



God Bless Our Veterans

Thank a Veteran on November 11th

The Sentinel Thanks One of Our Own: “Wild Bill” Miller

by George Gramlich

Over the years we have all seen Bill Miller’s advertisements for his “Wild Bill’s Toys for Kids” annual Christmas toy drive. Bill has made this into a very successful event for our local kids. Many of us don’t know that Bill was a decorated Vietnam war veteran who did two heavy duty combat tours, suffered severe wounds, and went on to do great things in his life, despite lingering, long-term health issues from the war.

William (Bill) A. Miller

was born in 1947 in Wheatland, Wyoming, on a large cattle ranch. His father, William F. Miller, was a highly-decorated (Distinguished Service Cross) World War II veteran. As Bill relates, life as a kid on a big Wyoming cattle ranch was always challenging, but with horses, guns, hunting, weather and cattle, he was always busy.

Bill admits, as a kid, he tended to run a bit on the “wild” side, and, as a result of hanging out with kids who got into trouble, Bill was essentially ordered to be drafted into the United

States Army in September, 1966. Bill did his basic training at Fort Bliss, Texas. Early on Bill showed his exceptional shooting skills during basic training. Bill tells a story that his Fort Bliss drill instructor was so impressed with Bill’s shooting, that he arranged shooting contests with other company’s best shooters with the winner taking \$500 for each contest. Bill competed with a M14 and a Winchester .308 and never lost. The winnings were spent on beer

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Wild Bill Miller, decorated Vietnam War hero.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

Local, Colorado Election Results Overview

by George Gramlich,
Analysis and Commentary

The biggest news in the Custer County election was the resounding win for the Custer County Clinic’s mill levy tax of approximately \$280,000 per year. The Clinic’s campaign effort (along with its in-house allies) of implying that without the tax increase the EMS/Ambulance service was in jeopardy succeeded in swaying 59% of the voters. Time will only tell how the mismanaged Clinic

will dispose of this money. But one thing is certain, the new tax will have a serious negative impact on what is left of the business sector in the county.

Shannon Byerly won the Sheriff’s race over the maverick challenger Larry Sanders by a large margin (86% to 14%). With Byerly being an extremely well-qualified, experienced candidate and Sanders having no law enforcement experience or background at all, that 334 of the counties brightest citizens

managed to cast their ballot for the loser shows that anything can happen in politics (especially in “happy” valley).

Other than Governor Hickenlooper eking out a narrow win over challenger Beuprez in the Governor’s race, all other state-wide offices went to Republicans. Beuprez was outspent by the liberal, anti-gun incumbent by a 3 to 1 margin. A little more money for Beuprez would have swung it for the Republicans.

As we are going to press this

Wednesday, November 11, the Colorado State Senate and House are still up for grabs by either party.

Of the state amendment issues, the gambling dollars for schools scam was easily defeated with the voters telling the state’s educational establishment (again) that state’s school performance issues will require that the solution must come from them and it isn’t a money issue.

See more election results inside.

Former Sangrita Restaurant Owner Convicted of Sexual Assault

by Carol Clemenson

The former owner/operator of the Sangrita Restaurant on Main Street in Westcliffe was convicted Tuesday of multiple counts of sexual offenses against two prior waitress employees. The two day trial had gripping testimony on continued sexual abuse charges against the former owner, Michael Charles Spencer.

The two plaintiffs in the case, waitresses Alisa Roy and Tori Williams, testified to multiple sexual abuses committed by the defendant, Mr. Spencer. The six-member jury, consisting of three men and three women, convicted Mr. Spencer of multiple counts with only one hour of jury deliberation. Mr. Spencer was convicted of two misdemeanor level one counts

of sexual contact with no consent, one count of misdemeanor level two of indecent exposure, one count of misdemeanor level one of indecent exposure, and two counts of misdemeanor level two of sexual harassment.

Sentencing will take place on January 8, 2015, at 1 p.m. at the Custer County Courthouse. The Sentinel will have a full story on this subject next week.

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Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy.

Psalm 28:6
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Veterans Day Gathering: ‘The Forgotten Veterans’

Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 5 p.m.
at the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club

All Veterans and their family are invited to a Veterans Day gathering on Saturday, 8 November. This event is hosted by Westcliffe Post 170 of The American Legion. See page 15 for more info!

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

YAHOO!



Tuesday was a great day for America. Reminds us of 2010 when so many liberals were unseated all across America especially in state legislatures. Some commentators are calling it another Republican wave, a few even calling it a tsunami. It will still take a few days to know all the final results. In 2010 there was a net gain of over 600 elected positions by the Republicans. 2014 may indeed be very similar. The really good news is that the big, federal, runaway train has had the brakes applied. The slowdown of the liberal progressive agenda will be good for America.

One pundit called this the "Fury Election." She rightly pointed out that Americans were furious about the state of our affairs and our economy and the voters turned out to create real change. At the national level Republicans gained at least 3 governorships including such Blue States as Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Maine, and even the hot bed of liberalism – Illinois. These were huge statements made by the citizens. The big prize of course was the control of the U.S. Senate. Most rational Americans knew it was likely to change but most predicted by a slim margin of 51, maybe 52. However, at press time the count was

52 with two more states in play. Alaska was leaning Republican and Louisiana will probably go Red in the runoff in December. That would make 54 Republican Senators and one Independent Angus King of Maine says he might caucus with the Republicans. And Virginia with 95% of the vote

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in is still too close to call. That gain would be the biggest surprise of the night. Republicans gained at least 7 seats by winning in West Virginia, North Carolina, Iowa, Arkansas, South Dakota, Montana, and COLORADO. Those 7 losses were a clear repudiation of Obamacare. We congratulate all the concerned conservative citizens in this state that helped remove the most obstructive Senate leader in America's history – Harry Reid of Nevada. He single-handedly stopped all progress at his office door and wouldn't allow any debate or votes

on much of anything. That was all to protect Obama and now that is over. This will be a great improvement for us all. Obama will now be forced to govern. He will have to make decisions and either sign bills that help America's economy or use his pen and phone to veto everything. He now knows he's been put in the "hot seat" because in the middle of election night in America he tries to make himself relevant by calling for a meeting with all congressional leaders to see how they can work together. Finally, even he knows he will be forced to work with Republicans now. Up to this point, with Harry Reid to run interference for him, he has done nothing to work with Republicans and actually went out of his way to alienate them. As Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS) said, "The Obama-Reid gridlock is over."

So, what did the exit polls tell us? Last week Obama told us that even though he wasn't on the ballot his policies were. Many Democrats were not happy about that. They wanted to run on small ball local issues. However, in a rare instance, Obama was absolutely correct. The exit polling told us this: 60% of Americans were either dissatisfied or angry with

the Obama administration and his policies; 65% believe America was on the wrong track; 54% disapproved of his performance, and 45% said the economy, Obama's economy, was not to their liking. The exit polling also suggested that the economy was the most important issue followed closely by the unhappiness with Obamacare. They also indicated there was a lack of confidence in America's future and a lack of trust in the government. We have repeatedly identified these issues over the last several months. It turns out most voting Americans agreed. We are grateful for the concerned citizens that turned out to vote all over America. The "people" made a huge difference.

In Colorado we have a mixed bag of results. We elected Cory Gardner and that was very important. We also voted down the gambling issue and the GMO labeling and brought sunshine to school union negotiations. However, we didn't recognize the rights of the unborn and may have left the state legislature and the governorship in the hands of the liberal progressives. This will not be good for us overall. The biggest disappointment is that Hickenlooper may survive.

In Custer County there was only one contested race and we congratulate Sheriff-elect Shannon Byerly. Congrats to the other winners as well. Locally, we were on the right side of most statewide issues, coming up short on the personhood issue 53-47%. Close, but still short of protecting the unborn. Sadly, many think that recognizing the unborn will harm doctors and nurses. We see it just the opposite. Doctors and nurses can make decisions to protect themselves. The babies have no choices. Local and out-of-county citizens also approved the Clinic-EMS mill levy. We hope it will have the desired effect of improving emergency services for all the citizens. We believed there were other ways to solve the problems but now we need to wait and watch. Time will tell.

Shifting gears, next Tuesday is Veterans Day. Thanks to all who have served our great country! We hope this new Congress treats our veterans better than in recent years. If you want to honor the vets and show them your respect and gratitude you can attend the American Legion Dinner on Saturday, November 8th, at the Saddle Club starting at 5:00 pm.

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Custer County Election Results

Custer County Candidates		
Contest/Candidates	Total	Percent
United States Senator		
Mark Udall	740	29%
Cory Gardner	1654	66%
Representative to the 114th United States Congress - District 3		
Scott R. Tipton	1750	70%
Abel J. Tapia	630	25%
Governor / Lt. Governor		
Bob Beauprez / Jill Repella	1653	66%
John Hickenlooper / Joe Garcia	763	30%
Secretary of State		
Joe Neguse	660	27%
Wayne W. Williams	1616	67%
State Treasurer		
Walker Stapleton	1606	67%
Betsy Markey	700	29%
Attorney General		
Don Quick	623	26%
Cynthia Coffman	1651	69%
State Board of Education - Congressional District 3		
Henry C. Roman	694	30%
Marcia Neal	1627	70%
State Representative - District 60		
James D. "Jim" Wilson	1848	96%
Write-in (Curtis Imrie)	72	4%

Custer County Commissioner - District 1		
Robert (Bob) Kattnig	1877	100%
Custer County Clerk and Recorder		
Debbie Livengood	2130	100%
Custer County Treasurer		
Virginia Trujillo	2049	100%
Custer County Assessor		
J.D. Henrich	2062	100%
County Sheriff		
Shannon Byerly	1990	86%
Larry Sanders	334	14%
Custer County Coroner		
Arthur L. Nordyke	1855	100%

Issue	Amendments, Propositions, Issues		Total		Percent	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Amendment 67	Amendments, Propositions, Issues					
Define "person" and "child" to include unborn	1164	1296	47%	53%		
Amendment 68	487	2006	20%	80%		
Horse racetrack proceeds to schools						
Proposition 104	1786	658	73%	27%		
School collective bargaining open to public						
Proposition 105	730	1758	29%	71%		
Labeling of genetically modified food						
Issue 4A	West Custer County Hospital District Mill Levy					
(Voters residing within Custer County)	1262	1032	55%	45%		
(Voters residing outside Custer County)	613	253	71%	29%		
(Total for All Voters)	1875	1285	59%	41%		

Judges				
Name	Total		Percent	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court				
Brian D. Boatright	1193	766	61%	39%
Monica M. Marquez	1137	812	58%	42%
Court of Appeals				
Terry Fox	1136	737	59%	41%
Alan M. Lesh	1185	735	62%	38%
District Judge - 11th Judicial District				
David M. Thorson	1281	654	66%	34%
County Judge, Custer				
Peter F. Michaelson	1631	680	71%	29%



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Liberals Make Great Inroads in Custer County

Commentary By Paul Sage

While Democrats across Colorado and the country were swept out of office on the tsunami of national discontent with their failed policies, in Custer County the liberal progressive socialist democratic agenda is alive and well.

While the final election votes were still being cast and counted, the Westcliffe Town Board again heard from Custer County Democratic Party Chairman Roland Williams on his request for a parade permit for next July 4th. Mr. Williams began pursuing this permit shortly after this July's parade in an effort to squelch the citizen's second amendment right to bear arms because he and a handful of his comrades found all the guns displayed offensive, though there have been no

incidents in the well attended parades, and they have been a great success for local businesses.

In addition to the ban on weapons, Mr. Williams and his comrades want to ban patriotic banners and citizen rallies after the parade, replacing them with crepe paper decorated bicycles and clowns. Part of his proposed compromise included a "gun free hour" during the parade, not unlike a moment of silence to commemorate the death of the very constitution which guarantees him the right to speak this foolishness.

The Town Board tabled the proposal till their January meeting, suggesting that the parties involved negotiate a deal to negate the offensive parts of the constitution in the meantime.

The West Custer Coun-

ty Hospital District won a vote of confidence their fiscally irresponsible, local Obamacare clinic under the guise of needing more money to fund the EMS by nearly a 60% margin. The political action committee of about a dozen board members and liberal supporters pushed the \$280,000 tax increase through under the threat of not being able to provide EMS service without it. Now all the other taxing entities in the county can attempt to rewrite their budgets to take into account the specific ownership tax money they will lose to the clinic.

All in all, it was an overwhelming victory for the liberal progressive socialist democratic agenda in Custer County unlike almost anywhere else in the country.

GOP Retains Control of State School Board, Despite Big Bucks Behind Democrats

by Nicholas Garcia and Todd Engdahl, Co.ChalkBeat.Org

Two incumbents held onto their seats on the State Board of Education in Tuesday's election, leaving the board's 4-3 Republican majority in place.

GOP incumbent Marcia Neal of Grand Junction had a 34,000 vote lead over Democrat Henry Roman, a former Pueblo City Schools superintendent, in the sprawling 3rd District at about 11:30 p.m.

In suburban Denver's 7th

District, Democratic incumbent Jane Goff easily defeated Republican Laura Boggs. With 76 percent of the votes counted, Goff led by about five points.

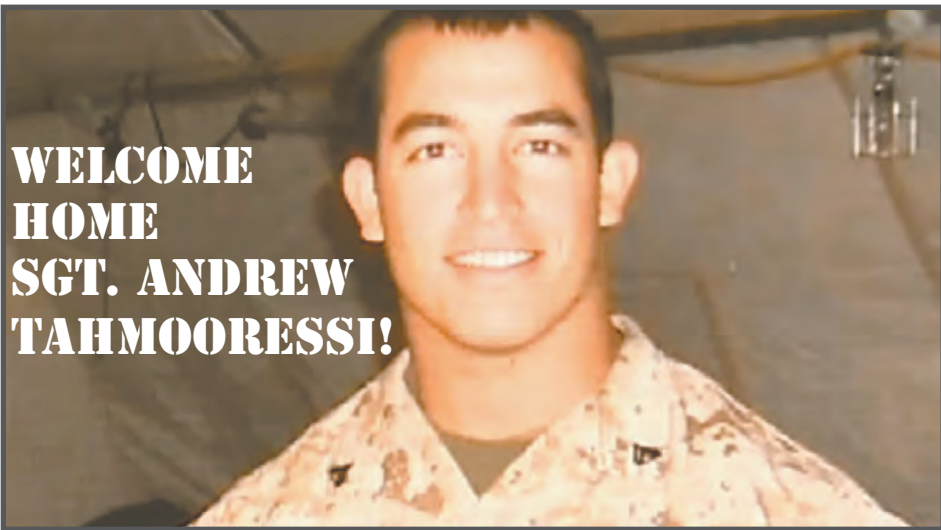
The state board performs a primarily regulatory function and tends to vote unanimously on most such issues. But there are significant philosophical differences between Democratic and Republican members on bigger issues like the Common Core State Standards, testing, local district autonomy, and the federal government's role in education.

Some education reform groups have been worried that continued Republican control could lead to board efforts to pull Colorado out of the Common Core and the PARCC tests.

State Board races typically are quiet affairs, and anywhere from 20,000 to 60,000 fewer votes typically are cast in a board race than in a congressional race. (State Board seats are based on congressional district boundaries.)

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WELCOME HOME SGT. ANDREW TAHMOORESSI!



Happy 239th Birthday to the United States Marine Corps!

Semper Fi, Marines!

It's been a tradition for 239 years. And it will continue when the Royal Gorge Detachment of the Marine Corps League hosts its seventh annual formal ball, beginning with cocktails at 6 p.m. on November 10 in the Abbey Events Center, at 2951 E. U.S. 50, in recognition of the anniversary.

During the evening, Past Commandant Ray Linebaugh will act as emcee during the ceremony, which starts at 7 p.m.

The event will include the ceremonial cutting of the cake, presentation of colors and keynote speaker Robert Hollingsworth, of Westcliffe.

"The Commandant (Robert 'Bubba' Thurman) will cut the cake then pass a slice of cake to the oldest Marine, (who will in turn), pass it to the youngest member in attendance," said committee chairwoman Kaye Linebaugh. "The ROTC kids from the Cañon City High School will be presenting the colors."

Then, dinner and dance will take place with DJ Rich Bosiso playing the music for the dance. The meal consist of a choice of prime rib, basil grilled chicken, stuffed pork chop or citrus fish.

As part of the ceremony, the original order, written by General John Le-

jeune, will be read at the Marine Corps Birthday Ball to re-establish the date, followed by the reading of the current commandant's order.

Suggested attire is formal or military dress. The deadline for reservations is November 5. Tickets are \$35 per person.

Although the Marine Corps originally was established in 1775, the corps and Navy were abolished by the Continental Congress after the Revolutionary War ended. However, the Marine Corps was founded again July 11, 1798, and this date became the unofficial birthday for many years. But in 1921, Maj. Gen. Commandant John Lejeune issued Order 47, formalizing the Marine Corps official birthday as November 10, which continues to this date.

For information or tickets, call Linebaugh at 431-2687 or Carol Sartor at 285-8435.



"Wild Bill's Toys for Kids" is Gearing Up!

Toy boxes are now at the following locations, and Wild Bill is counting on his good friends of Custer County to fill them up!

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- Nacho Mama's
- Family Dollar Store
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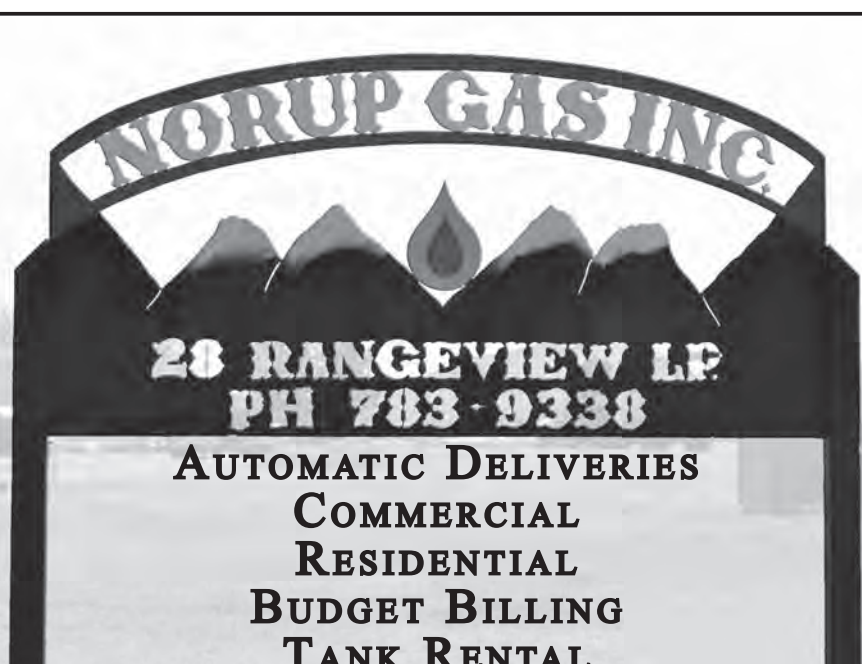
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Westcliffe Town Board Meeting: Democrat Williams Obstructs Parade Progress

by Larry Luikart

The Westcliffe Town Board meeting was called to order by Mayor Veltrie at 5:30pm sharp. She led the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance and then asked the audience to introduce themselves.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved along with the treasurer's report and paying the bills. A minor correction was requested by Cathy Reis regarding the September bills list regarding an incorrectly recorded cost. The dollar amount was minor and the board approved the request.

Under Old Business Roland Williams, Chairman, Custer County Democratic Central Committee gave a talk and summation of the discussions and meetings with The Wild West Cowboy Church and the Sentinel in anticipation of a vote on approving the CCDCC parade application. Mr. Williams continues to assert the open carry of firearms in the parade remains a divisive issue within the community and between the three parties involved in the discussions. He stated a communication was sent to all the parties involved regarding a one hour time frame in the parade where no guns would be displayed. Finally, Mr. Williams stated the discussions had reached an impasse and he regretted the fact the parties could not come to a reasonable accommodation.

Mayor Veltrie then asked Dee Wilhite from the Wild West Cowboy Church if she was prepared to discuss the issue. Ms. Wilhite stated she was not made aware of Mr. Williams presentation until last Friday afternoon (October 31). She also took exception to the statement Mr. Williams made regarding the one hour no gun time frame. She and Mike Hess, who was sitting next to her in the audience, both indicated they had never heard this proposal until this meeting. She continued indicating that Mr. Williams had not only proposed no guns in the parade but he added requests for no display of Second Amendment flags and no public gatherings after the parade to discuss the Second Amendment.

Mayor Veltrie at this juncture indicated since two of three parties involved in the

discussions were not aware until the eleventh hour of the CCDCC report and parade application approval request, she suggested it be tabled until the January meeting. The city attorney will not be at the December meeting making it impossible, apparently, for the Board to make a decision without his presence.

Trustee Wenke asked Mr. Williams if he was willing to continue negotiations. He said, "Absolutely." Mr. Hess and Ms. Wilhite were asked if they were willing to continue discussions and they both said, "Yes." The motion to table the parade request was then considered and approved by the Board.

The prairie dog problem was then discussed. After some meandering, the Board came to the conclusion (after some insertions by the city attorney) that the Town can declare the prairie dogs a "nuisance" requiring the property owner to eradicate the problem. It was made very clear by the city attorney that he thought the problem was not a Westcliffe town problem and any town funds allocated to eradicate the prairie dogs would set an unsavory precedent for the town. Therefore, if you have prairie dogs on your land, you can expect a letter from the town, informing you of the "nuisance" and requiring you, the land owner, to eradicate the problem. Good luck and happy hunting.



Harmony?

J.D. Teague from the Saddle Club reported on the use of the funds they received from the town in 2014. Ensuing discussion resulted in a request for additional funding needed to repair the area in the Saddle Club request for funds in 2015. This discussion revolved around the concept that riding activities are a great way to bring economic activity to the community. Some members of the

Board thought this would be a superb way to benefit both entities.

Karen Rinedollar, Main Street Manager, requested a street closing for a mini-street fair in conjunction with Club America for a 5k run on November 29, 2014. The details will be worked out. Trustee Wenke then talked about the Main Street Initiative and the good things taking place with that project. He did caution that real benefits from the Initiative will take time. But, already progress had been made in bringing in more people and events to the town.

A long discussion ensued regarding the amending Chapter 10 to comply with the Dark Skies application. The Board approved the changes. But, current residents, have no fear. You people with bulbs hanging out of the bottom of your fixtures, or those projecting too many lumens per square foot onto the ground or even you interlopers whose bulbs produce too many Kelvins of light in the wrong end of the light spectrum are safe. You are grandfathered in at least until the next time you renovate or build new. Watch out! The light bulb police will be lurking with their city ordinances to make you comply.

Two grant applications were considered and approved. The GOGO application for playground equipment and the grant with DOLA for the TAP program.

Trustee Johnson relinquished his chair on the Board temporarily to discuss and provide pictures of what he considers to be a signage problem in the Town. He indicated there are eighty properties for sale in Westcliffe with almost all of them having at least one 'For Sale' sign and many having more than one. He indicated this "cheapens the town and we have to find a way to regulate it." Fortunately, this was only a discussion and the Board took no action. But, watch out! More rules are on the horizon.

Reporters note: One wonders why there are eighty properties for sale in Westcliffe? Is it possible priorities are skewed to the point where the Board trivializes the momentous and complicates the obvious? Food for thought.

AMEND YOUR TEXTBOOKS



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Local Mountain News & Notices

Silver Cliff Considers Legalizing Pot Grow!

by Larry Luikart

The Silver Cliff Town Board met in their regularly scheduled meeting at 5:30pm on Monday evening. All the members of the Board were present. Mayor Weber led the Pledge of Allegiance and the attendees were introduced.

There was no Old Business so the Mayor moved into New Business. The first item was the Consideration of Approval of the Inter Government Agreement (IGA) with Sheriff’s Department for 2015. The IGA agreement and the fees for the services were approved with the understanding the new Sheriff would review the entire package with the Board.

The final approval of the liquor license for “This is Nacho Mama’s” was approved and the name for the monument project was approved. The Board after hearing five different proposals decided on “Silver Cliff Commemorative and Community Park.”

Staff reports were heard. Roger Camper, Building/Zoning, proposed the Planning Commission do a ride around on November 19th to look at the street lights put up as examples by Black Hills. The Commission will drive through the town to determine any other locations for street lights. There is a proposal for a legal marijuana grow in Silver Cliff. The Commission advised the applicant to discuss water use with Round Mountain Water first. The Board cannot approve

a legal grow if water is not available. They are waiting for Round Mountain’s ruling.

There is an apparent glitch with the Assessor’s Office and the town regarding the amount of fees returned to the town by the county. A meeting is planned to determine how the county determines the fee percentages and other issues in the near future.

The Board cannot approve a legal grow if water is not available.

The grader had a radiator repair costing \$500 and is now back in service. The Board was concerned that it would be available in time for snow removal and the completion of some street work already proposed.

Ileen Squire, Clerk/Treasurer, reported that the lighting ordinance will require a completely new ordinance instead of an adaptation of Westcliffe’s. The committee who volunteered to work on the ordinance will be Ileen Squire, Jackie Barnes, and

Roger Camper. This work is a needed requirement for the Dark Skies proposal.

Jackie Barnes discussed some CART happenings. She introduced the Westcliffe Main Steet Manager Karen Rinedollar. Ms. Rinedollar discussed her position in regard to supporting events already scheduled and bringing in new events. She stressed that she is still learning the communities and asked for any ideas the Board might have to help her in her job. She emphasized the idea was to improve both Westcliffe and Silver Cliff in a cooperative effort to make both communities better.

During the Board Open Discussion session, Trustee Mary Behrendt reported a concerned citizen talked with her about the County Commissioners granting Special Use permits for businesses out in the county. The individual thought business permits should be restricted to the commercial zone located in the two towns. Mayor Weber and Roger Camper both indicated the land in the county is designated as agriculture for the purpose of keeping it non-business. They both thought the county should refuse these Special Use Permits based on that idea and apparently there is some historical precedent in that regard. The real issue, of course, is the tax revenue lost by the towns when a business moves into the county. The Board will send a representative to the Commisioners meeting to discuss the matter.

WILD BILL

From page 1

and everybody in his company were happy campers.

Bill then went to Fort Stewart in Georgia for his Advanced Infantry Training (A.I.T.) and then onto Fort Benning where he earned his jump wings and attached to the 101st Airborne. He then went to Fort Gordon with more training with the 101st and spent time on squad level sniper/marksmanship training.

Bill arrived in Vietnam on September 28, 1967, and was slotted into an Army Recon platoon within an engineering battalion. Bill was in combat in no time and spent a considerable amount of time with the recon unit with Montagnard (“yards”) tribes people who were allies of the U.S. Bill recounts one story of a remote Montagnard village being terrorized by a huge tiger. To help the tribes people out, Bill was strapped to the skids of a helicopter with an M14 rifle and they went hunting for the tiger. When they finally found it, Bill dispatched the beast with one shot. The tiger was skinned and the skin was hung in the battalion’s rec area.

Other combat operations included defending a mountaintop Montagnard village with six other GI’s and 89 Montagnard mercenaries. Bill was involved in heavy combat in the Kontoon (Kontum) area for a long time including being there during the Tet offensive in 1968. His well-respected recon unit was often used for security detail when General Westmorland came to the area. And in an interesting side note, Bill was blessed with a two week, “in-the-bush” training/live action assignment with the legendary Marine sniper, Carlos Hathcock. Bill say Hathcock was simply an incredible sniper and that he taught Bill a different way to breath when shooting.

“And the best to all the wounded warriors and their families.”

Bill suffered grievous injuries during the next two

years and underwent four years of surgery in the Army finally winding up at Fort Carson. Bill was discharged as an E5 Sargent in 1974.

And folks, Bill didn’t get his nickname, “Wild Bill,” for nothing. Bill noted that over the course of his life he was “engaged” 34 times! When asked how he afforded all those engagement rings, Bill says he bought regular rings for the first two fiancées, but after that he simply used the cigar bands from his favorite cigars, “rum soaked crooks”, as rings for the ladies. Bill noted that he had two kids before he went into the Army, a girl and a boy (the boy died when he was six months old). Bill had two boys with his first marriage and no kids with his second marriage. (Bill is currently single, ladies, and has an ample supply of cigar bands.) Bill said that during all those “engagements” he adopted nine children and put them all through college.

Attesting to Bill’s combat experience, valley resident Ray PóBlanó, a fellow Vietnam veteran with two serious combat tours, actually was involved in a couple of the same combat operations in the Kontoon

area that Bill was in. The two veterans happened to meet at a local American Legion event a few years ago and discovered that they fought in some of the same engagements in Kontoon area. When asked about Bill, Ray said “He’s the real deal. People don’t know what we went through in those battles. Bill is as good as it gets.”

At the end of the interview with Bill, I asked him what his nickname in the Army was, he replied, “Wild Bill”. And when asked what was his nickname when he was a kid, Bill said, with a distinct twinkle in his eye, “Wild Billy”. Folks, this All American, Wyoming ranch kid, war hero, lover of the ladies, and parent of 9 adopted kids and 3 of his own, has not let any dust gather on his boots. God Bless Wild Bill for his service and his successful efforts in raising so many kids. And help him out with a toy or two for his “Wild Bill Toys for Kids” drive going on now. (See the ad on page 5 in this week’s paper.)

“And the best to all the wounded warriors and their families,” says Wild Bill in closing.



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GOP

From page 5

But there was heightened interest this year because a campaign committee affiliated with Democrats for Education Reform pumped more than \$200,000 into campaign literature supporting Roman and Goff and criticizing their opponents.

The 3rd District covers most of western Colorado and stretches east to Pueblo. While the district generally is considered Republican territory, winning vote margins were relatively small in Neal’s 2008 victory and in a prior win by another Republican.

Neal is a former social studies teacher and Mesa 51 school board member who sometimes is a swing vote on the board and who’s been a strong advocate for rural districts. Roman is a former Pueblo 60 superintendent, has worked recently as a charter school

consultant and hadn’t previously run for elected office.

The 7th District includes much of Adams and Jefferson Counties. Adams County tends to lean Democratic, while Jeffco is pretty evenly balanced between Democratic, Republican, and unaffiliated voters.

Goff, of Arvada, is a former Jeffco foreign language teacher and administrator who also served as president of the Jefferson County Education Association. Boggs, of Lakewood, is a former Jeffco school board member who was a one-woman conservative minority before the board changed hands in the 2013 election.

Despite losing her race, Boggs said Tuesday was a good night for education. She said, “Proposition 104 was a huge win. I’m excited for Marcia Neal. So, obviously, I’m disappointed about the results in CD7, but a good number of vot-

ers — not all voters, but a good number of voters — spoke loudly that they want to break the one-size-fits-all education system.”

The board’s 1st District seat, which primarily covers Denver, was also on the ballot this election, but the only candidate was retired educator Valentina Flores who defeated a reform candidate in the June Democratic primary. Flores will replace Democrat Elaine Gantz Berman who chose not to run again.

Board Chair Paul Lundeen, a Republican from Monument, ran unopposed for a seat in the state House. A GOP vacancy committee will choose a replacement for his District 5 board seat.

Please see: co.chalkbeat.org/2014/11/04/gop-appears-to-hold-control-of-state-school-board-despite-big-bucks-behind-democrats/#.VFqS-ijFVD0

Custer County School District C-1 Regular School Board Meeting Great Room - November 11, 2014 - 4:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome of Guests
3. Modification/Approval of Agenda
4. General Public Comment Session
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Modification/Approval: Minutes of special board meeting on October 14, 2014
 - b. Acceptance: Resignation letter from Ron Crotzer
 - c. Acceptance: Resignation letter from Sandra Dodson
6. Reports from Students/Staff
 - a. Business Club
7. Reports from Public
 - a. Excellence in Education report
 - b. Accountability report
8. Board Committee Reports - Accountability Committee, BOCES, FFA, Legislative Update, Preschool Advisory
9. Action Items
 - a. Approval: Personnel Hires
 - i. School Nurse - (recommendation by superintendent Chris Selle)
 - ii. VOICE Coordinator - (recommendation by superintendent Chris Selle)
 - iii. Substitute Teacher - Gail Frickell (recommended by superintendent Chris Selle)
 - iv. Substitute Teacher - Lissa Miller (recommended by superintendent Chris Selle)
 - b. Approval: Check Vouchers
 - c. Approval: Financial Reports
 - d. Acceptance: School Bus Bid
 - e. Approval: Policy AD (Educational Philosophy / School District Mission) - third reading
 - f. Approval: Policy CBI-R (Evaluation of Superintendent - Regulation) - second reading
10. Principal’s Reports
 - a. Elementary – Holly Anderson
 - b. Secondary – Barb Jones
11. Superintendent’s Report
12. Items introduced by Board Members
13. General Public Comment Session
14. Executive Session (If needed)
15. Adjournment

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The Fremont County Historical Society Presents: Buffalo Bill

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Gene is a ninth-generation descendant of frontiersman Daniel Boone, verified by Ancestry.com. Gene was born in the Daniel Boone National Forest in central Kentucky. He grew up as a hunter, fisherman, falconer, naturalist/ornithologist. Trained at the Ohio State University, he earned a B.S. in Natural Resources. He studied Art at Wichita State U. and Kent State U., majoring in Fine & Professional Art, Sculpture, Jewelry Design & Fabrication and Knife Making. His current artwork was exhibited at Arati Artists Gallery in Old Colorado City (Colorado Springs). For over forty years, he has produced falconry equipment, knives and artwork for falconers worldwide. Since 2003, he has performed with Red Herring



Presenter: Gene Johnson, “Buffalo Bill”
Cody enactor, Red Herring Productions

courtesy photo

Productions, an improvisational theater company presenting murder mysteries in venues around Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico. He has performed over thirty characters with Red Herring in 26 different scripts. He feels privileged to meet and perform for audiences interested in experiencing America’s living history.

Local Mountain News & Notices

Great Season, Bobcats Volleyball!

by Coach Cravens

(Reporter/JS: The team and the coaches deserve a huge "Way to Go!" for their season from everyone who enjoys watching them play and "give everything they had.")

The 2014 season has come to an end for the Custer County Volleyball team. The Bobcats gave everything they had on Friday, October 28, but lost to Sargent and Hoehne. The team finishes the season 16-9 overall and 12-2 in conference.

The Bobcats took on their conference foes--the Sargent Farmers--to start the day. The Farmers had won the League and District titles, and this was the fourth time the two teams would meet. The Bobcats had lost in straight sets the three previous meetings, so they needed to play well to compete. The team was up to

the challenge, winning the first set 26-24. Madeleine Woods had 4 of her match high 10 kills in the first set, with no errors. McKenzie Penkoff added three kills in the first set. The second set saw both teams fighting for every point. Tish Schlachbach kept the Bobcats in the fight with 9 of her team-high 33 digs on the match. Sargent pulled away in the end though, and won 21-25. The third set kept the crowd entertained as both teams went toe-to-toe again. Jordan Beach ended the third set with 5 of her 7 kills. The Farmers had too much fire-power and won the third set 19-25. The Bobcats stayed aggressive in the fourth set, but as the Farmers began to pull away the Bobcats started to make too many errors. Sargent won the fourth set and match with a 13-25 win.

With the loss to Sargent, the Bobcats chance of making it to Denver next

weekend was getting slimmer and slimmer. Another set of Farmers--this time from Hoehne--stood in the way. The Bobcats found it very hard to find the floor against Hoehne as they lost in straight sets, 16-25, 21-25 and 16-25. The Bobcats were led by Madeleine Woods and Serenity Ham with 6 kills apiece. Alysha Benoit and Kristian Curtis had two aces apiece in the match.

The season was a very successful season that just fell short of our team goals. It was a very young team and some underclassman got some very valuable varsity time this season. It will be hard to replace our Seniors, Madeleine Woods, Kristian Curtis, Jordan Beach and Alysha Benoit. Their leadership and skills have been a great part of why the season was so successful and we all wish them the best in the future.

Help Send Middle Schoolers to D.C.

The Silver Cliff Mountain Inn will be hosting a dinner fundraiser for the Custer County Middle School Washington, D.C. trip.

**Sunday, November 16, 2014
4:00-6:30 p.m.**

Menu Includes: Choice of pulled pork or chicken sandwich, chips and a drink. Desserts will also be provided for purchase. A raffle drawing with local goods and amenities will also take place during the event.

Adult tickets are \$10 and children under 5 cost \$5. Tickets may be purchased from a Custer County Middle School student traveler or at the door on the 16th.

Help for the Holidays

The Community Action Committee, C.A.T., wants to remind everyone that would like a little help at Christmas to pick up a form at the grocery store, the Social Services office, or the United Methodist Church, fill it out and return it by November 10.

This is also a reminder to all the churches, businesses, or individuals that want to lend a helping hand to contact Pastor Deborah Christine at the United Methodist Church to get your "gift tags" to help at Christmas.

Questions? Call 710-431-9770 and ask for Pastor Deb.

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Bobcat Menu • Nov. 10 - Nov. 13 2014			
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Elementary: Main dish, bread, milk, choice of 1 veg. & 1 fruit • Middle & High School: Salad Bar			

KIDS Friday, November 7, 2014 Veterans Day: A Short History Lesson

Veterans Day is an official legal holiday which honors all people who have served in any branch of the United States Armed Forces. This federal holiday is celebrated each year on November 11th. Veterans Day has been with us for about 60 years, and how it came to be is an interesting story and quite a lengthy process.

President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed a holiday on November 11, 1919, but this was called "Armistice Day," honoring those killed in action in World War I. Armistice with Germany went into effect exactly a year earlier when the war formally ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918.

Some years later, on June 4, 1926, Congress passed a resolution requesting that President Calvin Coolidge issue a proclamation to observe November 11th with "appropriate ceremonies". A Congressional Act on May 13, 1938 made "Armistice Day" a legal holiday dedicated to the cause of world peace.

A World War II veteran, Raymond Weeks from Birmingham, Alabama, began a personal crusade in 1945 to expand the day to celebrate ALL veterans. He led a delegation to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower and got his support for the idea of a national veterans day. More years passed. Eisenhower, by now President, signed a congressional bill into law on May 26, 1954 which established the holiday, but there was yet another step. Days later, on June 1, Congress amended the act to replace the word "Armistice" with "Veterans." After nine years of effort by Raymond Weeks, Veterans Day had come to be. Weeks had led the first national celebration in 1947 in Alabama, and every year thereafter until his death in 1985. Weeks was honored by President Reagan with the Presidential Citizenship Medal in 1982.

Source: Wikipedia.com

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School Board Vacancy Announcement

Custer County School District is seeking a qualified individual to appoint for the current Board of Education vacancy in director district one. Director district one consists of the town of Westcliffe. The appointee will serve until the next regular school biennial election in November 2015.

- Qualifications:**
To be eligible for appointment, a candidate must:
1. Be a registered elector of Custer County School District C-1 at least twelve consecutive months prior to the date of appointment.
 2. Must not have been convicted of a sexual offense against a child.
 3. Must be a resident of Custer County School District C-1 director district one.

Timeline:
Application Deadline: 4:00 p.m. on November 17, 2014
Interviews: December 9, 2014
School Board action to fill vacancy: December 9, 2014

How to Apply:
Qualified candidates must submit a letter of interest including brief biographical information. Qualified candidates must also complete an "Affidavit of School Director Candidate for Appointment on Qualifications for Office." The affidavit may be obtained at the Custer County School District C-1 district office. The letter of interest and completed affidavit should be submitted to superintendent Chris Selle prior to 4:00 p.m. on November 17, 2014. Qualified candidates may contact superintendent Chris Selle at 719-783-2357 should they require clarification of the process to fill this vacancy.

The deadline for getting your information into the Classifieds is Monday at 5 p.m. for that week's edition.

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against democracy is a
five-minute conversation
with the average voter.”**

– Sir Winston Churchill

*(Obviously, this observation does
not apply to Sentinel readers!)*

Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial & Veterans' Bridge

Pueblo – “The Home of Heroes”

by Barbara Napolitan

Pueblo has the distinct privilege of being designated “The Home of Heroes” by Congress because it is the only city with four recipients of the Medal of Honor. These recipients are Drew Dix – Vietnam 1968, William Crawford – World War II 1943, Carl Sitter – Korea 1950, and Jerry Murphy – Korea 1953. Located at the Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial at the Pueblo Convention Center are four bronze statues of Pueblo’s Medal of Honor recipients. The names of the over 3,400 medal recipients are mounted on the walls of the convention center directly behind the statues. Inside the convention center, the uniforms of the four heroes are on display.

The Medal of Honor is the highest military decoration presented by the United States Government to a member of the armed forces. The Medal of Honor was first created during the Civil War to give acknowledgment to men who distinguished themselves “conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity” in combat with an enemy of the United States. The Medal of Honor is awarded by the President of the United States in the name of the U.S. Congress. The Army, Navy, and Air Force each have their own version of this medal while the Marine Corps and Coast Guard receive the Navy form.

The following is the Medal of Honor Citation of each of the four Pueblo recipients, which is engraved in granite and located at the base of their statue.

Drew Dennis Dix *Vietnam 1968*

Rank & Organization:

Staff Sergeant, Senior Advisor Group, IV Corps, Military Assistance Command, U.S. Army

Place/Date of Action:

Chau Doc Province, Republic of Vietnam, 31 January & 1 February 1968

Citation:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Staff Sergeant Dix distinguished himself by exceptional heroism while serving as a unit adviser. Two heavily armed Viet Cong battalions attacked the Province capital city of Chau Phu resulting in the complete breakdown and fragmentation of the defenses of the city. Staff Sergeant Dix, with a patrol of Vietnamese soldiers, was recalled to assist in the defense of Chau Phu. Learning that a nurse was trapped in a house near the center of the city, Staff Sergeant Dix ordered a relief force, successfully rescued the nurse, and returned her to the safety of the Tactical Operations Center. Being informed of other trapped civilians within the city, Staff Sergeant Dix voluntarily led another force to rescue eight civilian employees located in a building which was under heavy mortar and small-arms fire. Staff Sergeant Dix then returned to the center of the city. Upon approach-

ing a building, he was subjected to intense automatic rifle and machinegun fire from an unknown number of Viet Cong. He personally assaulted the building, killing six Viet Cong, and rescuing two Filipinos. The following day Staff Sergeant Dix, still on his own volition, assembled a 20-man force and though under intense enemy fire cleared the Viet Cong out of the hotel, theater, and other adjacent buildings within the city. During this portion of the attack, Army Republic of Vietnam soldiers inspired by the heroism and success of Staff Sergeant Dix, rallied and commenced firing upon the Viet Cong. Staff Sergeant Dix captured 20 prisoners, including a high ranking Viet Cong official. He then attacked enemy troops who had entered the residence of the Deputy Province Chief and was successful in rescuing the official’s wife and children. Staff Sergeant Dix’s personal heroic actions resulted in 14 confirmed Viet Cong killed in action and possibly 25 more, the capture of 20 prisoners, 15 weapons, and the rescue of the 14 United States and free world civilians. The heroism of Staff Sergeant Dix was in the highest tradition and reflects great credit upon the U.S. Army.

Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
16 January 1969

William John Crawford *World War II 1943*

Rank & Organization:

Private, Company I, 3d Battalion, 142d Infantry, 36th Infantry Division, U.S. Army

Place/Date of Action:

Altavilla, Italy, 13 September 1943

Citation:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life above and beyond the call of duty in action with the enemy near Altavilla, Italy, 13 September 1943. When Company I attacked an enemy-held position on Hill 424, the 3d Platoon, in which Private Crawford was a squad scout, attacked as base platoon for the company. After reaching the crest of the hill, the platoon was pinned down by intense enemy machinegun and small-arms fire. Locating one of these guns, which was dug in on a terrace on his immediate front, Private Crawford, without orders and on his own initiative, moved over the hill under enemy fire to a point within

a few yards of the gun emplacement and single-handedly destroyed the machinegun and killed three of the crew with a hand grenade, thus enabling his platoon to continue its advance. When the platoon, after reaching the crest, was once more delayed by enemy fire, Private Crawford again, in the face of intense fire, advanced directly to the front midway between two hostile machinegun nests located on a higher terrace and emplaced in a small ravine. Moving first to the left, with a hand grenade he destroyed one gun emplacement and killed the crew; he then worked his way, under continuous fire, to the other and with one grenade and the use of his rifle, killed one enemy and forced the remainder to flee. Seizing the enemy machinegun, he fired on the withdrawing Germans and facilitated his company’s advance.

Ronald Regan
President of the United States
30 May 1984

Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial & Veterans' Bridge

The Pueblo Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial, located at 320 Central Main Street at the Pueblo Convention Center, honors four Pueblo veterans who received the Medal of Honor. Veterans' Bridge, located adjacent to the convention center, honors veterans from all branches of service who have lived in Pueblo or have ties to the city.

Drew Dennis Dix
Vietnam 1968



William John Crawford
World War II 1943



Carl Leonard Sitter
Korea 1950



Raymond Gerald Murphy
Korea 1953



Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial & Veterans' Bridge

HEROES

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Carl Leonard Sitter *Korea 1950*

Rank & Organization:

Captain, Company G, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein.), U.S. Marine Corps

Place/Date of Action:

Hagaru-ri, North Korea, 29 and 30 November 1950

Citation:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as commanding officer of Company G, in action against enemy aggressor forces. Ordered to break through enemy-infested territory to reinforce his battalion the morning of 29 November, Captain Sitter continuously exposed himself to enemy fire as he led his company forward and, despite 25 percent casualties suffered in the furious action, succeeded in driving through to his objective. Assuming the responsibility of attempting to seize and occupy a strategic area occupied by a hostile force of regiment strength deeply entrenched on a snow-covered hill commanding the entire valley southeast of the town, as well as the line of march of friendly troops withdrawing to the south, he reorganized his depleted units the following morning and boldly led them up the steep, frozen hillside under blistering fire, encouraging and redeploying his troops as casualties occurred and directing forward platoons as they continued the drive to the top of the ridge. During the night

when a vastly outnumbering enemy launched a sudden, vicious counterattack, setting the hill ablaze with mortar, machinegun and automatic-weapons fire and taking a heavy toll in troops, Captain Sitter visited each foxhole and gun position, coolly deploying and integrating reinforcing units consisting of service personnel unfamiliar with the infantry tactics into a coordinated combat team and instilling in every man the will and determination to hold his position at all costs. With the enemy penetrating his lines in repeated counterattacks which often required hand-to-hand combat, and, on one occasion infiltrating to the command post with the hand grenades, he fought gallantly with his men in repulsing and killing the fanatic attackers in each encounter. Painfully wounded in the face, arms and chest by bursting grenades, he staunchly refused to be evacuated and continued to fight on until a successful defense of the area was assured with a loss to the enemy of more than 50 percent dead, wounded, and captured. His valiant leadership, superb tactics, and great personal valor throughout 36 hours of bitter combat reflect the highest credit upon Captain Sitter and the U.S. Naval Service.

Harry S. Truman
President of the United States
29 October 1951

Raymond Gerald Murphy *Korea 1953*

Rank & Organization

Second Lieutenant, Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, (Rein.), U.S. Marine Corps (Reserve)

Place/Date of Action:

Ungok Hill, Panmunjan, Korea, 3 February 1953

Citation:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as a platoon commander of Company A, in action against enemy aggressor forces. Although painfully wounded by fragments from an enemy mortar shell while leading his evacuation platoon in support of assault units attacking a cleverly concealed and well-entrenched hostile force occupying commanding ground, Second Lieutenant Murphy steadfastly refused medical aid and continued to lead his men up a hill through a withering barrage of hostile mortar and small-arms fire, skillfully maneuvering his force from one position to the next and shouting words of encouragement. Undeterred by the increasing intense enemy fire, he immediately located casualties as they fell and made several trips up and down the fire-swept hill to direct evacuation teams to the wounded, personally carrying many of the stricken marines to safety. When reinforcements were needed by the assaulting elements, Second

Lieutenant Murphy employed part of his unit as support and, during the ensuing battle, personally killed two of the enemy with his pistol. With all the wounded evacuated and the assaulting units beginning to disengage, he remained behind with a carbine to cover the movement of friendly forces off the hill and, though suffering intense pain from his previous wounds, seized an automatic rifle to provide more firepower when the enemy reappeared in the trenches. After reaching the base of the hill, he organized a search party and again ascended the slope for a final check on missing marines, locating and carrying the bodies of a machinegun crew back down the hill. Wounded a second time while conducting the entire force to the line of departure through a continuing barrage of enemy small-arms, artillery and mortar fire, he again refused medical assistance until assured that every one of his men, including all casualties, had preceded him to the main lines. His resolute and inspiring leadership, exceptional fortitude, and great personal valor reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Murphy and enhance the finest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

Dwight D. Eisenhower
President of the United States
27 October 1953

Local Mountain News & Notices

Events Calendar

Friday, November 7 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Judge"	Fry and Member Sale at CCSD's west gym 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "This is Where I Leave You"
Saturday, November 8 5 p.m.: Veterans Day Dinner at Saddle Club; Bring side dish; Info call 783-2721 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Judge"	Sunday, November 16 2 p.m.: Program at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church: Buffalo Bill Cody and his life and times by Gene Johnson, Red Herring Productions 2 p.m.: Jones Theater: "This is Where I Leave You"
Sunday, November 9 2 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Judge"	4 p.m. - 6:30: Middle School's Washington, D.C., fundraiser dinner held at The Silver Cliff Mountain Inn; Tickets at door or from student traveler, \$10 adult, \$5 child under 5
Friday, November 14 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "This is Where I Leave You"	
Saturday, November 15 5:30 p.m.: Annual Custer County FFA Oyster	

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	6:45 p.m. Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (March-October) at the Saddle Club.
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	Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.: Library open in downtown Westcliffe; 783-9138
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	Wednesday Line dancers meet at the Methodist Church from 9:30 to 11 a.m. 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 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Custer County Community Band practice in band room at high school
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	Thursday Second Thursday of the Month: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., "Ask a Nurse" at the library
Tuesday 12 - 4:30 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	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
First Tuesday of the Month: 6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes - American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting	Friday and Saturday 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.: Share Center at 308 S. Third Street adjacent to Hope Lutheran Church in Westcliffe
	Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Library open in Westcliffe

Sheriff's Report...

As of Tuesday, November 4, there were 3 men and 1 woman in jail.

OFFENSES

November 3 At 2156 hours, Shannon Walden, age 45, of Silver Cliff, was arrested in Westcliffe on the original charge of failing to display headlights and additionally DUI of alcohol. Walden is scheduled to appear in Custer County court on December 11. He posted \$1,000 bond and was released.

A passenger in the vehicle, Joshua Walden, age 23, of Silver Cliff was arrested for violation of a protective order. Joshua Walden is scheduled to appear in Custer County court on December 11, too.

November 1 Deputies responded to a disturbance in Wetmore at the intersection of Highways 67 and 96. Dakota Holland, age 19, of Florence was ultimately charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Holland is scheduled to appear in Custer County court on January 8, 2015.

ACCIDENTS

November 3 At 4:15 p.m., Ty Noga, age 24, of Cañon City was driving a 1996 Dodge utility truck owned by Rick's Pump Service on Bunker Hill Road in Silver Cliff Ranch when he knocked down

three electrical wires and subsequently broke off of one electrical pole due to failure to lower the boom on the truck. Electrical service was disrupted in the Silver Cliff Ranch area until it was restored about 10:30 p.m. Noga was issued a summons for careless driving. Damage to the truck was substantial.

October 29 At 0649 hours, a 1992 Toyota pickup truck, driven by Kristen Foster, age 36, of rural Westcliffe was northbound on County Road 328, about mile marker 10, when she lost control of her vehicle while avoiding wildlife on the road. The truck rotated 180° then went off of the right-hand side of the road, and rolled onto the driver's side. There were no reported injuries. The truck sustained moderate damage.

AMBULANCE CALLS

October 30 At 1758 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to County Road 261 to attend to a 79-year-old female who had fallen and hurt her hip. She was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

October 30 At 1647 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to mile marker 2 on Highway 96 for a 47-year-old male suffering from a possible stroke. He was transported by Flight for Life to St.

Mary Corwin Hospital.

October 30 At 0107 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the 700 block of South Street in Silver Cliff for a 35-year-old male with pain on his left side. He was transported to St. Thomas More Hospital in Cañon City.

October 29 At 1710 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic for a 55-year-old female with abdominal pain. She was transported to Parkview Hospital.

October 28 At 0839 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Cedar Road for a 68-year-old male in severe pain. He was transported to Parkview Hospital.

October 29 At 0648 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the rollover accident on Rosita Road. They were stood down.

FIRE CALLS

November 3 At about 4:15 p.m., a fire truck was dispatched to Silver Cliff Ranch to stand by regarding the down electrical power lines.

November 3 At 1631 hours, a fire truck was dispatched to the 100 block of Fourth Street in Westcliffe, responding to a call regarding a possible propane leak. After investigation, all was well.



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Thank you very much for your confidence in me to be the next Sheriff of Custer County.

I offer you my sincere appreciation for your belief in me and my vision for what we can do together. I am humbled and honored to serve you, my friends and neighbors.

I would like to extend a special thanks to all of those who worked tirelessly to help me reach this goal. I could not have done it without you.

Blessings,
Shannon Byerly

The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Exodus 33:14, NIV

**IMPORTANT
DATES
IN FREMONT**

**School Board
Meetings:**

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

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

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

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

**Royal Gorge
Tea Party
2nd & 4th Thursday
of each month
6:30 p.m.
Core Knowledge
School Gymnasium,
890 Fields Ave.
Cañon City
www.royalgorgetea-
party.com
or find them on
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Survivors
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Mugs
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**Deer Mountain Folks To
Fremont County Commissioners:
*We're Mad As H#!L and We're
Not Going To Take It Anymore!***

by Barbara Penezic

“**Y**ou Can’t Gov-ern From Behind Your Desk,” We need help and we need it now! The Commissioners meeting was packed, as the (SRO) crowd told the Commis-sioners Debbie Bell, Tim Payne, and Ed Norden, it is time you left your comfort zone here in town and make a trip up the mountain.

“We will pay your wages and put you in a truck and drive you around,” said John Garrou. “We have provided a book full of pic-tures of the grows and trash, we have given you address-es, 3519; 3514; 3177; 3290, all on County Road 28, but there are many, many, more. Trash is excessive on CR 28. There is one property with more than 40 trucks...trailers are turned over in the ditch.” Mr. Garrou’s demeanor stayed calm but his voice betrayed the pent up frustration as he told of waiting for action from Mr. Sapp (Zoning En-forcement) for more than a year with no results. I did not see a single commis-sioner speak up to accept John’s very sincere offer.

Dave Colwell reminded the commissioners, “I support-ed you and I voted for you during the last election... and now I want something back.” I represent Glen Vis-ta, roughly 839 members, members who would like to see the laws enforced. We have people living in tents, using the bushes for their own personal boudoir, (even students of Common Core will tell you) this stuff rolls downhill. Sanitation worries are innumerable and this certainly does not lend itself to ‘Peaceful En-joyment.’ Property values have plummeted. There are a number of violations to state and county laws, health codes, and water us-age.

“Marijuana requires a lot of water. The wells out in the west end of this county are primarily for household use only.” Dave explained further, “We can drive you to 14 different sites where millions and millions of dollars’ worth of marijuana was grown over the sum-mer. “We have witnesses and photos of people ille-gally pumping water, and yes, some may have a re-ceipt for water which spot-lights yet another problem. There is a road tax to haul water which you are not collecting. Why are these laws not being enforced? It



Outraged citizens complain to Fremont County Commis-sioners.

Courtesy photo by John Penezic, Jr.

is harvest season now but the illegal growers will be back. The money is good, and law enforcement is lacking. Armed guards pa-trolling the roads, trained dogs, armored vehicles, this is an indisputable re-cipe for disaster. A powder keg only lacking for some-one to light the fuse wor-ries Chayriese Marentette. This whole mountainside would go up in flames over a 1,000 old tires, heaps of garbage and underbrush, and of course, marijuana. This noxious weed burns hot like an oil fire, accord-ing to Penrose Fire Chief, and would require a moun-tain of foam to extinguish the flames.

Harry Kitchens remarked, “The people are looking for a ‘Gentlemen’s Agree-ment,’ but this does not exist with ‘Government,” he added, “When you get into bed with the Devil, you’re gonna get burned.” Gloria Decker added, “The citizens are the govern-ment and elected officials are there to serve them. When elected to office I ex-pected them to do like the DR.’s oath says, ‘Do No Harm,’ I was wrong.” The residents of Fremont and surrounding counties have been harmed...egregiously so, by the legalization of a dangerous drug. A drug that our commissioners and law enforcement, (local, state, and federal) read-ily agree, “WE are Over-whelmed by. We do not have the man power nor the budget to effectively ad-dress the Marijuana Demon that has been unleashed on our communities.”

Sheriff Beicker told the group, “It is about mon-ey.” We made an arrest recently and the suspects’ lawyer beat us back to the jail. These people do not experience a lack of funding. Richard Holla-baugh agreed. “This money comes from the cartel; it is the White Elephant in the room that nobody wants to address.” No one, includ-ing our County Commis-sioners, disagreed. “It is time,” Richard continued,

“we must give serious con-sideration to the pot cloud that hangs over rural areas. “This is an enforcement compliance issue. The Sheriff’s Dept. is simply outgunned!” We need permits and signage that is conspicuous to mark legal grows so they can be readily distinguished from illegal grows. When it is property tax assessment time, satel-lites fly overhead to see if a few extra inches have been added to our rooflines ... if so, Cha-Ching! “Why can’t we use this same method to expose and route out ille-gal pot grows? It would be hoped that the county and other local law enforce-ment would use this small pause between harvest and re-planting season, to get ahead of the eight ball.

Most Deer Mountain res-idents don’t feel that this is likely to happen. One man said, “as the old say-ing goes, ‘There is a sil-ver lining behind every cloud’... We have one here as well.” This issue has shined a spotlight on our need to hold dear and always protect our Second Amendment Right, to Keep and Bear arms. To our an-ti-gun liberal detractors who oft times ask, “Why do you need a semi-automatic weapon to hunt ‘Bambi’? The answer is we don’t, I would only shoot ‘Bam-bi’ with a camera. How-ever, the ugly truth is that our neighbors’ right here in Fremont County may well have to be prepared to defend their property and their families from gun toting cartel thugs. These guys will not be carrying pop guns! If there is one scenario that may be worse than having to defend your home against the mari-juana intruders, it would have to be the possibility of being out gunned and out manned. We must be prepared to stand with and help our neighbors should the need arise. This is here and now! The spring grow-ing season may forever change the ‘old timey rural feeling of Fremont Coun-ty.’ Where will you stand?? Patriots Engage!

**Cañon City's
Eighth Annual
Toy Run**

by Charlotte Burrous

With the holiday season on the horizon, a group of residents already have plans for Christmas.

As it has for almost a decade, the Cañon Crusaders, a chapter of Christian Motorcyclists Association, will host its eighth annual Toy Run to help children in Fre-mont County.

“This year is huge because (KRLN Radio Station) has partnered with us,” said committee chairwoman Syndy Nordyke. “The Cañon City Pregnancy Cen-ter (will be) distributing the toys this year.”The event kicks off with registration at 9 a.m., November 8, at the Quality Inn, where there will be donuts and cof-fee. In conjunction, the group will offer a contest for the best decorated bike, person, helmet, or vehicle with a snowman theme.



Santa Claus arrives early in town to collect toys for the eighth annual Toy Run which begins with regis-tration at 9 a.m., Nov. 8 at the Quality Inn.

courtesy photo by Charlotte Burrous

“(We’re looking for) new or gently used toys, educa-tional toys, books or puzzles, but not just for babies because a lot of the kids have older brothers and sis-ters, (up to ages) 10 or 12,” Nordyke said. “(We’re) short on boy toys. A couple donated a 20 year teddy bear collection. There’s close to 40 bears. They said they wanted them to go to a good home. We’re pretty excited about that.”

Following registration, the group will leave Quality Inn at 10:30 a.m. with a route to be determined de-pending on road construction. On the route through Cañon City and Florence, residents can deliver their toys to Santa and the Elves for the Toy Run or they can leave their items in boxes in various businesses in town.

During the event, the best decorated motorcycle, car, or person will have an opportunity to win one of the three prizes, judged by the teen advisors from the Pregnancy Center.

Boxes have been set up in the following businesses: KRLN, High Country Bank, Words of Life, Cañon City Pregnancy Center, Classic Furniture, Cañon Signature Mortgage, Fire Station 1 and 2, Assurance Partners in Cañon City, and Fremont Motorsports in Florence.

For more information, call Nordyke at 225-9053 or Kristy Slaughtenhaupt at 275-7074.

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Remedy to Feeling Politically Voiceless--Vote

As election day approaches, many Daily Jot readers write that they feel their voices are ignored when it comes to the national dialogue on politics and the decline of our nation. Others say that they feel helpless because they want to see our nation turned around, but no matter what they do--letter writing, faxes, phone calls, petitions, meetings, town halls--seems to have little, if no, impact on elected officials. They believe the government has gotten so big and overreaching that it no longer represents the people, but rather its own self interest. Alexis de Tocqueville, a French philosopher and author of "Democracy in America" in two volumes (1835, and 1840), identified exactly why these readers feel the way they do.

Tocqueville wrote about the vibrance of the American system of government and how the virtue and spirit of the American people made government and freedom work. In his second volume, he astutely described, however, how "democracies" fall into a tyrannical reign through years of deception and growth of government. Tocqueville wrote of the resulting power of such a government toward its citizens: "That power is absolute, minute, regular, provident, and mild...it provides for their security, foresees and supplies their necessities, facilitates their pleasures, manages their principal concerns, directs their industry, regulates the descent of property, and subdivides their inheritances..."

"...The will of man is not shattered, but softened, bent, and guided; men are seldom forced by it to act, but they are constantly re-

strained from acting. Such a power does not destroy, but prevents existence; it does not tyrannize, but it compresses, enervates, extinguishes, and stupefies a people, till each nation is reduced to nothing better than a flock of timid and industrious animals, of which the government is the shepherd...By this system the people shake off their state of dependence just long enough to select their master and then relapse into it again." He wrote that this is a "compromise between administrative despotism and the sovereignty of the people; and they think they have done enough for the protection of individual freedom when they have surrendered it to the power of the nation at large..."

Does this not describe today's America? The key accelerator of this brand of government is deceit. As Jesus said in Matthew 24:4, "Take heed that no man deceive you." This type of deception has been longstanding and enduring. It is not only practiced by political leaders, but also by those in the pulpit, who use vain words to preserve their own interests. This happens when leaders are not virtuous and they do not hold to the one and only truth--the Word of God. It also happens when followers are convinced they have no right to hold leaders accountable, and because of false religious teachings, they believe they must submit to wicked authority. It also happens when informed people do not vote.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson

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Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

Mark 13:31, NKJV

'I Hate to Wax So Biblical, But...': The Reason at Least Six North Carolina Magistrates Have Abruptly Resigned Magistrates Refuse to Perform Gay Marriages

by Billy Hallowell,
TheBlaze.com

Magistrates in North Carolina continue to resign their posts in the wake of gay marriage legalization in the state, with at least six judges citing their faith in their decisions to step down.

As TheBlaze previously reported, Rockingham County magistrate John Kallam Jr. will officially leave his role October 31, with at least five of his fellow officials joining him.

Those individuals are as follows: Swain County magistrate Gilbert Breedlove, Gaston County magistrate Bill Stevenson, Graham County magistrate Tommy Holland, Union County magistrate Gayle Myrick and Jackson County magistrate Jeff Powell, according to the Christian Post.

These officials have made it clear that they believe that marrying same-sex couples — a requirement following

the legalization of gay matrimony on October 10 — would be a violation of their faith.

"It was something I had to do out of conscience. I felt like to perform same sex unions would be in violation of the Lord's commands so I couldn't do that," Stevenson told WCNC-TV. "I hate to wax so biblical, but it says what good is it for a man to gain the whole world but lose his own soul, so that's the stakes I put on this."

Others struck a similar tone, with Myrick telling the Christian Examiner that she believes marriage should be restricted to one man and one woman. Rather than violate her faith, she, too, decided that removing herself would be best.

"For me to do what the state said I had to do, under penalty of law, I would have to go against my convictions, and I was not willing to do that," Myrick said. "I want to honor what the word says."

Kallam noted that gay marriage legalization profoundly changed the role he had originally accepted, claiming that it wasn't his understanding when he took the oath of office that he would be forced to marry gays and lesbians, as the Associated Press reported.

"When I took my oath of office, I understood I would be required to perform weddings and have done so throughout my tenure," he wrote in a resignation letter. "I did not, however, take that oath with any understanding that I would be required to marry same sex couples."

He added, "I can no longer fulfill my oath of office in good faith."

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Standards Must Be Maintained Especially in the Military

by The Common
Constitutionalist,
FreedomOutPost.com

A couple of days ago, an article was posted by Aaron MacLean entitled "Pressure Grows for Marines to Lower Standards for Women." (See: freebeacon.com/blog/pressure-grows-for-marines-to-lower-standards-for-women/)

Naturally, I was intrigued and concerned. Heck, anyone who understands the job of our military should be concerned by that headline. One doesn't have to have served to get that the military has high standards for a reason.

The article has to do with the Marine IOC (Infantry Officer Course) and its initial CET (Combat Endurance Test). Actually, the article has more to do with military being increasingly run as a social experiment rather than a fighting force.

MacLean reports the 24 women had attempted the CET and none made it all the way through.

The Marines, along with the other branches, are being pushed to introduce women into combat roles, so when three women (not part of the original 24) made it through the initial stage, the news was widely reported and heralded. Yet, when all three of the women were dropped for not meeting later physical

requirements, MacLean found but one report — the Christian Science Monitor.

The three women, as well as three men, failed on a 9-mile hike. They had, according to the Monitor report, three hours to move 9 miles carrying 124-pound packs. After falling behind for a second time, they were out.

The military does not discriminate. If you can't do the job — you're out. It's that simple.

But, in today's feminized society, that's not good enough. MacLean writes that groups from Washington are pressuring the Marines into lowering their standards.

Sound familiar? Over the years we've all heard reports of police and fire departments standards being lowered to recruit more women.

Within the military ranks, no one is complaining—or those who are number very few. It is, as it always is, outside agitators like the Service Women's Action Network (SWAN) trying to stir things up.

MacLean adds that the SWAN activists' complaints about the procedures of the school indicate that they are perfectly happy to alter and lower the quality of training to achieve their goal.

But this nonsense didn't happen overnight. In fact, in 1999, Phyllis Schlafly penned a column entitled, "The Feminization of the U.S. Military." She wrote: "For 25 years, the feminists have been demanding a gender-neutral military. What they really want is for feminists to give the orders, with the men cowed into submission, and Bill Clinton is helping them to pursue their goal."

One example she cited was, "At Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, the practice is to send two officers down to the base of the missile silo, where they spent 24 to 48 hours secluded in a space about the size of a school bus, with one bed and one bathroom behind a curtain. The Minot missile force has 250 men and 83 women, resulting in the high probability of mixed gender, two-person crews. Lieut. Ryan Berry, a Catholic and married, objected to being so cozy for so long with a woman not his wife. He was punished by his commanding officer, who spouted the feminist mantra that 'equal opportunity' is the Air Force's top priority."

Really? That's the mission? And here I thought it was to kill the enemy and break things. Guess I'd better get "in step." Schlafly put it a bit more eloquently, saying that, "The pur-

pose of the military is to defend Americans against the bad guys of the world. The warrior culture, with tough, all-male training, is what attracts young men into the armed services and motivates them to sacrifice personal comfort and safety while serving their country in uniform."

Her conclusion is even more applicable today than it was in 1999. "Most of this destructive social experimentation to create a gender-neutral military has been implemented, not by law, but by executive orders and regulations." Sound familiar?

"We need a real man in the White House with the courage to stand up against the radical feminists. Which of our aspiring Commanders-in-Chief will promise to overturn the feminist agenda and rebuild our once great military into what it used to be: a fighting force that can defend America?"

I couldn't have put it better myself, and with the 2016 presidential election season beginning the day after the midterms, we should start asking our prospects now.

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Veteran Told to Remove Pro-Gun Hat Before Voting

by Tim Brown,
FreedomOutPost.com

A veteran in Georgia, who is a Certified National Rifle Association instructor, was asked by polling workers to remove his NRA hat before voting because it was too closely associated with the Republican Party, presumably because it is pro-gun.

Bundy Cobb was livid over the request, saying, "It is absolutely infringing on my rights to express myself [...] it doesn't endorse any candidate or anything else."

Cobb was merely advertising his business by wearing the hat.

"I went by the first two ladies, and they didn't say anything. And then the next lady, she said 'sir, you're going to have to take off your hat,'" Cobb told the Daily Caller.

"What are you talking about?" Cobb asked the woman.

Once he saw another man down the line with a hat on, Cobb asked, "What's the difference between his hat and mine?"

This is when the poll worker stated that the hat was too closely associated with the GOP.

"Your hat has NRA on it," she told him.

"What's that got to do with anything," he asked.

"It's perceived to be Republican Party," she replied.

"That ain't right," Cobb told her. "That don't make no sense."

He told a NBC affiliate in Atlanta that he complied so he could vote.

Cobb called the actions "ridiculous," and said that he has worn the same hat to the same polling place three times.

One would think some common

sense would come into play here, especially in Georgia. However, the County election workers are standing by the decision and saying that no one can wear political apparel to the polls.

This is nothing more than intimidation by the poll worker. What Cobb should have done was ignored the request (and yes, that's what it is because there is no law that states he cannot wear a hat like that) and voted anyway. If there was trouble, the sheriff could have been called in to deal with it and put the polling worker in her place. After all, Douglas County Sheriff Phil Miller didn't have any problem telling A&E they weren't welcome following the backlash against Phil Robertson, of Duck Dynasty, after his anti-sodomy comments.

I guess this is par for the course for some people who are anti-gun. Last year, 14-year-old Jared Marcum was arrested at Logan Middle School in West Virginia because he was wearing an NRA t-shirt.

While Cobb has registered a complaint, what should be done if this happens again is that people should not leave the polling area until they get to vote and if Sheriff Miller needs to come facilitate, then so be it, but this is nothing more than political intimidation and the polling worker should not be allowed to work the polls in the future.

In fact, on a final note, for those in Douglas County, why don't you all go out and buy an NRA hat and go to the polls on Tuesday with them on. There's nothing unlawful about it and furthermore it will be a way of giving poke to the very tactics that were used against Mr. Cobb.

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FBI Blasts Apple, Google Phone Encryption: It "Allows People to Break the Law"

by Martin Armstrong, Armstrong Economics, via Tyler Durden, ZeroHedge.com

(Editor/GG: Folks, here we are today: the U.S. government is recording virtually all of your phone calls (land lines and cell phones) and email without a probable cause warrant. This has been OK'd by corrupt federal judges. Our right to privacy has been destroyed by our government. Now, the FBI director is outraged that Apple and Google are putting out a cell phone that they can't eavesdrop on!)

FBI Director James Comey, who used to be the head prosecutor in New York City the most corrupt office in the system, had come out swinging at Apple and Google for developing forms of smartphone encryption so secure that law enforcement officials cannot easily gain access to information stored on the devices – even when they have valid search warrants. Of course, Mr. Comey can only see the abuse of power of government as necessary and not the severe damage that has been done to the entire industry because of the abuse of the NSA and others. He said he could not understand why companies would “market something expressly to allow people to place themselves beyond the law.” Perhaps he should not work for government and then he might get it.

Largely because of the abuse of government, which is by itself beyond the law that he cannot grasp, this is not a question of only criminals. This is a matter of personal privacy that a government if FREE – has no right to violate. This is not all about him. This is what those in government cannot see. There is a real world out here with a right to LIBERTY, FREEDOM FOR ALL, and the right to PRIVACY. It was government outlawing condoms that led the

Supreme Court to draw the line and say no – there is a right to privacy. That right was established in Griswold v Connecticut. Just how does one enforce you are not using a condom? Do government agents storm into your bedroom to inspect before having sex? This is what Comey just does not understand – sorry you have no such right. Prove your cases the old fashion way – with detective work.



James Otis (1725-1783)
courtesy image

James Comey needs to go back to law school to study the simple fact that the American Revolution began because of this very type of abuse of the search and seizure of private communications without warrants. George III (b 1738; 1760-1820) became king in 1760. In February 1761 Parliament enacted the Writs of Assistance that were challenged in court in Boston, Massachusetts. These were writs that empowered, like the NSA today at their discretion, the king's agents to search anything they suspected. The defending lawyer, James Otis (1725-1783), pronounced these writs were “the worst instrument of arbitrary power, the most destructive of English liberty, and the fundamental principles of law, that ever was found in an English law book.” Otis warned that the king placed

discretion in the hands of every agent to act as he desired. Nothing has changed for Comey can do whatever he desires and it is always the burden of the citizen to still prove he has any rights whatsoever.



John Adams (1735-1826)
President (1797-1801)

John Adams (1735-1826; 2nd President 1797-1801) was there in the audience at that hearing that day. Adams was so moved by the four-hour speech of James Otis that he declared: “Then and there was the first scene of the first act of opposition to the arbitrary claims of Great Britain. Then and there, the child independence was born.”

I am sure the king's men also viewed their power as necessary as Comey does today. They could simply enter someone's home and search all your papers. If you wrote anything derogatory against the king, off you went to prison. This is what inspired the American Revolution and the Fourth Amendment that there had to be a reason to search not just arbitrary desire to want to know and let's see what we can find as the NSA and FBI do today. This is the very essence of LIBERTY. You cannot pretend to be the leader of the free world with people like Comey in government.

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Homeschooling Grows as Parents' Satisfaction with Public Schools Continues to Fall

by Bob Kellogg,
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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Because of the growing problems within public schools that the federal and local governments can't seem to solve, a steadily growing number of parents are opting for homeschooling as a solution.

Ninety-one percent of parents listed negative government-run school environments as their number one concern. With the rise of school shootings, terrorism, sexual experimentation, and bullying, a growing number of parents are making the sacrifices necessary to homeschool their children.

According to the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), there were 850,000 students schooled at home in 1999, the year they first conducted a survey. Today that number has grown to about two million, according to J. Michael Smith, president of the Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA). Smith says the growth rate is about five to 10 percent a year, even during tough economic times.

Other reasons given in the NCES reports: 77 percent expressed a desire to give their children better moral instruction, 74 percent expressed dissatisfaction with the academics at government-run schools.

One of the more unusual reasons that he's seeing more of, Smith says, is that there are more of a specialty group of kids that have some sort of gift.

"Maybe it's an Olympic-type event they can compete in, something to that extent. And they see that homeschooling provides them the flexibility so they can really develop their gifts and talents."

It's also on the rise because more people are realizing the advantages of homes-

chooling. He says 20 years ago people just weren't aware of homeschooling. Or if they did know about it, they would have thought it was a crazy idea and wonder why anyone would want to do that. Some even considered it child abuse.

Among homeschooled students, 68 percent are white, 15 percent are Hispanic, 8 percent are black, and 4 percent are Asian or Pacific Islander. But the number of minority parents choosing to homeschool is rising.

Smith says he knows that from surveys that have not yet been published. And he says it's for many of the same reasons as for white parents. He says many minority parents believe they have been let down by public schools and they're trying to create a better atmosphere for their children at home.

Another reason parents are pulling their children out of public schools is because of the growing controversy surrounding implementation of the Common Core national standards initiative. Smith says they don't want a top-down program from the federal government basically telling state legislators and local school districts how they are to teach children.

Critics argue that homeschooled children will be socially handicapped and unable to adapt to real-life situations. In 'Growing without Schooling,' Pat Farenga, a leading advocate in the homeschooling movement, writes:

Certainly group experiences are a big part of education, and homeschoolers have plenty of them. Homeschoolers write to us about how they form or join writing clubs, book discussion groups, and local homeschooling support groups. Homeschoolers also take part in school sports teams and music groups, as well as the many public and private group activities our

communities provide.... Homeschoolers can and do experience other people and cultures without going to school (1993).

Those who believe in homeschooling believe six to eight hours of extra social and community activities after school and on the weekends is too much. And, as reported in Educational Leadership, science proves them right. Behavioral psychologist Urie Brofenbrenner concludes that 'meaningful human contact' is best accomplished in environments where there are few people around.

Smith says there are very few parents today who were homeschooled. So those who choose to homeschool can be thought of as 'pioneers' because they are entering uncharted territory. He says that can be intimidating. Often, parents don't feel they're qualified.

"We like to say that anybody that is somewhat educated, had a fairly decent education or has educated themselves, has an interest in education and has an interest in seeing that their child excel in education would be a good candidate for homeschooling," Smith said, "because essentially mom and dad have to learn as they go also just like teachers do unless they teach the same subject every year."

Smith says another argument from critics is the shrinking enrollment at public schools. He says one of the biggest complaints among parents and teachers is that classrooms are overcrowded. He says you'd think that if there are fewer students in public schools, that would help solve the problem of overcrowding. In reality, he says, the biggest objectors are the teachers unions, especially the National Education Association. He says one of their main responsibilities is to see that those graduating with a degree in education

and a teaching certificate find jobs.

"So if you have less children then there's less need for teachers. There's, therefore, less need for the NEA. So this is really a power thing. I don't think most really honest-minded people who would express themselves in the public school system would complain [because] of less students. It doesn't make sense."

One of HSLDA's biggest concerns is the governmental efforts to increasingly control homeschooling through regulations and legislation. They have lawyers monitoring regulations and proposed legislation in all 50 states that might negatively impact home-schooling.

"Where there appears to be liberty and freedom so children can get an individualized education, tutorial education if you will, students seem to do better, and the test scores indicate that. We believe that's something we should defend and continue to support, so that's what we do."

HSLDA also works with families that are having specific problems with school districts and officials. The organization has 10 lawyers working full time to help families overcome legal issues and violations of their rights.

Homeschooling may not be for everyone. But Smith says parents who are even thinking about it should check into it because it's not as overpowering as it seems. Plus, there is a lot of support in the homeschooling community where there wasn't 20 years ago. Every state has an organization that can provide resources and answers.

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Gender Equality Gap Greatest in Islamic Countries, Survey Shows

by Patrick Goodenough,
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(Editor/GG: Question: So why do the feminists (i.e., liberal women) admire Islam so much?)

Nineteen out of 20 countries with the lowest scores in an annual survey of gender equality around the world are Islamic, and 12 are Arab states.

As a bloc, the Muslim world's showing in this year's "Global Gender Gap" report, compiled by the World Economic Forum (WEF) and released on Tuesday, is even worse than in previous recent years, when 17 of the bottom 20 were Islamic states.

The survey, covering a total of 142 countries this year, measures gaps between women and men in four key areas: political empowerment, economic participation and opportunity, educational attainment, and health and survival.

The 20 countries at the bottom of the 2014 list, in order from the lowest-ranked, are Yemen, Pakistan, Chad, Syria, Mali, Iran, Cote d'Ivoire, Lebanon, Jordan, Morocco, Guinea, Mauritania, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Oman, Ethiopia, Algeria, Turkey, Bahrain, and Tunisia.

With the exception of Ethiopia, all are Muslim-majority states.

The highest-ranking Islamic state in the WEF survey is Kazakhstan in 43rd place. (Mozambique, ranked 27th, is a member of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation bloc, but does not have a Muslim majority.)

The highest-placed Arab state is Kuwait, in 113th position.

At the other end of the WEF survey, as was the case in previous years, are the Nordic countries, with Iceland, Finland, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark taking the top five places.

The United States is in 20th position, up three places from the 2013 index. In the four sub-indexes, the U.S. placed fourth out of the 142 countries in economic participation and opportunity; 39th in educational attainment; 54th in

political empowerment; and 62nd in health and survival.

Overall, this year's Global Gender Gap report found an improvement in gender equality worldwide. It found that 105 countries have become more equal since the index was first compiled in 2006.

Iran, in the sixth lowest position on this year's index, is currently a member of the U.N.'s Commission on the Status of Women, a 45-member body that deals with gender equality and the advancement of women. Iran was elected to the CSW last April for a second four-year term, after no country opposed its candidacy.

In the four sub-indexes of the survey, Iran placed 139th out of the 142 countries in economic participation and opportunity; 135th in political empowerment; 104th in educational attainment; and 89th in health and survival.

Despite Iran's poor performance in this and other measures of women's wellbeing, the regime insists that it – and Islam at large – treats women fairly.

"Field of economic activities is open for women," supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said in one of a series of women-related posts on his official Twitter account earlier this month. "It's against God's rule to keep them from economic activities in Islam's name."

"Thank God, our women are pioneers in many scientific fields today. Girls shouldn't be deprived from acquiring knowledge," he said in another tweet. "It is oppressive & anti-Islamic to prevent women from a proper pursuit of education & acquiring knowledge & wisdom."

Iran drew widespread criticism in recent days for hanging a woman convicted of killing a man she claimed had tried to rape her.

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In the Midst of the Sharia Law Invasion, Why Are Pastors Cowering In the Corner?

by Dave Hodges,
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Under the Constitution of the United States, any person has the right to freely practice their religion. This includes Muslims, Christians, and Jews. However, no religion has the right to impose its values upon others, especially in a secular environment. And what is even more outrageous is that the vast majority of our pastors are sitting idly on the sideline while the

abuse of people of the Christian faith is taking place.

The following examples are but a smattering of a quickly spreading danger being opposed to a growing number of communities in the United States and across the West as a whole. I am referring to the imposition of Sharia Law, and Christian pastors are cowering in its presence.

Caliphate Against American School Children

There are untold number of cases where we are witnessing the encroachment and then subsequent domination of the Christian faith by people of Muslim faith.

In Revere, MA, local parents are outraged that students are being taught about the five pillars of Islam in the local public schools. A closer investigation reveals that this is not just a case of teaching comparative religious studies. The parents are upset

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The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand

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Voter Fraud and The Second Amendment Remedy

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(Editor/GG: A must read, folks. Mr. Owens explores the core of the 2nd Amendment: an armed citizenry is required to defeat tyranny when it appears. And, as our Founding Fathers accurately foretold, it will come. When? Look around.)

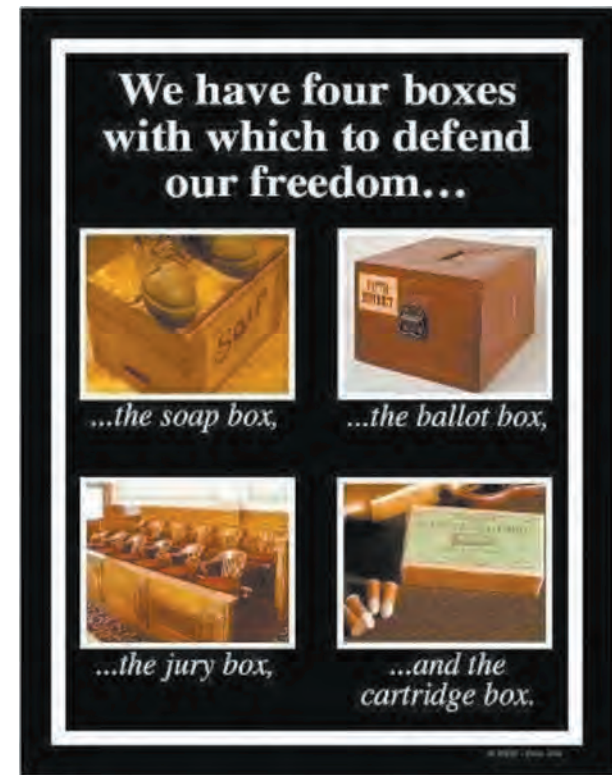
When I instruct at Project Applesseed events—something I don't get to do as often as I would like—the shoot boss typically gives a benediction, reminding us of the bloody sacrifices that the first generation of Americans made in order to win a liberty we all too often take for granted.

One of my favorite shoot bosses typically wraps up his benediction by noting through a voice strained with emotion that, “the Founders were forced to use the cartridge box, and risked their lives and sacred honor, to win us the liberty to use the soap box, the ballot box, and the jury box.”

The jury box ensures a fair trial by our peers. the soap-box is, of course, the freedom of speech. the ballot box is our right to vote and elect our leaders in fair and free elections.

Unfortunately, all four of those boxes seem to be under attack.

James O'Keefe and Project Veritas have unveiled irrefutable evidence today that Democrats across my native state of North Carolina are rabidly in favor of supporting voter fraud in order to win elections, including the North Carolina senate race between incumbent Kay Hagan and



challenger Thom Tillis.

It is stunningly obvious that North Carolina Democrats today are eager to facilitate felonies in order to seize power, and they think nothing of invalidating the votes of lawful American citizens.

Sadly, this isn't remotely unusual.

Voter fraud in neighboring Tennessee just a half century ago resulted in fed-up voters returning to the cartridge box to restore order from attempted tyranny in what became known as the Battle of Athens:

American citizens—many of whom had just returned from fighting the Germans and Japanese—had to take up arms against an attempt by McMinn County Democrats who literally attempted to steal an election by taking ballot boxes at gunpoint.

Former First Lady Eleanor

Roosevelt, herself a Democrat, wrote of the conflict.

We in the U.S.A., who have long boasted that, in our political life, freedom in the use of the secret ballot made it possible for us to register the will of the people without the use of force, have had a rude awakening as we read of conditions in McMinn County, Tennessee, which brought about the use of force in the recent primary. If a political machine does not allow the people free expression, then freedom-loving people lose their faith in the machinery under which their government functions.

In this particular case, a group of young veterans organized to oust the local machine and elect their own slate in the primary. We may deplore the use of force but we must also recognize the lesson which this incident points for us all. When the majority of the people know what they want, they will obtain it.

Any local, state, or national government, or any political machine, in order to live, must give the people assurance that they can express their will freely and that their votes will be counted. The most powerful machine cannot exist without the support of the people. Political bosses and political machinery can be good, but the minute they cease to express the will of the people, their days are numbered.

This is a lesson which wise political leaders learn young, and you can be pretty sure that, when a boss stays in power, he gives the majority of the people what they think they want. If he is bad and indulges in practices which are dishonest, or if he acts for his own interests alone, the people are unwilling to condone these practices.

When the people decide that conditions in their town, county, state, or country must change, they will change them. If the leadership has been wise, they will be able to do it peacefully through a secret ballot which is honestly counted, but if the leader has become inflated and too sure of his own importance, he may bring about the kind of action which was taken in Tennessee.

If we want to continue to be a mature people who, at home and abroad, settle our difficulties peacefully and not through the use of force, then we will take to heart this lesson and we will jealously guard our rights. What goes on before an election, the threats or persuasion by political leaders, may be bad but it cannot prevent the people from really registering their will if they wish to.

The decisive action which has just occurred in our midst is a warning, and one which we cannot afford to overlook.

It seems that Mrs. Roosevelt's warning is going unheeded in the Tarheel State and elsewhere.

Corrupt political machines blinded by an all-consuming thirst for power, are subverting the very Constitution they are sworn to protect.

Curiously, politicians, pundits, and members of the media loyal to this sort of “progressive” corruption and tyranny are up in arms over a comment made by Iowa Republican Senate candidate Joni Ernst, who merely recognized Mrs. Roosevelt's beliefs generations later.

In a recently unearthed video from a 2012 National Rifle Association meeting in Iowa, Ernst explained her devotion to her Smith & Wesson 9 millimeter in particular, and to her gun rights in general. “I believe,” she said, “in the right to defend myself and my family — whether it's from an intruder, or whether it's from the government, should they decide that my rights are no longer important.”

The Left reacted to her statement a little like the squealing hogs Ernst talked of castrating in her famous ad, and with about as much care and rationality.

Margaret Carlson of Bloomberg said that Ernst declared “she would shoot first and ask questions later if the government violated her rights.”

“In the American system,” Paul Waldman of The

Washington Post scolded, “we don't say that if the government enacts policies we don't like, we'll start killing people.”

Ed Kilgore of the Washington Monthly alleged that the point of these kind of statements is “to intimidate liberals, and ‘looters’ and secular socialists, and those people.” (Yes, Bill Maher must be terrified.)

And Paul Begala accused her of toying with treason.

I have a word of warning for you, Ms. Carlson, Mr. Waldman, Mr. Kilgore, and Mr. Begala.

Joni Ernst, a military veteran, swore an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States, a vow that she still honors today.

She understands that to respect that oath one day, she, other military veterans, and cognizant citizens might be required to return to the cartridge box once more if the soap box is shattered by corruption, the jury box is rendered worthless, and the ballot box is terminally compromised by those who seek to rule our citizens, instead of represent them.

As Mrs. Roosevelt so astutely noted after the gunfire subsided in Tennessee, the American people will be heard, and their will shall be done, one way or another.

Whether that can be accomplished peacefully, or must regretfully be accomplished through the use of arms, is entirely dependent upon the conduct of the government itself

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Homicide Rates in English Speaking, New World Countries

by Dean Weingarten,
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(Editor/GG: As we have been saying forever, it is culture, not guns.)

The following chart was created from UNODC data.

Many comparisons have been made between the homicide rates of the the United States and various European countries. They have been made between members of the G-8, or among “developed” or “advanced” countries, or “economically developed” countries, though all of these comparisons suffer from various unstated assumptions, typically that “economic” development is the

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HOMICIDES PER 100,000 IN NEW WORLD ENGLISH LANGUAGE COUNTRIES (UNODC data)

Country	Homicides per 100,000 people
Canada	1.6
United States	4.7
Turks and Caicos Islands	6.6
Anguilla	7.5
Bermuda	7.7
British Virgin Islands	8.4
Grenada	13.3
Cayman Islands	14.7
Montserrat	20.4
St Vincent and Grenadines	25.6
Bahamas	29.8
St Kitts and Nevis	33.6
Jamaica	39.3
U.S. Virgin Islands	52.6
Belize	52.6

OFF WITH THEIR HEADS!

Zero Tolerance Hysteria Sees Students Suspended Over A Picture

by Bob Owens.
BearingArms.com

Being an elementary school or high school administrator these days must be... interesting.

This is apparently no career for someone with independent judgment, rationality or a sense of proportionality. Every issue that crosses your desk must be either completely accepted by all without dissent under the guise of "tolerance," or ruthlessly banned. Rhyme? Reason? Common sense?

Fugetaboutit.

That bi-polar, Queen of Hearts, full-speed-ahead blind fury and absolutism is the mark of the modern educator, and this institutionalized insanity is running rampant in Massachusetts, where a pair of awkward teenagers have been suspended for daring to be talked about by their peers for a Facebook photo.

Two high school students in Massachusetts were suspended and face possible expulsion after posting a homecoming photo online of themselves holding airsoft rifles.

Tito Velez, 15, and his girlfriend, Jamie Pereira, posed with the airsoft rifles inside his home before heading to the Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical School homecoming dance in Taunton, a local NBC affiliate reported.

"This isn't dangerous. ... You can't kill someone with it," Tito said. "We didn't shoot anyone. We were pointing them at the floor. Everything was on safe, no batteries, they never left the house. We never took them to school. That'd be stupid."

Airsoft rifles only shoot plastic pellets and are not intended to be lethal. Still, the two were suspended Monday morning after posting the photo on Facebook, and administrators are considering expulsion, the station said.

"They created a disruption, in our opinion, and that's what they're being

punished for," said Superintendent Richard Gross.

The issue wasn't the gun replicas themselves, but the "Homecoming 2014" caption attached to the photo, the superintendent said.

Has Superintendent Gross ever actually met a high school student?

This wasn't a disruption and the caption wasn't the issue.

The caption was an excuse for on-site Superintendent Richard Gross, and Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical School Principal Carolyn Pearson to go into a full-on Queen of Hearts meltdown.

A pair of students dared to post a picture of themselves holding a pair of airsoft toys in a safe manner in a private home well away from school to a social media site without showing the irrational fear and hysteria that Massachusetts progressives demand that people show towards things that look like firearms.

That these two kids were suspended and may face expulsion doesn't say anything at all about students Tito Velez and Jamie Pereira or their families who correctly think that their school administrators have lost their sanity.

The strong over-the-top reaction that Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical



Jamie Pereira and Tito Velez have fallen afoul of zero intelligence policies and high school administrators run amok. They were suspended from school and face expulsion for posing in this photo with airsoft guns in a private home.

Courtesy Photo via BearingArms.com/Facebook.com

School Superintendent Richard Gross and Principal Carolyn Pearson lacks discernment, good judgment, a sense of proportion, and rationality.

Parents of students at Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical School need to take a long and hard look at these two "educators," and determine whether they are actually capable of effective educational leadership, or if they are simply a pair of knee-jerk, politically-correct bullies that are damaging children in their hysteria.

As the parent of a high school student myself, I'd be calling for their heads.

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States in 1917. It and Belize are tied for the highest homicide rates of the countries listed. Both entities have extremely restrictive laws regulating the possession and carry of firearms. At the other end of the spectrum, we have Canada and the United States. The firearm laws in Canada are much less restrictive than those in the U.S. Virgin Islands or Belize. The firearm laws in the United States are the least restrictive of the group.

The comparison supports what other researchers have found. If firearms regulation has any effect on the overall homicide rate, it is not easily discerned from international comparisons.

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HOMICIDE

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prime predictor of homicide rates., which clearly is not correct.

Here is a comparison of homicide rates among new world countries where the official language is English. This creates an interesting set of common characteristics. All of these countries were inhabited only by pre-Columbian immigrants a little more than 500 years ago. All of them were colonized by Europeans, Africans (as a result of the slave trade, in some form or another), and, to a much lesser extent, Asians. The current populations are now a significant mix of people descended from European, pre-Columbian new world, African, and Asian cultures. The pre-Columbian cultures were mostly destroyed and displaced over the last 500 years.

The pre-Columbian languages have been mostly displaced by English in these countries.

Interestingly, the greatest survival of pre-Columbian languages and cultures in these countries exists in Canada and the United States.

The chart shows the enormous problems with international comparisons of crime and homicide rates. Differences in culture, data collection, and definitions make comparisons very difficult, perhaps to the point of meaninglessness. Culture is far more important than method or economic condition.

Consider one aspect of the law that is often linked to homicide rates, firearm regulation. The U.S. Virgin Islands is listed separately from the United States because it is listed separately in the UNODC data. Perhaps it is because the territory was only purchased by the United

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.



Blind Leading The Blind

Was it the economy, Obamacare, immigration, foreign policy, stifling regulations, a weariness of the so called "War on Women" or a combination of all of these that led to the landslide victory for Republicans across the nation? Whatever the reasons this was a clear repudiation of the President's policies and Democratic failed leadership.

The GOP, far from perfect, has nonetheless embraced a platform that is much closer to Biblical solutions to these national problems than the left. A close examination of core principles embraced by the administration reveal an anti-Scriptural attitude in most cases.

The real surprise in all of this is not the triumph of red over blue, but rather that so many who call themselves Christian, give credence to the Bible and consider it to be a sacred document, still vote against it. Multitudes do it in abject ignorance which leads to the larger question ---why are so many clueless?

Mark 8 tells the story of a blind man who was brought to Jesus with the hope that the Savior would heal him. It's important to note that physical blindness is utilized in Scripture as a picture of a spiritual inability to see. (Isaiah 59:9-12) The Lord indicated that the last days' church (the Laodiceans - Rev. 3:18) would have eye difficulties so we should not be astonished at the existence of the cataract club.

Jesus spit on the man's

eyes and then put his hands on him. This unorthodox prescription was at the very least insulting which yields a perfect picture of the Word of God. The old two-edged sword spends far more time illustrating the sins and inadequacies of mankind than it does dishing out compliments. No wonder it is deemed hate literature in some circles. If an individual is not willing to stand and listen to God's derogatory remarks about humanity they will remain in darkness.

After this initial application the Lord asked the man what he saw. His response was, "I see men as trees, walking." This occasion provides its own parable for the Bible often compares men to trees: the green bay to the wicked, the oak to the steadfast, the palm to the righteous and even the devil is likened to a giant cedar tree. The principle is clear -- the human race has a difficulty that only God can fix. Without that acknowledgment the blind will continue to lead the blind. After this teaching moment Jesus once again put His hands on the man and he saw clearly.

The continuing narrative lends light to the larger portrait of reasons for opaque vision. On the heels of this incident Jesus asked His disciples, "Whom do men say that I am?" They indicated there was a controversy about Him by answering, "John the Baptist: but some say, Elias; and others, one of the prophets." Peter responded correctly when he said, "Thou

art the Christ." The low information voters failed to study and evaluate the Old Testament that they profess to believe. Hundreds of signs and signals pointed to the validity of Christ's claims. In parallel fashion thousands of Democratic voters attend churches where the Bible only receives an obligatory reference, but the real order of the day is feel good fluff.

The Savior complicated the discussion by telling them, "The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again."

That information blew Peter out of the water with his emotions gaining the best of him. He rebuked the Lord, lacking total understanding of the necessity of this prophecy. The permanent is often sacrificed on the altar of the immediate because sentiments rule the day. Throughout this election cycle we have been exposed to countless ads that were constructed to appeal to emotional rhetoric.

Jesus rebuked Peter, saying, "Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men." Peter was voting for his own comfort more than the good of a lost human race. Lucifer has been very effective in convincing some to vote under the cloud of poor information or emotions. Only Jesus Christ had the ability to remove the scales of blindness and so it is today.

A Sheepdog Barks!

WOOF! Tuesday night was very satisfying for me and I know many of you as well. It reminded me of 2010. It will be several days before we know if it is as good but we already know it's a tremendous turnaround. The big prize, the U.S. Senate, has been rescued from the liberal progressives and the dictator, Harry Reid. By Wednesday morning the Republicans had gained a net 7 seats and had control at 52 (51 is a majority). Republicans will probably still get Alaska and then Louisiana in the December runoff. That's 54. Angus King, the Independent from Maine, has said he might caucus with the Republicans. That would be 55! WOOF! Also by Wednesday morning the U.S. House of Representatives has 243 Republicans, a net gain of 13 so far. Republicans also won 8 of a possible 9 close Governor races for a net gain of 3. You have all heard of a Red Tide. This is clearly a Red Wave. In Colorado we elected Cory Gardner and sent Mark Udall packing. Yes, we provided the U-Haul for Udall to leave Washington, D.C. That means Colorado did its part to strip Harry Reid of his power to protect Obama and hurt Americans. WOOF! Watch out Obama, the bills to improve the economy, restrict Obamacare, approve the Keystone pipeline, provide tax reform, and help small businesses are on the way. And finally maybe the Senate will even debate and pass budget measures like the Constitution requires of them. Go ahead, Obama, use that Veto Pen and sink the Democrats even further for 2016. WOOF! It's too early to tell how good we did in the rest of the Colorado races. At press time Hickenlooper has a slight lead and it's unclear how the State House and Senate races will come out. We really needed to gain one leg of this 3-legged stool to protect our liberties and freedoms in this state. If the liberal progressives stay in control we must remain vigilant especially with respect to our 1st and 2nd Amendment rights. More on this situation next week.

Speaking of our 1st and

2nd Amendment rights, we attended a very strange Westcliffe Town Board meeting last Tuesday night (yes, election night). The local Democrat Party leader, who is trying to stop the citizens of this area from legally and constitutionally carrying their firearms in parades or hold signs and rallies, put himself on the agenda. Remember he agreed to work with an ad-hoc parade committee. The ad-hoc committee process is still on-going yet he goes in and tries to force the parade sponsorship issue on his own. Just another dishonorable act committed like when he attended a "private, off-the-record, no comments" meeting and then promptly sent a 3-page letter to the Town Board exposing all that happened in the meeting. Like most liberals he got many of the facts wrong. This man and his board which said that no guns would be allowed in "their" parade went on in this private meeting to say he had invited the Colorado Mountain Men and Buffalo Soldiers to march. When it was pointed out that those guys carried guns, he looked surprised and said, yeah, flintlocks! I guess he believes flintlocks can't kill anything and he obviously doesn't know the Buffalo Soldiers carry Colt side arms and repeating rifles. See what we are dealing with here. WOOF! Anyway, at Tuesday night's meeting he spoke, mostly in gibberish, and when asked if he had notified the other members of the ad-hoc committee about being on the agenda he said no. So even though he was still officially involved with the committee he, in a dishonest effort, rolled out on his own, muttering something about how he was speaking for the "community" (don't know where he gets that idea) and that he was very disappointed. It was just another little dirty trick to steal the parade from the incumbent sponsors so he can ban firearms. Once they realized what he was up to, the town leaders tabled his request and postponed further action until the January 6, 2015 meeting. BTW, I still need you fellow sheepdogs to send me your thoughts and comments on the LPSD demands I wrote about in this column in the October 10th



issue. Stay tuned! WOOF!

Five final thoughts this Wednesday morning about election night: #1-OUT-GOING Senator Mark Udall (LPSD-CO) probably put the kibosh on the Democrat's "War on Women" bullpoo. We should be spared that nonsense in the future. #2-The emergency brakes have been applied to the big federal runaway train. #3-Americans were angry and fed up with Obama and his feckless and worthless policies, his corrupt administration, his cover-ups, and his lies. Contrary to what he said, Obama was clearly repudiated. #4-Stealing a line from James Carville during the Clinton era, "It was the economy, stupid!" #5-Everywhere the Clintons and Michele Obama went to help wound up losing. They failed big-time.

I'll close with a great quote and a thank you. Senator-elect Thom Tillis (R-NC) who ousted incumbent Kay Hagan (LPSD) in North Carolina said this in his victory speech, "When will we stop accepting this idea that people want to be provided for by government? The problem with that is the only way government can provide you with something is to take it away from someone else. One thing that government can give you, that doesn't come at the expense of anyone else, and that is freedom." Boy is that a great quote or what? WOOF!

Next Tuesday is Veterans Day. All you veterans who served this great country deserve all of our thanks, gratitude, and respect. We hope this new Congress will care for our many veterans much better than has been done in the last 10 years. Three WOOFs to you all! Honor a vet by attending the American Legion's dinner on Saturday, November 8th, at 5:00 p.m. at the Saddle Club.



AFT Drops \$450K on Single Louisiana School Board Election

by Kyle Olson
(Editor/GG: Yes, folks, it's "for the children".)

HARVEY, La. The American Federation of Teachers is hitting a local Louisiana school board with both barrels.

The union has spent nearly \$450,000 to reclaim a majority on the board, according to campaign finance filings, the Times-Picayune reports.

That's more than all individual candidate contributions combined.

The AFT Committee for School Board Accountability in Jefferson Parish has so far spent \$165,000 on canvassing and online advertising for the candidates that will look out for union interests on the board – leaving it with \$281,000 to deluge voters in the final days of the campaign.

The union is seeking to regain control from a majority that turned down a con-

tract with the union in 2012.

Additionally, the paper reports:

Supporters of the board's current majority say the changes since 2010 have fostered public school progress; the school system rose from a D state letter grade to a B and now has seven A-graded open admissions schools, in addition to eight A-graded schools that select their students.

"It's just unbelievable, for a local race," Byron LeBlanc, a political consultant, tells the newspaper.

"When we do a budget, the normal budget that we do for a candidate would be \$34,000 or \$35,000 probably. That would include consulting, mailouts, yard signs, everything."

If the union money was split evenly amongst its



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candidates, they'd receive \$89,200 each.

By comparison, the Chamber of Commerce's political action committee endorsed candidates and gave them \$8,000.

"We couldn't raise \$450,000 in two or three years," says Tony Ligi, executive director of the Jefferson Business Council, according to the paper.

He believes it's proof that the union is trying to buy the election.

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because they feel that this is being taught as religion that is being elevated over all other religions. Where are the Christian men and women of courage and why are they not speaking out against this outrage and violation of their children's civil liberties? Why are they not organizing their flock to take action against this invasion of their children's minds? In Texas and Tennessee, as well as many other states, Americans are increasingly becoming outraged that their children are being taught the study of Islam with major portions of their textbooks being devoted to the subject. What most people don't realize is that approximately 80% of the text books in question, history/social studies books, are fully funded by the Saudis free of charge to the schools. In one textbook, there were 36 pages devoted to the teachings of Islam and only a half a page devoted to the teaching of Christianity. A group called Truth in Texas Textbooks is fighting back by eliminating the pro-Islamic/anti-Christian bias found in the current social studies textbooks beginning with the 2015-16 school session. Again, where are the churches and their pastors? Why are they not rising up to protest this intentional imbalance and distorted presentation of the Islamic faith over the Christian faith?

The International Caliphate Against Western Children

The repression of the Christian religion is not just occurring in the United States, it has gone international and is being perpetrated against the children of the West.

An event that happened nearly two years ago in Thornhill, Ontario, but has just been exposed is so inappropriate and so horrific, it almost defies description. An Ontario mosque presented a play to children as young as four years of age that showed a mock beheading by fellow students with a machete. The school play was demonstrating "the beheadings of Mohammed's family" when they refused to give up the caliphate and the religious wars began between the Shiites and the Sunnis. Where is Canada's version of the CPS? This is inappropriate beyond belief, and this also constitutes psychological terrorism being committed against young children. The people of Thornhill, Ontario, should be ashamed of themselves for not holding the leaders of this mosque responsible. Can you imagine what CPS would do if the same were to happen at a Christian school? Shame should come upon the local Christian

churches who are complicit in this form of psychological child abuse by remaining silent?

The Obliteration of Christianity Is the Goal

Most of the disciples of Jesus Christ were martyred for their uncompromising views towards corrupt civilian authority, except for John, who died of extreme old age, and Judas, who committed suicide after betraying Jesus. Many of Jesus' followers met an untimely end. For example, Peter was crucified, head downward, during the persecution of Nero. James was thrown from a pinnacle of the Temple and then beaten to death with a club. Thomas, the doubter, was run through the body with a lance at Coromandel in the East Indies. Yet, today, most of our 501 C3 tax-exempt churches have embraced the suicidal course of Judas, as they have made a deal with the devil by espousing government doctrine, even when it violates the word of God.

In opposition to the early founders of the church and in opposition to the teachings of Jesus Christ, today's church bends over in the face of evil. It acquiesces to the evil and drags its followers to the gates of hell by demanding compliance to the illegitimate authority and decidedly non-Christian forces that are subjugating this country. Today's pastors are doing so under the guise of Romans 13. What is ironic is that pastors are ignoring the omnipresent threat to their own existence: the caliphate being perpetrated against our children in many communities under the banner of Sharia Law. And under Romans 13, if the government says that these practices are OK, then it is the duty of the pastor to go along with this madness.

Conclusion

If your pastor refuses to defend the children of your community against this not-so-silent invasion, then leave your church. If your pastor refuses to denounce the unholy actions of this President, then quit your church and form a new one. Pastors need to be men of faith with courage, not sniveling, greedy wimps who are cowering in the corner while they watch their religion being obliterated. Please heed my words because your children's salvation is at stake.

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Obama's Border Policy Fueled Epidemic

by Neil Munro, DailyCaller.com

The deadly EV-D68 enterovirus epidemic, which struck thousands of kids this fall, was likely propelled through America by President Barack Obama's decision to allow tens of thousands of Central Americans across the Texas border, according to a growing body of genetic and statistical evidence.

The evidence includes admissions from top health officials that the epidemic included multiple strains

of the virus, and that it appeared simultaneously in multiple independent locations.

The question can be settled if federal researchers study the genetic fingerprint of the EV-D68 viruses that first hit kids in Colorado, Missouri, and Illinois to see if they are close relatives to the EV-D68 viruses found in Central America.

Officials "have to do the genetic analysis" to disprove or prove the link, Nora Chapman, an enterovirus scientist at the Uni-

versity of Nebraska, told The Daily Caller.

But there's already more than enough statistical evidence for American citizens to demand that scientists test the viruses to see if Obama's progressive border priorities spread the dangerous contagion throughout the country during 2014.

So far, that virus has been found in nine American kids who died from illness,

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has apparently inflicted unprecedented polio-like paralysis in roughly 50 kids, and has put hundreds of young American kids into hospital emergency wards and intensive care units throughout more than 40 states.

A series of government researchers, health experts and academics refused to comment, or else urged self-censorship when they were pressed by TheDC (The Daily Caller) for statistical and scientific data that would exonerate Obama and his deputies.

“I would just steer away from that - it is not helpful, so why bring it up,” said Lone Simonsen, a professor at George Washington University’s Department of Global Health and the research director of the university’s Global Epidemiology Program. “A better angle [is] ‘we’re just learning what this outbreak is all about,’” she told TheDC.

Columbia University researcher Rafal Tokarz, one of the nation’s top experts on the EV-D68 virus, declined to comment to TheDC about the impact of Obama’s border policies. “I cannot comment...and at this time it would not be appropriate for me to do

so... I would really rather not comment,” he said in email conversations.

The issue is dangerous for scientists because it could spike existing public opposition to the unpopular effort by Obama, Democrats, and business-backed Republicans to increase the migration of foreign nationals - including many foreign scientists - into the United States. That inflow is a top priority for the Democratic leaders, who have the power to make life difficult for grant-dependent American scientists who discover that sensitivity showed up October 16, when a top staffer for Rep. Luis Gutierrez, a champion of increased immigration from Latin America, denounced the evidence for an Obama-disease link: “Rush [Limbaugh], don’t let facts dissuade you! Enterovirus outbreak likely not coming from immigrants,” Guttierrez communications director Douglas Rivlin tweeted, while linking to an article that tried to stigmatize investigations into any possible link.

On October 29, The New York Times produced a vague article about EV-D68’s possible role in the paralysis cases, headlined, “Doctors Mystified by Paralysis in Dozens of Children.” The article quoted Mark Pallansch, who heads

the viral diseases unit at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, saying “we don’t have a single clear hypothesis that’s the leading one at this point.” He also said that American kids have less than a one-in-a-million chance of being paralyzed. The Times ignored the possible link to Obama’s border policy.

But public trust in government would nudge upward if there is strong scientific evidence against the widespread concern that Obama recklessly loosed the EV-D68 epidemic. The Snopes.com site tried to debunk the idea, but could only reject it as “problematic.”

The EV-D68 controversy is a weaker version of the Ebola fight, where Obama has opposed stringent federal and state barriers to the arrival of foreign travelers who may be carrying Ebola. The EV-D68 virus is far, far less dangerous than Ebola, but it also may be harder to counter because it has now spread throughout the United States.

There is no vaccine for EV-D68, so health experts expect more victims.

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