technology,” but “cannot be detected. It allows interception of voice and text. It also allows voice manipulation, up or down channel blocking, text intercept, and modification, calling and sending text on behalf of the user, and directional finding of a user during random monitoring of calls.””

Now here’s the incredible part. Although the phase out of 2G is several years away, those who wish to spy are so concerned about it, they are already making plans to ensure that surveillance isn’t impacted.

“Although it will be a long time before cell phones no longer support 2G, Johnny Law is working on upgrading Harris Corporation “Stingray” systems, with “Hailstorm,” to support 4G LTE interception. The *News Tribune* in Tacoma reported on a March 2014 purchase order from the DEA which stated, “The Hailstorm upgrade is necessary for the Stingray system to track 4G LTE phones.”

According to *Ars Technica*, the Oakland Police Department, Fremont Police De-

partment, and the Alameda County District Attorney joined forces by applying for a DHS grant to pay for the Hailstorm upgrade. “The entire upgrade will cost \$460,000—including \$205,000 in total Homeland Security grant money, and \$50,000 from the Oakland Police Department (OPD).” In theory, more documents are being gathered and will be released this month by the Alameda County DA’s office.”

No surprise that one of the most insidious agencies ever created is set to fund the upgrade to spying technologies for law enforcement. I covered this threat in my recent post: *Department of Homeland Security – A 240,000 Person Cancer on the American Soul*.

Now more from *Computer World*...

While the FCC seems to have known about cellular network vulnerabilities that stingrays exploit, last month it established a “task force” to investigate the “illicit and unauthorized use” of stingrays. Instead of investigating law enforcement’s use of such interceptors, the FCC “plans to study the extent to which criminal gangs and foreign intelligence services are using the devices against Americans.” The FCC also refused the ACLU’s FOIA request for stingray documents.

Meanwhile, the FCC is the agency about to destroy the internet on behalf of telecom companies. Do you really have any doubt as to who these agencies really work for?

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Are You Ready To Listen Yet?

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.org

Gee, you think?

People who avoid carbohydrates and eat more fat, even saturated fat, lose more body fat and have fewer cardiovascular risks than people who follow the low-fat diet that health authorities have favored for decades, a major new study shows.

The findings are unlikely to be the final salvo in what has been a long and often contentious debate about what foods are best to eat for weight loss and overall health. The notion that dietary fat is harmful, particularly saturated fat, arose decades ago from comparisons of disease rates among large national populations.

Actually that “notion” arose from a so-called ‘study’ that featured cherry-picked data; when the original data set was analyzed **without** selecting for a desired outcome first the alleged “benefit” disappeared.

Here’s the real 900lb Gorilla that came from this study, and one that ought to wake your [self] up -- those

eating low-fat lost more lean muscle mass than fat.

That’s **very** bad. It’s bad not only from the perspective of athletic performance but also from the perspective of overall health. You want to lose the fat, not the muscle -- muscle is good for you, not bad.

Oh, and for those who say that if you eat this way your metabolic markers will go the wrong way? Nope:

In the end, people in the low-carbohydrate group saw markers of inflammation and triglycerides — a type of fat that circulates in the blood — plunge. Their HDL, the so-called good cholesterol, rose more sharply than it did for people in the low-fat group.

Oh, and about Ms. Obama’s war on healthy school kids with her [darn] drive to move school lunches **away** from fats (bad!) and toward more carbohydrates (**really bad!**) I have one question: **Can we charge her with attempted murder?**

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MODERATE FACADE CRUMBLES: "Most Stringent Gun Laws" Earns Hick Praise From D.C. Rag

by ColoradoPeakPolitics, ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

You know it’s bad for Gov. John Hickenlooper when Washington, D.C., puff pieces can’t even spin his record to match his talking points. Peak-Nation™, one would think being named to Politico’s 50 would be a thing to celebrate. Yet, if you’re Hickenlooper, next time you’re named to such a list, you might request that the author of your piece actually understand Colorado. Otherwise you end up with such memorable lines as these:

Moderates like Bill Clinton once promised a “third way.” Hickenlooper just might be Clinton’s 2014 successor, showing a way forward even on issues that are gridlocked at the national level.

Take gun control: Congress is at an utter impasse, but in 2013, eight months after 12 people were killed and 58 were injured at a shooting at a movie theater outside Denver, Hickenlooper, who once had a cordial relationship with the National Rifle Association, signed some of the strictest gun-control

measures in the country. He has applied the same pragmatism... [the Peak’s emphasis]

So, Politico—do you mind us calling you Politico?—Politico, let us get this right: Hickenlooper is a moderate, not just a progressive in beer-swilling clothes, because he passed some of the strictest gun laws in country (your words, not ours) that was absent of any bipartisan support, absent from almost any elected law officials support, and, ultimately, resulted in three

state Senators either being recalled or resigning?

Well, he is number 43 on the list, which, we’re guessing means you started writing numbers 12-42 about two hours before deadline.

See, this is what happens when people try to reconcile Hickenlooper’s false façade with his actual actions. His ability to be a moderate falls short of his rhetoric. Just today, a new advocacy group was an-

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Politics & The Bible

From Pastor Jim

Jim Modlish has been in the ministry 48 years, pastoring churches large and small from upstate New York to western Washington. He holds a doctorate in theology, but frequently states: "I have education, but I got over it."

Southern Colorado natives, Jim and his wife, Linda, were happy to return to their home state in 2006. They started the Huerfano Community Bible Church in Walsenburg six years ago, and that work has experienced excellent growth and the blessings of God. Pastor Modlish believes the Bible is the greatest political science textbook on earth, and that all current events should be examined under the searchlight of Scripture.



The Bible and Immigration

by Paster Jim Modlish

Abraham Lincoln said, "We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God."

In his public addresses, he quoted from the Bible more often than from any other book. Our current president would do well to consider this example from his alleged hero---perhaps an examination of the sacred Scriptures could actually produce a prototype for a comprehensive, balanced immigration bill. Mr. Obama's current path seems to be no more than a covert effort to register more Democratic voters.

Ancient Israel faced the present American dilemma...legal versus illegal immigrants. At the time of the Exodus, Palestine was occupied by various Canaanites who were out of bounds according to the borders that God had previously established. (Deuteronomy 32:7, 8) When Joshua was leading Israel into their promised land, they were met with considerable resistance from the locals. The Gibeonites knew that a military assault would be hopeless, so they devised a far more subtle strategy. Ambassadors were sent to Israel with every appearance of having traveled from a far country. The negotiations for a peace treaty was predicated upon the false idea that the Gibeonites were not regional residents. When the ruse was discovered, a covenant had already been forged. The quandary... what to do with the illegals.

Israel's leadership was bound by its word to spare the deceivers but found it necessary to apply some judicial action. The conclusion is found in Joshua 9:27: "Let them live; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation." As the narrative continues, it becomes clear that no one of that generation was allowed citizenship or voting rights. Perhaps a resurrection of the old WPA program, this time designed exclusively for illegals, might thin the ranks.

Conversely, God had a fairly liberal attitude toward legal immigrants. They were to be given almost identical privileges as the citizens. (Exodus 12:38-51) God said they were not to be oppressed and to actually be relieved in times of genuine distress. They were to have justice done to them in time of disputes, and the gleanings of the harvest was to be made available to them. Admission to the outer court of the Temple was not to be denied for worship purposes. When the religious left pushed the Gentiles out of that area to make room for a flea market of icons, Jesus threw a fit, overturning tables and driving out the merchants. His justification was, "Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves."

The authorized immigrants chiefly consisted of the remnant of the nations in the land: captives taken in war; foreign servants who were eventually given an

opportunity to acquire wealth; those who sought employment among the Jews; and those who came to Israel for religious privileges. The law was to be read to them, and they were expected to obey it. They were frequently employed in public works (II Chronicles 2:17-18), and serving in the military was a pathway to full citizenship. Interestingly, generations later a Gibeonite was a soldier in David's inner circle and even later some were involved in the rebuilding of Jerusalem's wall under Nehemiah's direction.

The message is clear... there is a right and wrong way to exercise immigration. Paul said, "Let all things be done decently and in order." A porous southern border hardly conforms to that admonition.

There was about as much love for Israel in ancient Moab as there is today in Gaza. In spite of the acrimony a young Moabitess named Ruth entered Israel legally with her Jewish mother-in-law and eventually married a wealthy Jew, becoming the great-grandmother of King David.

There are many limbs that grow from the trees of these stories, but one conclusion is unalterably clear....there is an obvious distinction between legal and illegal. Mr. Obama appears to be completely unwilling to observe any difference. Mr. President, you put your hand on the Bible and swore to uphold the Constitution but all evidence suggests you are not serious about either one.

tal ad" against him. Not only do they reveal how clearly he is not a moderate, but they do it while cutting him at the knees on his so-called quirky likability.

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A Sheepdog Barks!

I keep thinking – what's wrong with America? And then I listened to the President's interview on NBC this last Sunday and I remembered: Obama is what's wrong with this country! WOOF! Obama and his liberal progressive socialist Democrats (LPSDs) are exactly what's wrong with this country. The harm he has already done, and will do in his last 2 years, will take decades to overcome, if ever. Follow his thoughts as I paraphrase what he said during the interview. My comments are in parentheses. When asked if he now had a strategy and felt he needed to prepare America to go back to war when he spoke to us, he said not at all, he wanted us to understand we were dealing with a threat (ISIS) and he knows how to do that. (We are expected to believe that because he has done so well dealing with threats over the last 6 years). He actually said he has been preparing over the last several months (Right. That's why he had "no strategy" a few weeks ago. He had to finish his vacation and golf first I guess). He told NBC that he had actually protected critical infrastructures like the Mosul Dam. (ISIS had total control of it for about a week. They could have wreaked havoc long before he took action to help get it back). He assured the interviewer (Chuck Todd) that this would be nothing like the Iraq war. The Iraqi Army would need to step up (Wow, what Iraqi Army is going to step up? The one that threw down their arms and deserted? The one he didn't stay with to help train, stabilize, and mature? The one he left without help?) He said we haven't seen a threat to America from ISIS. (Is he kidding us – did anyone "see" a threat to America from Al Qaeda before 9/11? These murdering terrorists are clearly a threat to America). He said when he speaks on Wednesday (10 Sept.) he wants America to understand the threat. (We already do – we want to know if HE understands the threat and what he's going to do about it). He wants congressional approval – not authority – of his plans.

He wants them to understand (This will be interesting. He kept repeating he wants "everyone to understand" like we are a bunch of idiots but he's going to explain it to us). Once again he felt compelled to add this disclaimer – it will be important for America to understand what we are not going to do also. (Once again let's tell the enemy exactly what we won't do – yes, that will help a lot.) Over a course of months he's going to build an international coalition. Then he's going to degrade and shrink ISIS and ultimately defeat it. (Notice he never says destroy or kill it.) He tried to deny he called ISIS a JV Team (LIE). He made sure to say we are not out to occupy any Middle East country. At some point, he said, you have to leave and then there is trouble (No kidding – exactly like he did in Iraq. There is a clear reason we have stayed in Europe, Korea, and Japan. He refused to keep troops in Iraq because of his campaign promises and we've all seen the result.) He again said we will hunt down ISIS "members" and go after those "folks" (yes, he called them good ole "folks") that try to hurt Americans. (If he is serious he better start doing something about the ones right here in America – you know those home grown "folks" like in Boston) He went on to say it would be a "profound" mistake to put American boots on the ground. (Actually, the national security situation would determine that – not he or the American public's poll results. Most Americans don't have a clue what it takes to keep America safe. Just listen to Watter's World) When asked about Syria and Assad, he clearly wanted to run away from that question but admitted Assad had brutalized his own countrymen, but it would be hard for us to go in if it appeared like we would be supporting him. (Wow, what tortured thinking!) Then the NBC panel tried to explain what the president really meant to say (They were unsuccessful). They tried to say he was taking a reasonable course of action because the American people don't



want another war (First, many American people don't have a clue what it takes to keep us safe and two, WE ARE ALREADY AT WAR). WOOF! The interviewer then shifted to Obama's Immigration delay. Todd asked him if it was a political action to help in November. No, the president said, it was for the unaccompanied children (LIE). He said he had been very consistent (he always says that, I guess he thinks he fools us) and strong border security was the first priority (LIE). Chuck Todd ended with this when Obama said it was very important for the Democrats to hold the Senate so their good work could continue. Todd reminded Obama that in his last State of the Union message he had declared a "year of action" in which he would accomplish the following: fix immigration, overhaul the tax system, raise the minimum wage, get wage equality for women (doesn't even exist in his White House), close GITMO, enhance patent protections, support moderate Syrian rebels, reform U.S. surveillance programs, and restore faith in government (that's a laugh). Todd reminded him he didn't accomplish any of those promises with the Democrat Senate. Obama looked hurt and perplexed and stumbled with his confusing response. Bottom line he had no answer except to blame Republicans. He actually uttered this: "Give me a loyal opposition who has common sense and I will get things done." (A loyal opposition – what the hades is he talking about?) Back to ISIS – Here's a great quote I heard. "It's God's job to judge the terrorists. It's our job to arrange the meeting." WOOF!

May God Have Mercy on America! JMH

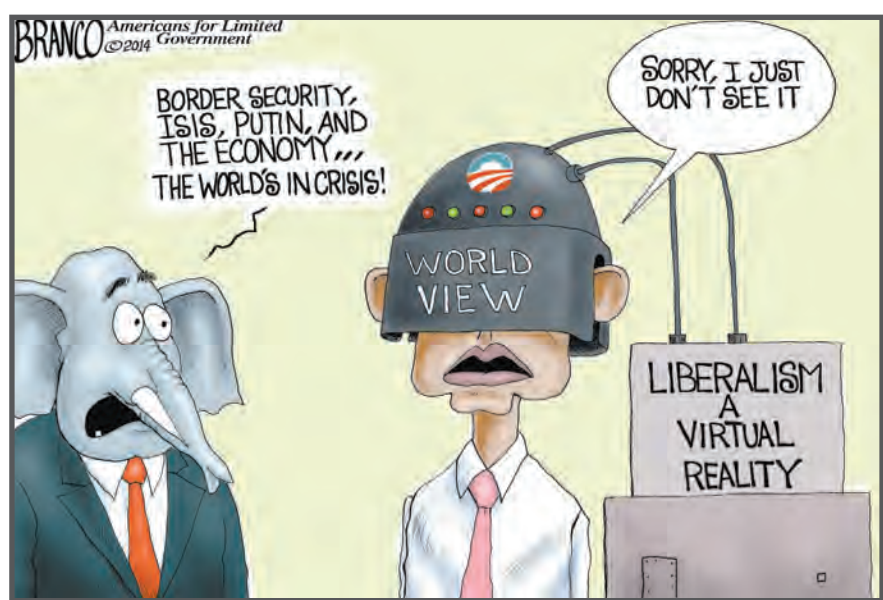
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nounced (h/t Ed Sealover) because Hickenlooper destroyed the old moderate one. Colorado Builds, the new organization, is the direct result of "moderate" Hickenlooper breaking what was once regarded as one of the most bipartisan groups in Colorado,

the Colorado Association of Home Builders, apart. Hickenlooper was so "moderate" that even the Democratic lobbyist for CAHB resigned in disgust over the way Hickenlooper was using the organization.

Unfortunately for Hick, the Republican Governor's Association just released what The Denver Post's Lynn Bartels describes as "a bru-



Labor Participation Rate Drops To Lowest Since 1978; People Not In Labor Force Rise To Record 92.3 Million

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(Editor/GG: Ah, the wonders of socialism. And, folks, these are the “adjusted” (ie, “fudged”) government numbers. The unadjusted number of new jobs created is a **NEGATIVE 618,000!!!!!! That is the real number. Won’t see that on TV. And a little more good news: last month 1,343,000 people LEFT THE WORK FORCE!!! Good work, Comrade Obama.)**

It is almost as if the Fed warned us this would happen. In a note released yesterday, a Fed working paper titled, “Labor Force Participation: Recent Developments and Future Prospects”, looked at the U.S. labor force and concluded that “while we see some of the current low level of the participation rate as indicative of labor market slack, we do not expect the participation rate to show a substantial increase from current levels as labor market conditions continue to

improve.” But don’t blame it on the greatest recession/depression since 1929: “our overall assessment is that much - but not all - of the decline in the labor force participation rate since 2007 is structural in nature.”

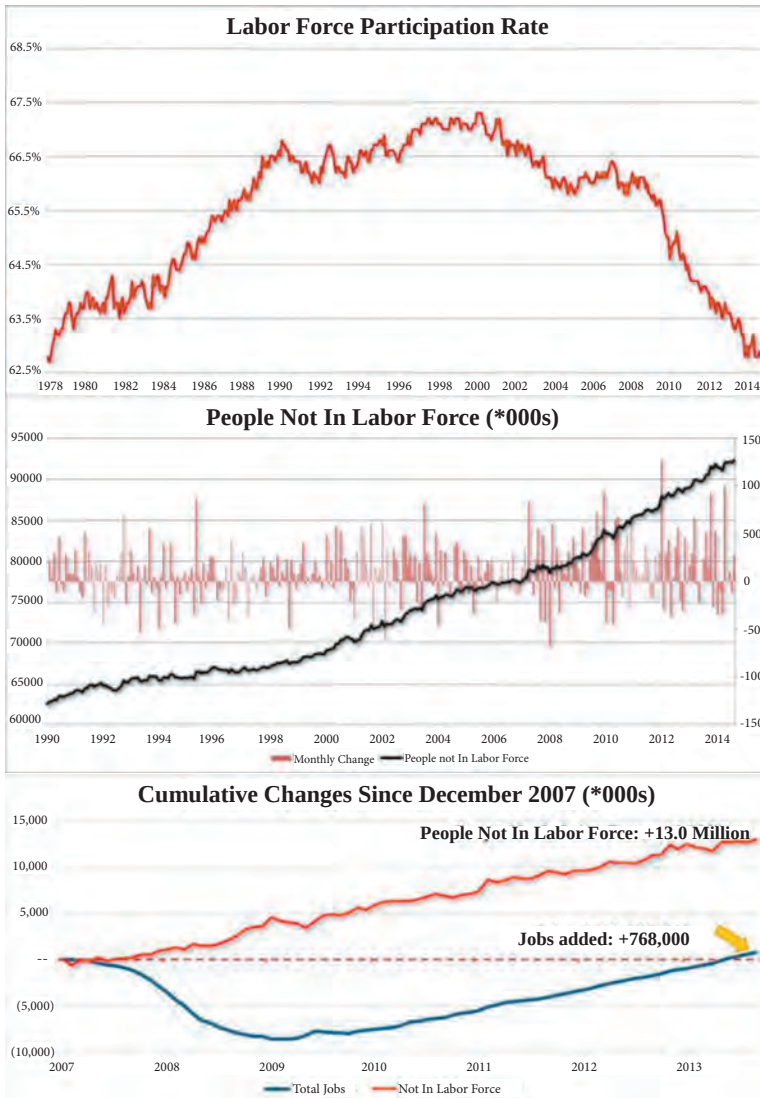
Well, that’s **very** odd, because it was only two months ago that the Census wrote the following: “Many older workers managed to stay employed during the recession; **in fact, the population in age groups 65 and over were the only ones not to see a decline in the employment share from 2005 to 2010 (Figure 3-25)... Remaining employed and delaying retirement was one way of lessening the impact of the stock market decline and subsequent loss in retirement savings.**”

So yeah... sounds like most of the decline in the participation rate is not structural in nature and is merely a response to what everyone but the 1% sees as the biggest - and ongoing - econom-

ic devastation perhaps in history, papered over conveniently for the 1% with trillions in liquidity injections.

In any event, no matter how you spin it, today’s data was bad: because not only did the headline data disappoint, the labor force participation rate dropped once again to 62.8% from 62.9%, matching the lowest since 1978, as a result of the people not in the labor force rising once again, and hitting a new all time high record of 92,269,000, **up 268,000 from the prior month.** In fact, in August the number of people not in the labor force increased by nearly double the number of people who found jobs, which as we reported previously, was only 142K.

Putting it another way, since the start of the depression in December 2007, the number of people not in the labor force has increased by 13.0 million. The number of jobs added: 768,000.



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BIRDS OF A FEATHER: Udall to Campaign with Fauxcahontas Elizabeth Warren

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What can we say to Team Udall except “Thank You” for providing us with so much fodder. Apparently, far leftist Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Cherokee NationMA), is campaigning with liberal Sen. Mark Udall. What have we done to deserve such a gift? Warren is best known for the comment that sent millions of small business owners into a frenzy. At a 2012 fund-

raiser, she launched into a tirade that essentially made community property out of business owners’ success. Just watch here:

Warren’s speech:

I hear all this, you know, ‘Well, this is class warfare, this is whatever.’ No. There is nobody in this country who got rich on his own — nobody. You built a factory out there? Good for you. But I want to be clear. You moved your goods to market on the roads the rest of us paid for. You hired

workers the rest of us paid to educate. You were safe in your factory because of police-forces and fire-forces that the rest of us paid for. You didn’t have to worry that marauding bands would come and seize everything at your factory — and hire someone to protect against this — because of the work the rest of us did. Now look, you built a factory and it turned into something terrific, or a great idea. God bless — keep a big hunk of it. But part of the underlying social con-

tract is, you take a hunk of that and pay forward for the next kid who comes along.

Inviting Warren to campaign here is a misstep. Colorado’s economy is hugely dependent on small business owners. In fact, according to the Small Business Administration, small businesses represent 97.6% of all employers and employ 49.2% of the private sector workforce here. Marginalizing the risk and sacrifices that they make

is a thorny path for Team Udall. But, that’s not Warren’s only baggage.

Before that, Warren was best known as the Harvard Law Professor who dishonestly claimed that she was Native American, earning her the nickname of Fauxcahontas. There is no evidence to support Warren’s claims that she’s part of any Native American tribe; however, instead of apologizing for making up a minority status to get her a faculty job at a university,

she lied further when saying that she did it to meet Native American people, which was also later debunked.

But, with Udall’s false “if you like your plan” claims earning the dubious honor of “Lie of the Year”, perhaps Warren and Udall have more than just out of touch policy preferences in common.

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Remember Prisoners Of War/Missing In Action POW/MIA Remembrance Day is Friday, 19 September



The American Legion Post 170 plans to observe this day by raising the POW/MIA flag at Cliff Lanes at 9:45 am. Everyone is invited.

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The American Legion Westcliffe Post 170 is asking you to take a few minutes today to remember our Prisoners of War and Missing in Action and their families. Every year the President of the United States selects a day that we recognize all U.S. Troops that were or are prisoners of war and/or missing in action. This year, 19 September is the day to remember our POW/MIAs from all wars. Our Flag reminds us that many of them may never return—and have paid the supreme sacrifice to insure our freedom. Let us NEVER FORGET them and their families' sacrifices for our freedom.

On August 10, 1990, the 101st Congress passed U.S. Public Law 101-355 recognizing and designating the POW/MIA Flag "as a symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and un-

accounted for in Southeast Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for their families and the Nation". It has become a symbol for POW/MIAs from all U.S. wars.

The following are our troops that are still unaccounted for (from the DPMO-Defense Prisoner of War and Missing Personnel Office)

WWII - 73,536

Korea - 7,880

Cold War - 126

Vietnam - 1,641
(effective Feb 2014)

Global War on Terror – 1
(1991-2014)

This leaves a total of 83,184 troops still missing from our ranks. [Colorado lists 24 POW/MIAs still missing from Vietnam War.]

The POW/MIAs flag emblem was



designed by Newt Heisley featuring a white disk bearing in black the silhouetted bust of a man, a watch tower with a guard on patrol, and a strand of barbed wire; (representing their incarceration) above the disk are the white letters POW and MIA featuring a white five pointed star and below the disk is a

black and white wreath above the motto:

"YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN."

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