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Westcliffe Stampede This Weekend!

The 68th annual Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo will be held this weekend starting with a Ranch Rodeo on Friday and ending with a Sunday Colorado Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) rodeo at 3 p.m. All events except the parade will be held at the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club Rodeo Grounds just north of town on Highway 69.

The weekend kicks off with the always popular Ranch Rodeo on Friday, July 18, at the rodeo grounds. The four man teams, most of whom will be local cowboys, will compete in a four-man team format with the event contests being penning, branding, doctoring, and trailer loading. A maximum of ten, four-man teams will be allowed with cash prizes and buckles to the winners. The ranch rodeo will start at 6 p.m.

Following the Ranch Rodeo on Friday night is a concert and dance at the Saddle Club's building just north of the rodeo grounds. Featured entertainers at the dance will be Adrian "Buckaroo Girl" and local favorite Sugerfoot.

On Saturday, the Rodeo Parade starts at 10 a.m. on Main Street. There are two CPRA rodeos on Saturday, one at 1 p.m. and one at 6 p.m. The infamous Westcliffe Rodeo Dance starts at 9 p.m. at the Saddle Club building. The Atomic Fireballs are the featured band.

The final CPRA rodeo performance is Sunday at 3 p.m.



A bareback rider from the 2013 Westcliffe Stampede - one of the many great events happening this weekend!

courtesy photo by Nicole Bowman

Behind the Scenes of the Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo

by Carol Clemenson

There is so much that goes on to putting a great rodeo together. The Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club (WMVSC) members are all volunteers and they really do work hard. JD Teague is the

president of this wonderful organization.

They start working on the next year's rodeo right after the clean up from the one they just had. Volunteers are the main key to getting all this work done.

Fundraising for each year is always challenging. Local merchants donate a lot and both towns are very good about giving

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BIG GOV JOHN: CO State Government Bloats Out Under Hickenlooper

by ColoradoPeakPolitics

(Editor/GG: Chickenlooper and his democrat cronies are bleeding Colorado dry. You WILL be paying a lot more in taxes for these wasted government jobs. Each new state job creates a huge downstream liability for us and our children with PERA. Vote these socialists out of office in November or pay the bill folks.)

Gov. John Hickenlooper and his administration are quick to trumpet any list that has Colorado at or near the top in job growth. Yet, one list of job growth Hickenlooper has never talked about is the unprecedented

expansion of state government that has taken place under his failed leadership. For all his empty rhetoric about being a centrist, Hickenlooper at one point had the Colorado state government expanding at a rate greater than 10% for nine straight months (January 2013 - September 2013). Not even failed liberal states like California or Illinois could come close to this feat. Is there any doubt left that Hickenlooper is anything other than a tax-big, spend-big, big government liberal?

Even now, with the most recent job numbers from May, looking back over the past 12-month average,

Colorado is number one in the country for state government growth at an astounding 6.81%. The next closest state government doesn't even come close, being an almost two full percentage points less at 4.92%. Meanwhile, Colorado nearly doubles Iowa (3.70%) who sits at number three. Remember PeakNation™, this unprecedented growth of state government for Colorado is taking place at the same time nearly 20 other states are still shrinking their state governments to be more efficient.

In 2013 alone, the Colorado state government expanded at an absurd rate of 10.45% for the entire year. No one

else in the country was remotely close to this, as the next closest state came in at merely 4.15%.

Hickenlooper likes to claim him and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg don't talk about guns (Hick lies, they do), but maybe among one of their many conversations Bloomberg tutored Hick on how to expand nanny-state government. With over 25,000 pages of new codes and regulations since he has come into office, it only makes sense Hickenlooper would have to bloat out the state bureaucracy to write and enforce all that new red tape.

Hickenlooper has no problem grabbing and trying to own any positive economic number for Colorado; yet, the one area of growth he is directly responsible for, the growth of the state government bureaucracy, he has never once cited. Is he ashamed of what he has done, or, does he just realize Coloradans will not tolerate a man who has gone so far to destroy our mountain-west, independent spirit?

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And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

2 Corinthians
12:9, NKJV

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the same mountains!*

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

BIG BAD GOVERNMENT? OR BAD BIG GOVERNMENT? OR BOTH?



Recent reports by government agencies estimate the amount of improper payments to be about \$100 Billion dollars each year over the last 5 years. That's a half of a Trillion dollars. One Billion dollars is 1000 Millions. One Trillion dollars is a million millions. Got it? That is certainly not chump change. That is our tax dollars being wasted and what do the politicians want? More TAXES! This obscene fraud, waste, and abuse includes tax credits for families that don't qualify, payments for treatments that weren't necessary and unemployment benefits for people that are secretly working. The General Accounting Office (GAO) suggests that it is probably even higher. Many of these overpayments are the result of fraud and some are unintentional mistakes. Either way, it is a result of a leviathan government too big to watch over and manage itself. The director of financial management of the GAO made the following statement. "The federal government is unable to determine the full extent to which improper payments occur and reasonably assure that appropriate ac-

tions are taken to reduce them." The largest sources of improper payments are government health care programs according to the government agencies estimates. The real impact of Obamacare hasn't even started yet. Medicare accounted for over \$50 Billion dollars alone. We believe any intellectually honest citizen realizes this is not sustainable, even less so with Obamacare coming on line. These figures will be greatly increased in our near future. Many politicians and some citizens believe this is just a cost of doing business. In our opinion that is very shallow and risky thinking. This problem is also exacerbated by the huge unemployment problem we have. We have the lowest percentage of Americans working since the Great Depression. This will lower the tax revenues, particularly the payroll taxes, and Social Security and Medicare will get even worse. Add to all that the shameful practice of big government bonuses to the IRS and VA and it might just make one start to get angry.

The liberal progressive answer to that will be to tax the rich more. The real answer

is to reduce the amount of social welfare dollars paid out each month by serious and meaningful reform. It is unlikely that the executive and legislative branches of our government have the courage to do that until we reach the absolute pinnacle of citizen unrest like happened in Greece. The more Obamacare comes on line the closer we are to that day. We might have gotten close this year except that President Obama made 40 plus changes, most without authority, to keep the lid on the boiling pot. This is exactly why the Republicans are threatening to sue the President of the United States.

On the national level this current administration refuses to tell the public the real status of the Obamacare sign ups. Eight million is not correct. Based on the rates of actual premium payments it's probably between 5-6 million tops. We still don't know how many of those already had insurance and lost it, how many are young and healthy, how many are citizens entitled to that healthcare, and how much tax money will be spent to subsidize it. And things are not any better on the State

level. A few weeks ago we reported on the problems with Colorado's brand of Obamacare; low sign-ups and large projected budget increases among them, not to mention the big pay raise and bonus to the leader.

Now there is more bad news. Connect for Health Colorado, Colorado's health insurance exchange, projects one in four enrollees will probably drop or decline to pay their premiums. This change in "loss rate" from earlier projections of 13% to now a 24% rate is based on the national rate. This adjustment will cause the loss of another \$1 Million in anticipated revenues this fiscal year from lost fees on those policies. Earlier the board approved a new monthly \$1.25 fee on each policy to fund salaries and operations. What will be done to make up the loss of another \$1 Million in revenues? The federal government has proved it cannot effectively manage Social Security, Medicare and the VA health care programs. And it's unlikely the states can effectively manage Obamacare and all its spin offs either. In some recent polling of the "Millennials" the majority thought that the govern-

ment should provide everyone health care. When asked later about paying for it, they weren't so keen on that. Sounds familiar. Lots of young people believe the government should provide for almost everything until they realize they will be the ones paying for it. Then things change. The Millennials, we are told, are liberal on social issues but fiscally conservative. They'll learn as they get older and maybe get jobs. They are the generation being loaded down with mega-debt. Let's see what their politics are 5-10 years from now. Meanwhile, we have significant choices to make in a little over three months. What kind of a state government will we elect? What kind of representation will we have at the federal level? Hopefully enough Coloradans and Americans will choose to stop the liberal progressive agenda currently existing in the U.S. Senate and in Colorado. Mandated government health care is wrong. We need smaller, less intrusive government at both levels. Vote for Tipton, Beauprez, and Gardner on November 4th. It won't stop everything but it will be a good start.

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Single acts of tyranny may be ascribed to the accidental opinion of the day; but a series of oppressions, begun at a distinguished period, and pursued unalterably through every change of administration too plainly proves a deliberate, systematic plan of reducing us to slavery.

~Thomas Jefferson



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Open letter to the people of the town of Westcliffe

by Sherrie Lemoine,
Westcliffe, CO

Last weekend we were able to enjoy another 4th of July celebration. Standing on the sidewalk watching so much patriotism pass by as my family and I clapped and cheered for the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of this country was a very patriotic experience. Once the parade was over, we began to walk towards the flea market when I noticed a woman in the corner holding up a homemade sign that said, “Even Westcliffe doesn’t support gun carrying lunatics”. I almost passed by keeping my opinion to myself, as we live in a free country, but something made me speak up. I politely told her that next year her sign should read that she does not support gun carrying lunatics and not to include the whole town in her opinion. She informed me that “a lot of people feel the way she does” which is true.

None-the-less, I still felt she should speak for herself and not the entire town as many people I know personally do support our second amendment right to own and carry firearms. The woman did not seem to actually want to discuss her opinion with me as she made a hasty retreat into the crowd.

I had no intention of arguing with her. I just did not feel she represented me in her cardboard sign. The one other thing I wanted to tell her but didn’t get the chance was that her choice to call gun supporters “lunatics” was inappropriate. It was an act of hostility that is so prevalent among those who choose to disregard the rights of others. I have heard it said that they have a right to live in a safe society, and they do. But if guns are taken away from law abiding citizens then literally, only criminals will have guns since they do

not turn in their guns when gun control laws demand it; they do not reregister guns they steal from others, and they do not obey the over 10,000 gun laws currently on the books today. I do not feel safe living in a society where only criminals, law enforcement, and the government are armed. Statistics have proven time and again that crime decreases as armed citizens have the ability to protect themselves. Our deputies do a pretty good job protecting our community, but there are approximately 5,000 people in this county and only a handful of deputies. They can’t be everywhere all the time.

History has also proven that gun control laws do not make for a safer society. They are always the first step to oppression and often genocide:

- Turkey 1915-1917, 1-1.5 million Armenian people,

- Soviet Union 1929-53, 20 million anti-communist, anti-Stalinist
- Nazi Germany 1933-45, 13 million Jews, anti-Nazis, Gypsies
- China 1948-52, 20 million anti-communists
- Guatemala 1960-81, 1000,000 Mayan Indians
- Uganda 1971-79, 3000,000 Christians and Pol rivals
- Cambodia 1975-79, 1 million educated people
- Rwanda 1994, 800,000 Tutsis
- Etc...

Total: Over 55 million people dead as the direct result of gun control

Do you think this can’t happen in America? Think about the genocide of the American Indians, the Black Code just after the Civil War and Hurricane Katrina. I know this letter is long, but when we turn over our constitutional rights to protect ourselves

from all enemies, foreign and domestic, we give up rights to be a free people. As Thomas Jefferson said:

The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in Government.

Thomas Jefferson
(1743-1826)

Our government has become tyrannical and does not have the best interest of this country at heart. If we, the citizens, do not stand up for our rights, they will be taken away by the sheeple who stick their heads in the sand and expect their government to think for them. They are opposing our constitutional rights and they will willingly give them away.

One last point. Gun crimes are committed by criminals who do not follow the laws anyway. Making more gun

control laws is just feel-good legislation aimed at fooling the people into thinking our lawmakers are working for us. Most mass shootings have been committed by mentally ill people who either legally obtained their guns or stole them from a legal gun owner and were perpetuated in gun-free zones, mainly schools. It might be a good idea to look into our failed mental health system.

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When Did We Start Hating Ourselves?

by Joseph Cascarelli,
Westcliffe, CO

A friend of mine here in Westcliffe with whom I was discussing environmental issues emailed me this reply: “When I lived in Ohio the river caught on fire and Lake Erie was nearly dead. Odd isn’t it, that the supposedly most intelligent species is the one that continually fouls its own nest?”

I’ve been thinking about her observation for several days. She referred to humans as a “supposedly... intelligent species.” The context of the phrase suggests that maybe we are not an intelligent species. When I consider the Great Wall of China, the Great Pyramids, the Roman roads that are still used in Eu-

rope, our U.S. highway system, the eradication of smallpox and the internet, one cannot doubt human intelligence. But, I believe her point was that with our intellect, how could we allow such destruction of our natural surroundings?

This is what I’ve been thinking about. Specifically, when did humanity start hating itself for living, building, and improving our lives? Most of what I know about World History, I’ve learned from books. Sure, I’ve visited castles in Great Briton, used engineering marvels like the Chesapeake Bay Tunnel-Bridge and I did watch the moon landing on TV. Yes, I do believe that Armstrong, Aldrin, and Collins did actually go to the moon in 1969. So, relying

on what I’ve read over the years, I wonder when did the self-hating start?

Did the builders of the ancient city of Jericho 8,000 years ago lament the destruction of the desert flora and fauna that so many wring their hands about today? What about the builders of the Great Pyramid? Did they consider the environmental impact on the quarries where the huge stones were mined and cut? Was there a human rights commission that investigated the plight of the thousands of slave laborers? What about all the Egyptian construction garbage? Did anyone of that time, 4,500 years ago, care?

It is unlikely that anyone cared about these things that torture Americans to-

day. Ironically, modern archaeologists dig in the ancients’ garbage heaps for clues to the way they lived. I also doubt that the Crusaders that cut down the cedar forests in the Middle East to build their forts even gave it a second thought. The forests of Germany and the British Isles were also cut down centuries ago. For thousands of generations, rivers were used as toilets for human waste. I visited the coral fort in St. Augustine, Florida. It claims to have the first flush toilet in the Americas. Members of the Spanish garrison relieved themselves in a chamber that was “flushed” twice daily by the ocean tides.

When I was growing up in Jersey City, NJ, in the 1950s, one third of New

Jersey was swamp. It is now called the meadowlands. Back then, it was the largest natural wet lands in America. Once, it was mostly used for hog farming, but by the time I was in high school developers were using garbage as landfill to “reclaim” the land to build homes. Today, this is some of the most expensive suburban private property in the country. Funny, but I don’t remember hearing a peep from environmentalists or concerned politicians. Until 1962 at least, we didn’t seem to hate ourselves for progress.

My recollection is that sometime during the Nixon administration, the public discovered its ecological conscience. After all, it was the hated Republican Nixon (1968-1974) that gave

us the Environmental Protection Agency. Who could have imagined that this agency of unelected bureaucrats would determine so much of how we live? More recently, the mortal sins of clear cutting, destruction of habitat, loss of endangered species, changing the landscape, and mining of mineral resources have been implanted in the human consciousness. As a result, Americans object to high tension lines, drilling for oil, building fire access roads in National Forests, and a whole list of other transgressions against “nature” while discounting the many citizens that will benefit.

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A Personal Story and Clinic Crisis:

What can residents do to help?

(Editor/GG: To clarify, the clinic director referred to in this letter is Delwin Lester of the West Custer County Hospital District.)

The Custer County Clinic truly saved my life. I have asthma and my lungs have been getting worse and worse while living here. I have been needing to use a rescue inhaler far too often. But I kept saying one of these days I will go in and see my doctor.

Monday, June 23, I had a serious asthma attack. Rescue inhalers did nothing to help me nor did a nebulizer treatment and I could feel myself failing fast, could not breathe. So I begged my husband to call 911. Well, thank God he did not. He got me to the clinic as we don't live very far from there. At the clinic they were able to stabilize me, my oxygen and vital signs were near death. I don't remember any of my time at the clinic at all I vaguely remember getting to the parking lot of the clinic, but how I got inside and everything after until the next

day is gone.

After stabilizing me the clinic found out there were NO ambulances to take me down to Parkview, so Life flight was called in. With that bit of information, my husband was very grateful he did not try to call 911 and wait for assistance, as I surely would have died. It is not acceptable to not have 911 services in the valley.

I was at Parkview ICU for four days, not one day went by that someone from the clinic did not call to see how I was doing. The nurse did not patch them through to talk to me, but it was so nice to know that our clinic cares so much to call and check up on someone. I will forever be grateful to the clinic staff and what they did that day for me and my family.

This experience has brought about many question, however, that really frustrate me. How many people in the valley have to die while we wait for 911 assistance? What would have happened if the clinic was not open

that day to help my family? Have we not seen enough tragic events just like this? What is it going to take for the clinic and EMS to function well and assist our community? When will the director of the clinic and the EMS community pull together and actually provide for the need of the community and drop the politics. Our lives are worth so much more than this. Am I the only one who feels that the director is playing with lives here?

I do not understand how this is allowed to continue. We have amazing medical people in the valley from the clinic to our EMS. We need to thank them and use them and make sure they are able to function and do their jobs. To me this is nothing but politics and it is putting people's lives at risk while the director and others play this horrible political game.

What can we do as residents to assist in this crises?

*Monica von Steinman,
Custer County*

ENVIRONMENT FROM PAGE 3

It may have been inevitable that humanity would start hating itself for past actions. Columbus is seen today as a genocidal maniac that destroyed a paradise. The scientists that participated in the Manhattan Project are vilified and just this week (May 2009) I heard President Truman called a terrorist by a TV commentator. Humanity is characterized by a small, but vocal portion of society as an alien species put on earth to mess things up. I often wonder how many eighth graders realize that human beings are part of the earth's fauna. Do they know that humans have occupied the earth as "modern man" for about 40,000 years? Yup, we have been building, destroying, rebuilding, warring, living, surviving, and progressing for 40,000 years.

What puzzles me is that these humanity hating hand-wringers find nothing wrong with American In-

dians driving hundreds of bison off a cliff or burning the forests clear to get game to return. They don't have a problem with coyotes or wolves attacking and eating a deer or an elk while the meal is still alive. A mountain lion gets a pass for killing and eating a 17-year-old student. We will spend several millions to build an elk tunnel under a highway that elk will never use, but will not give cops a raise for putting their lives on the line every day to help keep people safe. Many of these people haters want to drain Lake Powell for what purpose I'll never know. They want humans to drive unsafe "car-ettes" and live like people lived 150 years ago.

My personal theory is that many have too much leisure time on their hands. One hundred and fifty years ago people worked six days per week, twelve hours per day just to feed the family and keep the rain off their heads. If I thought that returning to a more primitive life would satisfy the people haters, I'd actually con-

sider the "green life". But, these folks will never be satisfied.

My message to those that would have America adopt a third world existence is. NO! If that's the way you want to live, I encourage you to do it, but do not ask me to join you. I like a personal vehicle large and heavy enough to protect me and in which I can travel in comfort. I like the convenience of affordable electricity with 99.91% reliability. I'll never use whale oil to light my home, a practice common 150 years ago. Air conditioning and refrigeration are good and both save lives. They allow mankind to live in places unthinkable 150 years ago. If a high tension power line blocks my view, I'll live with it just like I've learned to live with traffic jams, toll roads, and telephone solicitors.

This is America, where citizens can choose how and where we will live. Humanity haters get to make their choices and I get to make mine. Is this a great country

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~Will Rogers

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When It Rains, It Pours!

by Christe Coleman,
Director of Custer
County's Office of
Emergency Management

It is wonderful to see the beautiful colors and vegetation growing around the valley this year with all the moisture. It is also nice to not be on such high alert for wildland fires this year. But, we must remember that too much rain in a short time can be damaging and dangerous as well.

Rainfall totals from the recent strong storms have varied greatly around the county. Reports of 2.12 inches on Sunday, July 13th, 13 miles southeast of Westcliffe and less than .25 of an inch in the nearby Eastcliffe area. Monday brought over a 1.5 inches approximately seven miles south of Westcliffe. Tuesday is seems the northeast areas were hit the hardest with over one inch of rain reported near Hillside. These storms have taken a toll on our county roads and impacted the State Highways as well.

Dani Walden, with Custer County Road & Bridge, says the crews have been working hard to repair light to moderate damage on county roads mostly in the southern part of the Wet Mountain Valley. Culverts have overflowed causing damages to ditches and road shoulders and some

driveway accesses have been washed out. Horn Road (County Rd. 130) and Muddy Road (County Rd. 140) were closed for a couple days due to water flowing over the roads and the resulting damage. Lake DeWeese Rd. (County Rd. 241) at the intersection of County Rd. 243 had water and debris flowing over the road.

Early in the week, Highway 96 near the Wildlife Viewing Area had several inches of water flowing over the highway and some light debris from the Sand Gulch Burn Scar. Some other low lying areas had some water flowing over the highway for short periods of time.

Always use caution when driving through water. Most drownings occur inside vehicles during flash floods. A vehicle can be carried downstream with less than six inches of fast flowing water. Rushing water is also deceiving, it is not always possible to tell how eroded the ground is underneath. Small bridges and culverts can be compromised by water erosion in a short amount of time. You have all heard the safety slogan: "Turn Around, Don't Drown"! That is good advice. Use good common sense.

Also be cautious of the lightning that often ac-

companies the heavy rain storms. We have had some awesome thunder and lightning storms the past week. And there have also been a couple deaths reported in other areas of Colorado this week. Here are some good lightning safety tips: Remember the 30/30 rule – go to safety if the time between a lightning flash and the thunder is 30 seconds or less. The safest place is inside a building or vehicle. If there are no buildings or vehicles nearby then move away from tall objects, crouch down on your tip toes limiting your contact with the ground and cover your head with your hands. When indoors stay away from anything connected to power.

Custer County Office of Emergency Management would like to know if you have severe weather occurring in your area of the county. Please visit and "like" the Custer County Emergency Management Facebook Page and post a note about what's happening with the weather where you live. You can also see other people's weather posts around the county. It is interesting and can provide valuable information on storms. If you are not a Facebook user you can also send me an email at ccoem@custercountygov.com or call my office at 719-783-2410.

The Black Death: Pneumonic Plague Appears In Denver

by Chris Carrington

(Editor/GG: Of course, no linkage at all to the illegal alien invasion.)

As if worrying about Ebola escaping Africa wasn't enough, Bloomberg is reporting that a Denver man has contracted pneumonic plague.

Jennifer House from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment told Bloomberg:

House said the man has been hospitalized and treated. She wouldn't release other details about his situation. "He's on treatment long enough to not be transmissible," House said in a telephone interview. He may have contracted the illness from his dog, she said, which died suddenly and has also been found to carry the disease.

"We don't think it's out in our air," House said. (my emphasis)

"We think it's in our dead animal populations and dead rodent populations."

Plague in all of its forms infects only about seven people yearly in the U.S. The disease occurs when a bacterium named *Yersinia pestis* infects the body, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The difference between the pneumonic and bubonic varieties is that the bacteria takes hold in the lungs in the first case, rather than underneath the skin through insect bites. Both types are treated with antibiotics.

The state is working "to investigate the source of exposure and to identify those who may have been

exposed through close contact with the individual," the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment said in its statement. "Any individuals exposed will be recommended for antibiotic treatment."

I am so pleased that they "don't think it's in the air" but I would be far more pleased if they stated, definitively, that it wasn't.

Read more from Bloomberg (www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-07-11/deadliest-rarest-form-of-plague-contracted-near-denver.html)

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STAMPEDE

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donations to help keep the Stampede going. The average cost to putting on the rodeo is at least \$20,000.

This price includes getting the livestock lined up. JD has to have a contract for

and is great in keeping the arena safe for everyone involved.

George Koons is in charge of maintaining the livestock at the rodeo by making sure there is plenty of feed and water for the animals. He also makes sure the grounds are kept up and

of every year. The entry fees and prize money is determined by the CPRA. He also takes care of all the complaints, concerns, the beer stands and gets all the legal permits in place. JD says he enjoys what he does because "I enjoy people".

JD has been here in the val-



A bull rider at the 2013 Westcliffe Stampede.

Courtesy photo by Nicole Bowman

at least 2 years with a livestock contractor.

All of the livestock for the rodeo comes from Wyoming from a contractor named Glenn Southwick. They have been using this contractor for years and are very happy with the livestock he brings in. The amount of livestock they bring depends on the number of entries, but there is always enough so that the animals don't get overworked.

The arena director is Dan Gomez. He is in charge of everything that goes on,

everything looks good.

And then there is Janel McGuire who is in charge of the "green room" which is the preparation room for the food and drinks in the saddle club building. This is for all the volunteers and some of the cowboys that might need a good meal. A lot of the food is bought by the club, and most of the volunteers bring in food along with all the other duties they do.

WMVSC Board Member Mike Halpin is in charge of getting the vendors coming in and setting up. There are

ley for about 12 years and has been involved in the Wet Mountain Saddle Club for the last 10 years. Coming from Arkansas, he is a natural here in Colorado.

"There are folks coming in from all over the country to get involved in the Westcliffe Stampede Rodeo. The rodeo is part of the American heritage as well as our culture", said JD.

The Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club is all volunteers, and they are a wonderful group. The club is always looking for new volunteers. It is a very re-



One of the saddle broncs from the 2013 Westcliffe Stampede.

Courtesy photo by Nicole Bowman

from preparing the ground, organizing the events, getting the chutes ready, making sure the pens are clean and ready for the cowboys to ride. Whether it is bull riding to mutton busting, Dan does a very good job

folks that have to take care of the ticket booths as well.

JD has to make sure that all the paper work and budget is in to the Colorado Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) by March 1st

warding experience. Those who would like to help and volunteer will get a free ticket to one rodeo performance and a free meal for their service. If you are interested, please call Dorothy Nepa at 719-783-0513.

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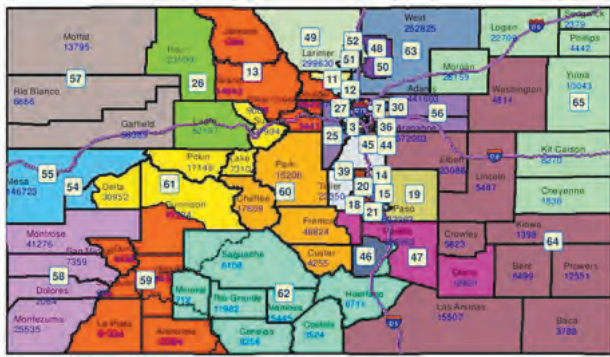
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Citizens' Initiative 111: Restoring Colorado Rural Voting Rights

A group of citizens is circulating petitions for Restoring Colorado, an initiative that would change the way representatives in our Colorado House of Representatives are elected by aligning district boundaries with county boundaries. This would result in one representative per county. Initiative 111 pragmatically targets the House for the change since it has 65 representatives and there are 64 counties, allowing for a drop of just one representative for the state.

The group states, "We may face constitutional challenges, but we're mirroring the exact model our Founding Fathers designed on the federal level but with a reverse of houses." This refers to the fact that at a national level, each state elects two U.S. Senators, while the number of Representatives to the House is based on population.

"Can you imagine a Colorado where each county has a voice in the House



All but 13 of the current State Representatives represent the front range corridor.

Some facts about these 13 rural house districts:

- Over 40% of the economic activity in the state
- 87.7% of the land area
- Yet only 20% of the representatives (13/65)

This is definitely NOT fair representation!

Image from www.RestoringColorado.org

of Representatives," giving Custer County's vote the same weight as Denver County's?

The citizens' group notes the daunting task of gathering 100,000 signatures by the deadline of August 1st in order to get this on the November ballot. Many people are working to circulate the petitions, but time is short. They ask

for volunteers to visit their website for ways to help: www.RestoringColorado.org. There is a petition at the Sentinel's office for those interested in signing.

This initiative would go a long way in restoring a balance of power throughout the state, giving a voice to Custer County equal to Boulder County - at least in the State House.

Wetmore Volunteer Fire Department Offers Mitigation Help

Volunteer firefighters from Wetmore are offering to help local homeowners with suggestions about protecting their property from wildfire.

By appointment, firefighters will visit and help owners work out plans to

reduce danger from direct flames as well as the falling embers and small, creeping fires that often destroy buildings after the main fire has passed.

Through a grant from Custer County, some money will be available

for cutting and chipping trees, coordinating with private contractors as well as volunteers.

For more information or to set up an appointment, call fire chief Kevin Day, 784-3208 or Ruth Roper at 784-1148.

Don't Miss "Deathtrap" at the Jones Theater

Opening dates delayed by one week

Love to laugh with delight while being held spellbound to the last second? Then head to the Westcliffe Center for Performing Arts and the accompanying Jones Theater for the live production of *Deathtrap*, a comedic thriller written by Ira Levin. "Deathtrap" is directed by Chris Tabb and stars Dan Hiester, Sam Aanstead, Mary Bryant, and Beverly Allen.

Show times are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 31, and Aug. 1-2, and

Thursday, Friday and Saturday August 7, 8 and 9 beginning at 7:30 p.m. each night.

Here is the plot: Seemingly contentedly entrenched in his charming Connecticut home, Sidney Bruhl, a successful writer of Broadway thrillers, is struggling to overcome a dry spell which has resulted in a string of failures and a shortage of funds.

When Bruhl receives a script from a student who is attending a seminar he is conducting at a nearby

college, Bruhl instantly sees that the thriller is a potential Broadway hit. In an attempt to improve his fortune, Sidney's devious plan, which he concocts with the help of his wife, is to offer to help the student get the play to the right people.

What follows are an abundance of twists, turns, sudden shocks, and thrills complete with devilish cleverness that are sure to keep the audience in stitches and on the edge of their seats to the very end.

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Rodeo Dance: \$10 single, \$15 for a couple

Local Mountain News & Notices

Two Local Rodeo Champions of Tomorrow

Conner Rowley will be a senior at Custer County High School this year. He’s been around rodeo, and watched his Dad, Scott Rowley, fight bulls from the time he was born. He says his Dad “always made it look like fun and as I got older it was something I wanted to try.”

So, when he was 14-years-old, Conner stepped in front of his first bull. With Dad as his mentor, he now gets in front of as many

bulls as he can every week. He tells about the first time he had to freestyle a bull: “I was really nervous and got my butt run over and broke my collar bone.”

He is currently fighting bulls for stock contractor Mike Hadley and Chuck Hays. Conner has plans to continue fighting bulls in college rodeo along with playing baseball.

A bull fighter is literally a life-saver for the bull rider. Conner says,

“Fighting bulls is the best a guy could have, and I’m always looking for sponsors to help me go up and down the road.”

Kody Aldrich grew up watching bull riders like Ty Murray, Chris Shivers, Jim Sharp, and Michael Gaffney on TV. He started riding calves when he was 8-years-old, attended a rodeo school in South Dakota when he was 10, and is now riding bulls seen at PBR events on TV.

Kody says he’s been mentored by too many people to mention, but that the most influential is Wiley Peterson who “provided me with great instruction in riding and also has taught me to be a champion in and out of the arena.” He is also appreciative of help from Mike Hadley who allowed him to get on his bulls on Sunday afternoons over the winter, and gave him some great feedback.



Kody Aldrich, bull rider.

Courtesy photo by Jayne Aldrich

“I feel I need to be an example to the younger kids coming up and take every opportunity to mentor them as well. It begins at home with my brothers Ian and Wyatt and extends to all the young guys I see trying to ride at events around the state.” Kody has a long list of people he credits with providing the opportunity to chase his dream, and says among those, his family is the most im-

portant. He wrestles, plays football, and works out every day to be strong and help prevent being injured.

Kody will be a senior at Custer County High School this year, and after that plans on pursuing a degree in Agricultural Business Management and Animal Science, rodeoing his way through college.



Conner Rowley, bull fighter.

Courtesy photo by Bella Imagine Photography

Becky Mahoney’s Ride, Rope, or Ranch School

Becky Mahoney is a Monte Forman certified trainer who has utilized her knowledge to compete, win, and produce many champions in the rodeo world. She is coming to Westcliffe and will be offering clinics next week to help students with horsemanship basics that apply to roping, poles, and barrels as well as improving any horsemanship needs for one’s level of competency.



The clinics will be held at the Rockin’ W Arena at the Wild West Cowboy

Church just a mile-and-a-half north of Westcliffe on Highway 69.

Becky will offer three clinics, each from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a cost of \$85 per day and limited to 12 riders. Students can participate in any two clinics for \$150 or all three for \$225.

The Horsemanship Clinic is on Monday, July 21st.

The Barrel Clinic is on Tuesday, July 22nd.

The Pole Clinic is on Wednesday, July 23rd.

Next weekend, July 26th and 27th, Becky will offer Private and Semi-private Clinics for \$150 per day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please call Cindi



Flower at 719-429-9111 or Sierra DeVaney at 480-353-8286 for more information or to sign up for a clinic.

You can also visit Becky’s website at www.riderop-ranch.com for summer camps on her beautiful ranch in New Mexico.



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Reminder:

Bobcat Football Golf Benefit to Include Million-Dollar Contest

The annual "Pigskin Classic" Golf Tournament is set for Saturday, July 26th at the local St. Andrews Golf Course. The yearly golf scramble is popular with locals and helps raise money for the Custer County football program. This year's tournament, which begins at 8:30 a.m., will add a new twist with a hole-in-one contest that includes winning an ATV from Stanwood Motorsports and a hole-in-one chance for a

million dollars!

"This tournament which Coach May started over 10 years ago is a great fund-raiser for our football program and a really fun tournament," stated head coach Troy Bomgardner. "Our local businesses do an incredible job in sponsorship and we usually get a full flight of teams to compete for the title of "Pigskin" champion. This year we've added the big hole-in-one prizes. Everyone gets a shot at the ATV

from Stanwood and our closest to the pin winner and one other golfer chosen randomly will get a shot at a million bucks if they can sink a hole-in-one on the 9th hole. It should make for an exciting day!

If interested in competing in the 11th annual Pigskin Classic, entry fees are \$50 which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, BBQ lunch, and contests. Entry forms are available at St. Andrews or by calling Coach Bomgardner at 783-2687.

Bobcat Football Camps Coming Up

The Custer County football coaching staff will be holding instructional football camps for 3rd grade through high school age students on July 28th-July 30th. The 3rd grade-8th grade youth camp will be conducted in the mornings from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Monday, July 28th-Wednesday, July 30th.

Cost for the camp will be \$10.00 which includes a T-Shirt. Campers will receive instruction from high school coaches and high school football players. Information and parental release forms may be picked up at the school office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Questions or for more information, please call head

coach Troy Bomgardner at 783-2687.

The high school camp will take place from 6:00pm-8:30pm Monday July 28th-Wednesday July 30th on the football practice field. There is no cost to the high school camp and any student interested in playing football this year should attend the camp.

Happy Anniversary!

Come and join Ken and Fran Hudson as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

The open house will be after church on Sunday, August 3, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Lutheran Church's Lang Hall.

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On July 18, 1947, President Harry Truman signed an executive order determining the line of succession if the president becomes incapacitated or dies in office. The vice president, speaker of the house, and president of the Senate are next in succession.

information source: wikipedia.com

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PREPPER'S CORNER



On the Trail with Barley & Belle Seed Potato or Potato Seed?

by Jeremy Carr

OH! The lowly "POTATO".....

In tough times the lowly potato has been a starchy gut filler and life saver. But how do I put a seed potato in my survival seed box to save for hard times. It won't work because it's going to rot and ruin my supplies. You start thinking outside the proverbial box and decide to Gooooogle Potato Seeds..... You have never heard of them, but it's worth a try!

If you Gooooogle "Potato Seeds" and you find that what pops up is "Seed Potatoes".

The first thing that goes through your mind is, "Hummmmm? Potato's don't have seeds. What was I thinking?" RIGHT?

That would be wrong!

We as Americans have been so commercialized and so far removed from our agrarian roots in thinking that most of us would not look further and simply forget about it, BUT potatoes do indeed produce seeds.

I got to thinking about how few people are aware of this when my mom was astounded that the 20 foot row of potatoes she grew this year produced seeds. Mom's

pretty well-rounded in her knowledge of agricultural plants yet she had no idea potatoes produced seeds. I figured that if my mom didn't know others out there might not know either.



Potatoes are normally grown from a portion of an adult potato with an (eye). The "Seed Potato" is cut up, leaving an eye on each piece and then planted. This is called "CLONING". Each potato produced from the adult is a genetic clone of the adult. Its appearance may differ, but it is genetically the same. This process is faster, easier, and more likely to produce than growing from seed, so it has become the standard. However, this does nothing for the survivalist or prepper who want to be prepared for the eventuality when there are no feed or grocery stores in which to get the seed potatoes.

The Tiny Farm Blog and its contributors quoted below has some REALLY great info.

*"Each fruit contains 300-500 seeds. Planting them doesn't result in the same potatoes as the parent plant, there's lots of genetic variation. Potato breeders plant out thousands of seeds, check out the results, then keep replanting the most desirable potatoes for many years or so to get new commercial varieties—apparently, this is the way new potatoes are bred.

Meanwhile, it apparently takes only two seasons and one generation to breed genetically stable new potatoes, so for the small farm or home garden, as opposed to the big potato breeder, this seems like a viable way to go. Harvest seed one season—you can hand-pollinate



to cross two varieties—plant out the next and select your favorites. Those tubers should be

stable and ready to go, you just have to build up a quantity which takes another season, unless you need hardly any at all!" <http://tinyfarmblog.com/potato-fruit/>

DISCLAIMER: The potato fruit found growing on the stems above ground that contains the seeds is NOT EDIBLE, but very toxic containing Solanine. "DO NOT CONSUME" the Potato Fruit! The Tuber is the edible part!

So where do you go to get "Potato Seeds". Well, you don't! It's that simple.

There are a couple of seed exchanges and a few individuals online who have them, otherwise, you're out of

luck because potato seeds are just as elusive as the highly prized bacon seed.



I have included several links with information you need to know about potato seeds and possibly, but not definitely, where to get them.



http://www.curzio.com/N/Potato_starting_from_seed.htm

As always never substitute someone else's opinion for your own good judgment. Inform yourself to keep your family safe.

**Just a note: The most commonly miss-spelled word in our society today is Google!*

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction. And there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Matthew 7: 13-14, NKJV

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Happy are the people whose God is the Lord!

Psalm 144:15b, NKJV

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Las Vegas Anti-Gun Policy: Kill and Cover

by William B. Scott,
part-time resident of
Custer County

Four years ago, Erik B. Scott, a 1994 U.S. Military Academy at West Point graduate with an MBA from Duke University, was shot to death by three Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (“Metro”) officers in front of a Las Vegas, Nevada, Costco big-box store. While many SENTINEL readers will recall that egregious, senseless murder on July 10, 2010, few know what followed: A jaw-dropping cover-up more typical of the old Soviet Union than America.

To every man and woman who carries a firearm, the Erik Scott shooting is a chilling reminder that billion-dollar companies, such as Costco, have irrational, secret, anti-gun policies that literally kill their customers.

Erik, a Boston Scientific cardiac pacemaker sales rep, was carrying a legally registered concealed firearm, while he and his girlfriend were shopping at Costco-Summerlin in Las Vegas. He also had a concealed-carry permit in his wallet, issued by the same Metro police force that killed him.

When Erik squatted on the floor to verify that three metal water bottles would fit into a soft-sided, zip-up cooler, a Costco employee spotted Erik’s Kimber Ultra Carry .45-caliber semiautomatic in an inside-the-waistband holster. A civil interchange with a Costco manager ensued, and Erik was told that a Costco policy banned guns inside company stores—although there were no signs to that effect posted outside or inside, and there’s no mention of a gun-ban policy in the membership application. Erik calmly responded that his sidearm was legal and that he had a concealed-carry weapon (CCW) permit on his person. The manager never asked Erik to leave the store, and the two parted on good terms, according to witnesses.

The Costco manager reassured a plainclothes security guard, Shai Lierley, that Erik would be leaving soon. For reasons known only to him, the young, cocky Lierley—deying management practices and company policy—placed a 311 call to the local police, falsely claiming Erik “had a gun and was acting erratic.” Thinking an armed madman was barricaded inside, Metro cops rushed to the store in overwhelming force—15 police cruisers, a helicopter, an incident-command team

and an ambulance.

An inbound Metro lieutenant suggested that Costco managers quietly evacuate the store. Unaware that the evacuation had anything to do with him, Erik and his girlfriend calmly walked out with the crowd, passing three Metro officers waiting at the entrance and exit doors. Costco’s Shai Lierley identified Erik to an agitated, scared Metro officer, William Mosher, who was clutching a semi-automatic, visibly shaking and sweating profusely. Alarmed, Mosher spun around and immediately yelled something which even nearby cops failed to comprehend.

Erik turned to find a frightened, obese cop shouting three conflicting commands. With his left hand, Erik lifted his T-shirt to expose the Kimber, and repeated, “I am armed, I am armed...” Witnesses said he moved his right elbow enough to expose the Kimber. In his right hand, Erik held a BlackBerry cell phone.

Mosher instantly panicked and fired two shots with a .45-caliber Glock 21. The cop’s first hollow-point slug struck Erik in the heart; the second went through his right thigh, well below his jeans’ front pocket.

Two other officers hesitated a long beat, then fired



Las Vegas Police Officer William Mosher who fired two shots killing Erik.

another five rounds, all into Erik’s back. Erik was shot a total of seven times. The five that hit him in the back were fired after he was on the ground, dying.

Based on a recording of Lierley’s 311-call, we’ve confirmed that Mosher gave Erik three conflicting commands and fired, all within two seconds. Mosher then knelt on his victim’s back and handcuffed Erik’s hands.

Costco had numerous security cameras inside the store and at least four trained on the entrance, where the lethal shooting took place. Violating department policies, Metro detectives did NOT immediately seize the surveillance system’s

two digital video recorders’ hard disks. They left the critical DVR and hard drive in Costco’s control for five days, allowing Costco-Summerlin personnel and the store’s contractor to tamper with video data. Five days after the shooting, Metro detectives finally decided to pick up one Costco DVR. After valiant attempts to “recover” critical imagery, the DVR was sent to the U.S. Secret Service’s Los Angeles office, where forensics experts examined it. The experts later testified that 96 percent of the DVR’s data were recovered. The four percent not recoverable just happened to encompass the time Erik was in Costco, as well as the fatal officer-involved shooting. The hard disk’s platter sectors, where that critical four percent of unrecoverable data resided, just happened to be physically damaged, as if the disk were running, “then dropped from about chest high,” according to forensic experts’ testimony.

Within hours of the shooting, a Clark County Deputy Public Administrator and a Metro cop illegally broke into Erik’s condominium and stole several of his firearms. One pistol, a small Ruger LCP, was later produced as “proof” that Erik was carrying two guns. Why two? Because the AMR ambulance crew had reported finding a gun

of corrupt Las Vegas police officers: Conceal the facts, destroy and manufacture “evidence,” coerce selected eyewitnesses, and systematically demonize the deceased victim. The cover-up of Erik’s murder-by-cop was aided and abetted by the Clark County District Attorney, an unprincipled union—the Las Vegas Police Protective Association—and wealthy power brokers, who control The Strip.

My family filed two lawsuits in federal court—one against the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, the three shooters and the sheriff, Douglas Gillespie, and a second against Costco. For unbelievable reasons, both suits went nowhere. After the second was dismissed, our lawyer said, “I don’t think it’s possible to get justice in this town.”

The truth about Erik’s murder and its blatant cover-up is so bizarre that non-Las Vegas citizens would never believe it. Consequently, I resorted to asymmetric warfare. I wrote a novel based on the actual events of my son’s senseless execution. Entitled, *The Permit*, the book is “faction”—truth wrapped in a techno-thriller story. According to reviewers, *The Permit* is a fast-moving, riveting tale of intrigue, corruption and accountability.

Synopsis of *The Permit*: A murder-by-cop victim, “Erik Steele,” was actually a covert assassin for Checkmate, an ultra-secret Department of Homeland Security counter-terrorism team. Arrogant, low-intelligence Las Vegas Metro cops had brazenly killed a high-value federal agent. As Metro leaders soon realize, their trigger-happy cretins truly did kill the wrong guy.

Metro’s clumsy attempts to cover-up Erik’s execution triggers a deadly campaign codenamed Operation Gold Shield. Activated by the highest office in America, Shield is designed to neutralize INDIGO, a new, dangerous class of domestic terrorist that has killed more Americans since 9/11 than were lost on that modern day of infamy: Rogue cops and their corrupt allies. Shield is launched to prevent the U.S. from erupting in armed revolt. However, the initial targets are those responsible for killing a fellow Checkmate



Erik Scott’s West Point photo.

courtesy photo

agent, Erik Steele.

Integrity-devoid killer-cops, corrupt district attorneys, police union thugs, an unscrupulous sheriff, and even a powerful billionaire are held accountable via advanced, highly classified means, such as tiny missiles with nanoparticle warheads; a microwave-beam weapon that fries a victim; an airborne system that creates “ghosts” in a target’s bedroom; a “black world” fighter aircraft armed with T-Rex, a stunning electrostatic weapon; an acoustic beam that shatters bones and buildings, and a lethal disease that precludes sleep.

Ultimately, bodies pile up, government officials run scared and the glitzy Las Vegas Strip is silenced.

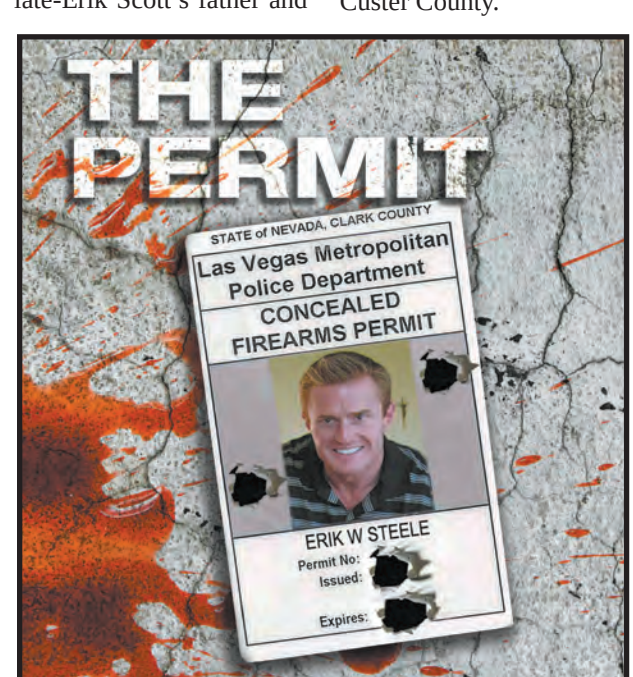
Checkmate Justice is done.

William B. Scott, the late-Erik Scott’s father and

author of *The Permit*, is a full-time author and consultant. He retired in 2007 as the Rocky Mountain Bureau Chief for Aviation Week & Space Technology. During a 22-year career with the international magazine, he wrote more than 2,500 stories, and received 17 editorial awards.

During a nine-year Air Force career, Bill served as aircrew on classified airborne-sampling missions, collecting nuclear debris by flying through radioactive clouds; an electronics engineering officer at the National Security Agency, developing satellite communications security systems; and an instrumentation and flight test engineer on U.S. Air Force fighter and transport aircraft development programs.

Bill and his wife, Linda, are part-time residents of Custer County.



‘The Permit’ is available in print or ebooks from major bookstores.



Local Mountain News & Notices

Classifieds

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Join us for a free lunch at Hermit Park Pavillion, Sat., July 19, 11:30 -1 p.m. Sponsored by St. Luke's Episcopal Mission.

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The Custer County School District is accepting applications for an **Elementary**

Teacher and a Long Term Elementary Substitute Teacher. These positions will remain open until filled. Interested applicants may contact Chris Selle at chris.selle@ccbobcats.net or 783-2357 to request application materials, pick up applications at the Administration office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe, or download an application from the school district's website at www.custercountyschools.org. CCSD is an equal opportunity employer and does ot discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age,or handicap in employment.

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cants may contact Chris Selle at chris.selle@ccbobcats.net or 783-2357 to request application materials, pick up applications at the Administration office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe, or download an application from the school district's website at www.custercountyschools.org. CCSD is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed,national origin, sex, age, or handicap in employment.

The Custer County School district is accepting applications for a full time **custodian.** Starting salary for this position is \$10.26 per hour, but open to negotiation based on previous custodial experience. Full health insurance and PERA benefits will be provided as well. Typical working hours will be from approximately 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday with additional hours on Friday depending on school district needs. Occasional work on Saturday and Sunday may be required depending on school activi-

ties. Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 28. Classified staff applications are available at www.custercountyschools.org or the Administration office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. CCSD is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in employment.

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The deadline for getting your information into the Classifieds is **Tuesday at Noon** for that week's edition. Call (719) 783-3360 to place your ad.



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Located
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on Highway 69.

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Events Calendar

Friday, July 18, 2014
6 p.m.: Ranch Rodeo at rodeo grounds
9 p.m.: Dance at rodeo grounds featuring Buckaroo Girl and SugarFoot; family fun

Saturday, July 19, 2014
10 a.m.: Stampede Rodeo Parade
1 p.m.: CPRA Rodeo, Hwy 69 just north of town
6 p.m.: CPRA Rodeo

Sunday, July 20, 2014
NOON: Custer County 4-H & FFA Livestock Auction at the Custer County Fairgrounds, Highway 69 North, just north of Westcliffe
3 p.m.: CPRA Rodeo
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.: Wild Bill's Toy Run at the Silver Cliff Mountain Inn and Restaurant

(across from Stanwood Motorsports); \$5 cover charge for eats or bring kids books, toys, scarves, hats, mittens for all ages.

Monday, July 21, 2014
First Baptist Church, Vacation Bible School, 5-year-olds thru 6th grade, all week; 410 South 6th Street, Westcliffe. 783-2498

Tuesday, July 22, 2014
5 p.m.: A Painted View Ranch: chuckwagon dinner, \$20. Limited seating. Call 783-9100
7 p.m.: A Painted View Ranch: Show featuring Juni Fisher. Tickets \$25. Package \$20

Saturday, July 26, 2014
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Fly In at SilverWest Airport; hotdogs ad \$5/gallon fuel

Recurring Events and Business Hours

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

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

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

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

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

Auxiliary monthly meeting (March-October).

Tuesday through Friday
10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.: Library open in downtown Westcliffe

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

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

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

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

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

Local Mountain News & Notices

Sheriff's Report...

As of Tuesday, July 15, there were six males in jail.

July 13 At 4 p.m., John Harbour, Jr., age 63, of Pueblo was arrested in Silver Cliff for driving under the influence of alcohol and failed to drive in a single lane. He was booked into the Custer County jail under a \$4,000 bond because of three previous DUIs.

July 13 Frank Garcia, age 82, was given a summons for trespassing and reckless endangerment on property on Rock Ridge Road. Garcia was allegedly trespassing when he was confronted by the landowner and attempted to hit the landowner with his ATV. He will appear in Custer County court on September 11.

July 11 Shannon Walden, age 45, of Silver Cliff was issued a summons from an incident that occurred on July 5 for disorderly conduct who allegedly struck a man at the Firemen's Dance. Walden will appear in Custer County court on September 11.

County court on September 11.

July 9 Samuel Flaming of Hutchison, Kansas, reported that, while parked at Bishop's Castle on Highway 165, someone broke into the passenger side window and took a purse with cash and credit cards.

July 8 At 1352 hours, a 2012 freightliner truck driven by Gary Wise of Toole, Utah, was north-bound on Highway 69 at mile marker 71. He was driving too close to the guardrail on the right-hand side of the road as he was rounding a left-hand curve. There was minor damage to the front end of the truck.

AMBULANCE CALLS There were eight ambulance calls as of July 8.

July 14 At 1850 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic for a 62-year-old male suffering with back pain. He was transported to St. Thomas More Hospital in Cañon City.

July 14 At 1822 hours,

an ambulance was dispatched to Keepsake Loop for a 26-year-old female possibly having a seizure. She was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital.

July 12 At 1432 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to County Road 136 for an 83-year-old male with dizzy spells. He was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

July 10 At 1649 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Rocky Ridge Road for an 86-year-old female with a possible stroke. The ambulance crew was asked to stand down and not transport.

July 9 At 0527 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the 800 block of South Street in Silver Cliff for a 74-year-old female. She was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

July 9 At 1541 hours an ambulance was dispatched to Straight Street in Silver Cliff for a 12-year-old female who was having medical problems. She was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

July 9 At 1918 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Little Horn Drive for a 73-year-old female having stomach pains. She was treated but not transported.

July 9 At 2157 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic for a 50-year-old female having chest pains. She was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

FIRE CALLS There were two fire calls as of Tuesday, July 8.

July 13 At 0754 hours, a fire truck was dispatched to an area about two to three miles east of the Lake DeWeese dam for smoke investigation. It was cloud vapor.

July 11 At 11:35 a.m., a fire truck was dispatched to Brush Creek Estates for smoke investigation. It was a controlled burn that had been called into the Forest Service office but not the sheriff's office.

Court Report...

Jimmy L. Candelaria – Charged with driving under the influence - plea of guilty. Also charged with driving/restraint-alcohol-related, careless and reckless driving. These last three charges were dismissed by the DA. Conditions of sentencing: Complete level2 ED within 68 hour therapy. Attend MADD IMPACT PANEL. Community service to be completed within 120 days, defendant to get GED within probation period. No alcohol. Total fine of \$6,179.25.

Nicholas Brent Stuart – Failed to present insurance upon request – Plea- Guilty-Suspended sentence. Fine of \$509.50

Deaundre Laurel Hines – Assault 3. Charge dismissed by DA. Also charged with driving without driver's license Plea – Guilty –Fine \$140.50

Philip E. Waller – Charge – failure to display proof of insurance, dismissed by DA, and improper mountain driving – plea-guilty. Fine \$99.50.

Paul R. Schleser – Charge – driving without a license and unsafe backing. Plead guilty to both charges. Court waived some fines. Fine total \$128.50.

William Joseph Klein – charged with drivers license-instruction permit VI-dismissed, failed to present insurance upon request – dismissed, and following to close. Plead guilty to following to close. Fine \$129.50.

James Randhal Gair – The defendant pled guilty go Trespass 3 – on Agricultural land. Defendant is sentenced to 60 days jail time with 47 days credit time served plus court cost and surcharges. Remaining 13 days shall be served on weekend starting 7/18/14.

Charles Brock Flynn – Charged with wildlife-damage to den or harassment. Plea – guilty Fined \$139.50.

Come and Worship

Christian Science 9:30 a.m. Worship 8 Bassick Place Westcliffe	First Baptist Church of Westcliffe 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:45 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Worship 417 S. 6th Street Westcliffe 719/783-2498	Sangre de Cristo Mennonite Church 10 a.m. Worship 120 Jerry Drive Westcliffe 719/783-0903
Church of Christ 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship 1:30 p.m. Worship 6 p.m. Wed. Worship 818 Ohio Street Silver Cliff 719/783-4601	High Country Mennonite Church 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 110 Rosita Avenue All Aboard Westcliffe Bldg. Westcliffe 719/783-9045	Sangre de Cristo Seminary Chapel 10 a.m. Worship 6160 County Rd. 130 Westcliffe 719/783-2447
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 10 a.m. Sacrament Mtg. 12:10 p.m. Sunday School 240 Ridgeline Drive Westcliffe 719/783-9356 719/404-4585	Hope Lutheran Church 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship 3rd & Powell Streets Westcliffe 719/783-9773	St. Luke's Episcopal Church 10:30 a.m. Worship & Eucharist 11:30 a.m. Fellowship 3rd & Rosita Streets Westcliffe 719/783-2477
Community United Methodist Church 8 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Worship 202 S. 6th Street Westcliffe 719/783-2511	Oak Creek Grade General Store 6 p.m. Worship Followed by potluck 12 miles north on Cty. Rd. 255 719/783-2245	St. Patrick's Anglican Church 11 a.m. Worship 401 2nd Street Westcliffe 719/783-2500
Cody Park Community Church 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 517 County Rd. 27A Cotopaxi 719/942-3462 719/942-3526	Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church Diocese of Pueblo 11 a.m. Sunday Mass 10 a.m. Tuesday Mass 109 S. 5th Street Westcliffe 719/783-3507	Valley Bible Fellowship 10 a.m. Worship 116 Hermit Lane Silver Cliff 719/783-9050
Cotopaxi Community Church 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Worship 20326 Hwy. 50 Cotopaxi 719/942-4185	Our Lady of Mt. Zion Catholic Church 11 a.m. Mass 3rd Sunday of each month 210 S. 2nd Street Westcliffe 719/783-2491	Westcliffe Community Church 10 a.m. Worship 103 N. Adams St. Westcliffe 719/429-4256
Don't love the world and what it offers. Those who love the world don't have the Father's love in them. Not everything that the world offers-- physical gratification, greed, and extravagant lifestyles--comes from the Father. I John 2:15 - 16 GW		Wetmore Baptist Church 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 1045 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Worship Wetmore 719/784-4197
		Wetmore Community Church Tues., Dec. 24 – 5:30 p.m. Candlelight Service Cty. Rd. 395 Wetmore 719/784-0596
		Wild West Cowboy Church Sundays at 4:00 p.m. Potluck following service. 60260 Hwy. 69 North (1 1/2 miles north of town) Westcliffe 719/783-2676

Eateries

Alpine Lodge 6848 Cty. Rd. 140 • Westcliffe 719/783-2660 Thurs. - Sun. 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. Sun. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Reservations recommended	Mining Company Restaurant 60 Main St. • Westcliffe 719/783-9144 Daily 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tues. 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Schlabach's Marketplace & Deli 120 N. 3rd St. • Westcliffe 719/783-9010 Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Campstyle Cookin' 108 S. 2nd St. • Westcliffe 719/783-0533 Mon. - Sat., 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sun., 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sun. Brunch & Omelet Bar	Nacho Mama's (Formerly Mavericks) 404 Main St. • Silver Cliff 719/783-3333 Mon. - Thurs., 11:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Fri. & Sat., 11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Open Sundays after Memorial Day	Silver Cliff Mountain Inn 700 Ohio Street • Silver Cliff 719/783-2688 Wed. - Sat., 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sun. - Tues., 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Candy's Coffee 106 S. 2nd St. • Westcliffe 719/783-9516 Mon. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Oak Creek Grade General Store 12 miles north on Cty. Rd. 255 719/783-2245 Fri. and Sat., 7 a.m. - 11 a.m. Opening June 6	Silver Cliff Pizza Company upstairs in the Silver Dome Saloon 110 Main St. • Silver Cliff 719/783-9499 Call for hours
Chappy's Mountain View Bar & Grill 213 Main St. • Westcliffe 719/783-0813 Mon. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sundays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Rancher's Roost at Cliff Lanes 25 Main St. • Westcliffe 719/783-2147 Mon. - Sat., 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sun. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.	SomeWhere Saloon 215 Main St. • Westcliffe 719/783-4900 Monday-Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. - Midnight
Have a Nice Day Cafe 104 Main St. • Westcliffe 719/783-2313 Mon., Tues., Fri., & Sat., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Grill closes at 2 p.m.	St. Andrews Golf Course Café 801 Copper Gulch Rd. • Westcliffe 719/783-9410 May 16 - October Lunch Daily 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Patio Happy Hours Thurs. - Sat., 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Subway (inside JR's Fuel Stop) 425 S. 6th St. • Westcliffe 719/783-2748 Mon.-Sat., 6:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Sundays 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Hunger Buster 824 Main St. • Westcliffe 719/783-9228 Call for hours	Sangrita 212 Main * Westcliffe 719/783-4054 Reservations recommended Thurs. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sun., 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday Brunch 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Sugar & Spice Mtn. Bakery 411 Main St. B • Westcliffe 719/783-4045 Mon. - Sat., 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Letter Drop Inn 6654 Cty. Rd. 328 • Rosita 719/783-9430 MAY: Thur. - Sun., Open at 5 p.m. JUNE: Wed. - Sun., Open at 5 p.m.		Tony's Mountain Pizza 630 Main St. • Silver Cliff 719/783-9300 Tues.: 4 - 9 p.m. Wed. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
The Lodge at San Isabel 59 Cty. Rd. 371 • San Isabel 719/489-2280 May 26 - Oct. 15 Wed. - Mon., 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.		Westcliffe Wine Mine 109 N. 3rd St. • Westcliffe 719/783-2490 Fri. - Sat., 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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 Facebook

Southern Colorado Survivors
1st Sat at 8:30 a.m.
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Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

Residents 2/ Marijuana 0

Results of a Hard Fought Contest

by: Barbara Penezic

The growers had one last opportunity to voice their opinion to Florence City Council and the Fremont County Commissioners, as did area residents. This controversial issue has been debated for several months leaving many residents exhausted but happy with the outcome. In particular those people who own or rent homes in Penrose are breathing easier knowing that the MMJ Regulations coupled with the outright ban of marijuana in Florence may soon help bring them relief from the odor problems they have been forced to live with recently.

Fremont County Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Medical Marijuana Regulations. This issue was taken very seriously by our Commissioners. They listened more than once to all who came forward to speak. Commissioner Payne tells us that he took a tour through the contested areas of Penrose and found the smell very unpleasant, comparing it to the not so fragrant scent of a skunk that many of us are familiar with. Mr. Tim Brown, one of the growers, claimed the Regulations and lack of Retail Marijuana would effectively bankrupt his business. He seemed to feel that the County Commissioners had an obligation to help the growers. Commissioner Payne responded, “You speculated.” You rolled the die and lost, that is not the responsibility of this Commission. Commissioners Bell and Norden stood in agreement with this sentiment. Penrose concerned citizen spokesperson Susan Hilderbrand expressed appreciation to all who have been active in this endeavor reminding the citizens that they must remain vigilant

-- because the regs have yet to be enforced. When Sheriff Bieker was asked what this would mean for his department he responded, I haven’t had communication with the Commissioners on this as yet... “I don’t know how much will be up to Code Enforcement.”

Ordinance No. 13-2014: An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Florence establishing a permanent moratorium on the licensing and operation of all marijuana facilities including Retail Marijuana Stores, Marijuana Product Manufacturing Establishments, Marijuana Testing Facilities, and Marijuana Cultivation Facilities in the City of Florence was passed on a 4 to 3 vote. The owner of Boomers Emporium, Cañon City, spoke in favor of legalizing pot, as did Florence citizen, Mike Vendetti, citing an expected increase in revenue from taxes. Fred Warner, write-in candidate for County Commissioner District 2, told the council, “I have seen many careers go south over drug testing.” He added, it sends the wrong message to our children. Stephanie Luck, Penrose resident, also spoke out against marijuana reminding the council that voters choice can turn into voters remorse. Such was the case in Alaska where marijuana was approved in the ‘70’s but has since been repealed. Council members, Villagrana, Edwards, Martinez, and Piltingsrud, cast their votes in favor of the permanent moratorium. Council members Henager and Baker were joined by Mayor Ore in opposing the ban. City Attorney, Bryan Fredrickson, then announced, “13-2014 ---Permanent Moratorium on Pot.”

Be Informed,
Get Involved!

The Artists Gallery

Features Local Family

by: Barbara Penezic

The Artists’ Gallery at 416 Main Street in downtown Cañon City was the site of a very successful art show recently. The Gallery is home to thirty plus artists from all over Fremont County and neighboring communities. You are cordially invited to attend, First Friday Receptions, each month. What a wonderful way to spend an evening with the entire family and enjoy a stroll through historic Main Street. The downtown area features several unique restaurants, including ‘The Owl’ (truly an iconic establishment) with thick old fashioned shakes or spend some time at Piza Madness; I believe it is a law that everyone loves Pizza! Sammy Burman and Associates at The Gallery also offer entertainment and refreshments.

The family patriarch, George Douthit, Sr., is a watercolorist and published author. He hails from Sioux Falls, North Dakota, and the Native American influence can be seen in his work and the works of his off-springs. The family collection includes, watercolors, mixed media, fiber, and collage art. Family members also participated in the entertainment, “Flies with Buffalo.” This wonderful showing of art and music, however, took second



‘Night Visitors’ by Vicki Leigh Krudwig,
Acrylic on Canvas, 18x24, \$495
Sentinel photo by John Penezic



‘Between a Rock and Hard Place’, by George Douthit III,
Original Watercolor, \$485
Sentinel photo by John Penezic

place when Mr. Douthit, was surprised with a visit from the newest family member, his 6-week-old great-grandchild. We look forward to great artistic creations from this very talented family for generations to come.

Katie McCallister will be on

November Ballot for Fremont Commissioner

Katie McCallister will be on the November ballot as an Independent for Fremont County Commissioner in District 2.

She started her first business as a single mother putting herself through college, and has run various businesses since that time. Katie operates an aviation related business and corporation. She knows what it takes to start and operate a business.

Having run several businesses in the past, she has experience preparing bud-

gets for other companies, this has prepared her for the budgetary and fiscal responsibilities required to be a responsible county commissioner.

She is continuously learning, most recently finishing a Geographic Information Systems certificate program at PCC, and is also a licensed pilot.

Katie is a Constitutionalist and a firm believer in Second Amendment rights and a lifetime member of the NRA.

Katie has held jobs re-

quiring federal and state licensing and demanding a high degree of personal responsibility, high moral standards, integrity, and honesty. She has worked in a supervisory capacity for federal and state government agencies.

Katie has observed our rights and liberties eroding over the twenty-plus years that she has lived here. She believes that she can make better decisions than those that our county has made in the past and looking forward to stepping into that role.



Katie McCallister, candidate for Fremont County Commissioner, District 2.
Sentinel photo by John Emmerling

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The Daily Jot

Daily reporting and analysis of current events from a biblical and prophetic perspective.

NOTE: When writing about God and Jesus, The Daily Jot means YHVH as God and Yeshua Ha Mashiach as Jesus--the actual original names and the true nature and character of them.

Impressions for Prayer and Supplication

I had an early morning meeting with a brother and mentor. He and another of our brothers had been on the phone praying before our meeting. He said the verse they were praying over was from Ezekiel 22:30, "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." We were talking about this verse. I said that many Christians I know like to quote the first part of the verse, but leave off the last part: "but I found none." This was a verse that we both agreed we would stand on this day. That we would stand in the gap as part of our daily lives. I know that many of you also are standing in the gap. With good reason.

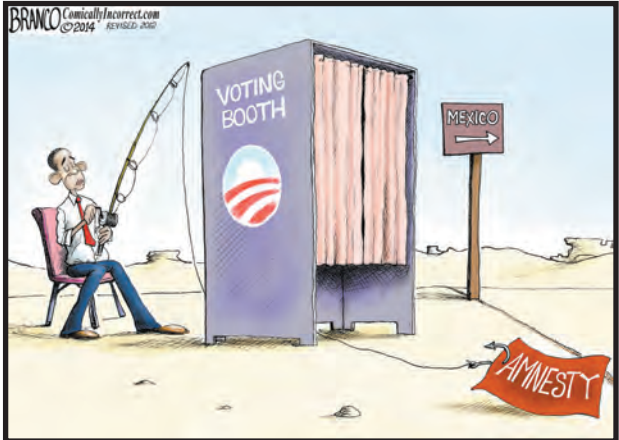
The headlines today are similar to the ones of the past week. We are being overrun by illegal aliens coming across the borders of our southern states. The occupant of the Oval Office is in Texas for a series of Democratic Party fundraisers. He is hobnobbing with radicals supporting blanket amnesty, telling them he is on their side, and outright rejecting requests by Governor Rick Perry to visit the border to observe first hand what is happening. He is openly mocking both Republicans and Democrats, especially Republicans, who don't agree with his stance on his unconstitutional and illegal position to not defend and secure the borders of the United States. In fact, he is defiant about his role as "president."

Speaking to Democratic Party supporters and con-

tributors, he mocked Congress for not supporting his agenda (From the White House transcript): "You hear some of them -- "sue him," "impeach him." Really? (Laughter.) Really? For what? (Applause.) You're going to sue me for doing my job? Okay. (Applause.) I mean, think about that. You're going to use taxpayer money to sue me for doing my job -- (laughter) -- while you don't do your job. (Applause.)" Then he called for some \$3 billion to fix the illegal migration problem that he has created by intentionally not securing the borders, and, the White House website continues to say "today, border security is stronger than it has ever been."

The "president's" propaganda machine is in full swing. He blames those opposing immigration reform for the border crisis he has created. He says that he is doing his job--meaning it is his job to not enforce laws on marriage, border security, immigration, offshore drilling, terrorism, and the list goes on and on. Instead, he claims that Congress is not doing its job. Some truth in that--Congress should be impeaching him and trying him for criminal malfeasance and treason. This "president" is the antithesis of what is good and right. Congress is not far behind. We all need to be an Ezekiel 22:30 people and make up the hedge, stand in the gap in all prayer and supplication, and where possible, take action.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day
Bill Wilson
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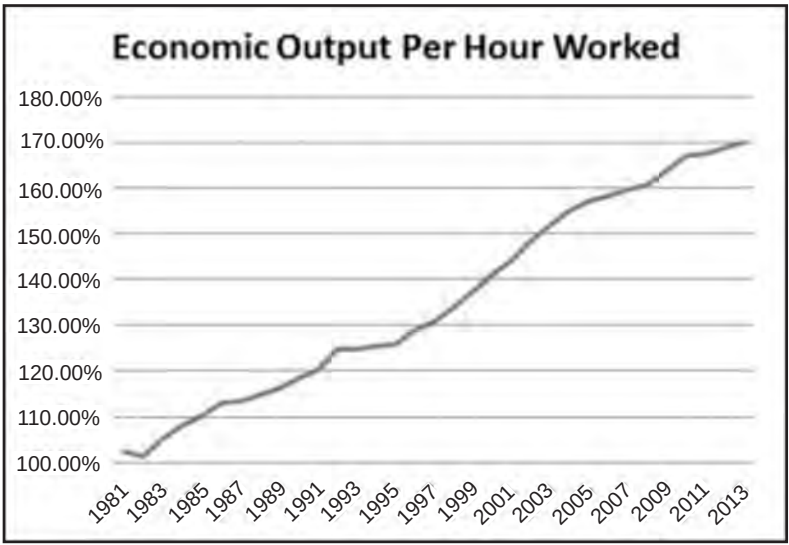
by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.org

Folks, I know people have this desire to moan about how bad this part of our country is or that, whether it be on guns, poverty, religion or whatever else pushes your buttons.

I challenge you to read and let this post sink in for a good hour today. Do nothing else. Find the hour, print this out or send it by email to your cellphone, read it, and contemplate it.

Then choose, today and forward, whether you're going to sit for what has been done to you.

I present a simple arithmetic chart:



The data was pulled from here: <http://www.bls.gov/data/#productivity>

It is not my data. It is official government data. I did nothing other than pull it into Excel and chart it as a compound function.

Now let me explain what it shows you.

This chart shows the **output per hour worked** for Americans across the labor force.

It shows that today one hour of work at the end of 2013 produces 169.8% of the output that one hour of work produced in 1980.

Now stop and read that last sentence again -- **very, very slowly.**

Read it as many times as you have to until you understand it.

You should have 170% of the standard of living you obtained in 1980 from one

hour of labor.

Let me ask: **Do you?**

If you did, what would you be complaining about? The average middle-class person that could afford a house in 1980 could afford a house **70% better** (not more expensive, better -- larger, with more appliances, that uses less energy, etc.) You could buy **70% more** food with an hour of labor today than you could in 1980.

Equally to the point -- note that there was **no** decrease in productivity at any time from 2007 to today. In other words, **what "great recession"?** You ought to be about 10% ahead of where you were in 2007. What

would there be to complain about, were this the case?

I could flip pizzas and pay for college in 1980. I **should** be able to flip those same pizzas, pay for college **in cash**, and have another 70% of the tuition, fees, books, room, and board **left over** to buy other things. Can you? **NO, YOU CANNOT.**

Look at the world in 1980 and a **typical** skilled and unskilled job. Is the typical worker able to buy, with cash **70% more** than they were in 1980? Did the typical lower-income worker need food stamps, EITC, Medicaid, etc? Did that typical worker need a five, six, seven, or **ten** year car loan, or was a car loan (if there was a loan at all!) for two, three, or four years?

Or did they just write the check -- for a new or used car?

How come I could buy "no fault" insurance for a cou-

ple hundred dollars **a year** back then -- as a **young driver?**

How did that **massive** amount of improvement in your standard of living -- that was yours, not someone else's -- get stolen from you?

I've spent seven years explaining how it happened and why it continues.

It does not matter how many dollars you have or are paid. What matters is how much time you must spend working to earn a gallon of gasoline, rent, electricity, or water for a month, food to feed your family, and so on. That is, what matters is how much what you have and earn buys in material goods and services.

Your purchasing power isn't stolen through "inflation" per se. If you are paid \$20 tomorrow for an hour of work instead of \$10 **but** the price of everything doubles, you can say "inflation" was 100% (as expressed in prices); but **it doesn't matter** because you get paid twice as many dollars. (Of course, it matters a great deal if you saved those dollars from previous work, which is why inflation is bad and deflation is good -- but we're talking about the "Average Joe" that saves nothing.)

In short, only purchasing power matters as measured by a monetary invariant -- such as an hour of work or a BTU of energy.

How much longer can this continue? Are you a servant to the government today, dependent on those handouts? Will you be tomorrow? Do you think you can outrun this with your wits when a theft of nearly **half** of what should be yours in improved standard of living has already happened over the last 35 years?

Note that this improvement should happen for **every-one**. A person who is dirt poor and has their standard of living improve by 70% **is now probably lower middle class and self-sufficient!** Yes, the rich have even more. So what -- **so do you!**

The schemes and scams concocted through monopoly games (such as in the health care and education fields) along with the continual deficit spending **that destroys purchasing power** is why you have **not** seen that 70% improvement. It was stolen from you via the deliberate acts of our Government, including **both** political parties via deficit spending and permitting private banks to create ever more "dollars" via unbacked credit -- acts that are **factual frauds**.

Period.

The "wedge issues" that are often raised, whether it's "gay marriage", "pot smoking", "gun rights", or whatever else, **are a sideshow**. Do you **really** care about "gay marriage" **if you are so poor you're living under a freeway overpass in a refrigerator box, gay or straight?** Do you **really** care about gun rights **if you can't afford a gun no matter how little they cost because your income is insufficient to pay for food, water and a toilet?**

Go back and read that big, bold sentence up above again.

Read it however many times you need to until you get it.

Then decide.

Either you fix **that** and demand that the government enforce the law, returning to you what has been **stolen**, or sit down and be quiet, because so long as you do **not** do that all of the other complaints you have are utterly **immaterial** to the outcome of your life and that of your children and grandchildren.

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Yes Obama, We Can Read All About Your Global Warming Hoax!

by *The Common Constitutionalist, FreedomOutpost.com*

In a speech to the League of Conservation Voters, a wacky environmental activist organization, Barack Obama said: “Republicans have ducked the question and said, hey, I’m not a scientist, which really translates into, I accept that man-made climate change is real, and if I say so I will be run out of town by a bunch of fringe elements, so I am just going to pretend like – I don’t know – I can’t read.”

Well, yes, we can.

We can read that America’s National Snow and Ice Data Center, which is funded by NASA revealed that ice around the southern continent (Antarctica) covers about 16,000,000 km², more than 2.1 million than is usual for this time of year.

We can read that government scientists have falsified some of the world’s most often cited climate records by replacing actual

temperature readings in the United States, Iceland, and Australia with hypothetical numbers derived from computer models. It has been revealed that as much as 40% of temperature data are not real thermometer readings, but simply computer generated fiction.

The result has been a distorted view of temperature trends, according to Real Science, who first assembled the evidence, changing a steady temperature decline into an ominous looking warming. The measured USHCN (United States Historical Climatology Network) daily temperature data shows a decline in U.S. temperatures since the 1930s. But, before they released it to the public, they put it through a series of computer adjustments which magically changed it from a cooling trend to a warming trend.

In his speech, Obama just ignored the new evidence, the “inconvenient truth,” that American scientists have been altering climate data for years.

What else **can we read**, el Presidente?

We can read about warmest nut jobs touting the decline in Arctic sea ice but refusing to discuss the long-term increase in the southern hemisphere. In fact, across the globe, there is quite a bit more sea ice than 35 years ago which is when satellite measurements began.

We can read that North Pole temperatures have been below normal every day of the summer thus far. So, how is all this ice melting?

That has to be it, right?

Um...no. There’s more.

We can read that an American “climate scientist” was quietly forced into retirement after falsifying data to show polar bears were drowning because of melting sea ice.

We can read that a bunch of leftist activists and lawyers, not scientists, from the NRDC, the National Resources Defense Coun-

cil, wrote Obama’s “Climate Action Plan,” proving yet again that the “climate science” of the left has nothing at all to do with “science.”

We can read from the New York Times no less, that under the “Climate Action Plan,” the EPA “could do far more than just shut down coal plants; it could spur a transformation of the nation’s energy sector.”

Yikes! Yes, the EPA could transform us from a Superpower to No Power.

So you see, Mr. President, some of us **can read** about all the deals you made with leftist climate groups, about all the falsified data, and all the lies you, and they, have been covering up or glossing over to advance your stated goal of transforming this country.

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“I Demand”.... and?

by *Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.org*

This is so cute....

“Governor Rick Perry has long been an advocate for border security. And since 2012, Gov. Perry has been warning President Barack Obama that a crisis is happening on the border between Texas and Mexico.

Today, President Barack Obama met with Gov. Perry to hear his concerns.

If you are like Gov. Rick Perry, and you agree that the federal government must take responsibility and secure our border, sign this petition.

Sign the Petition:

Yes, I join Gov. Rick Perry in demanding the federal government take all necessary steps to secure our southern border.”

Or..... what?

See, that’s the problem -- a “demand” only means something if there is an “or else” after it.

If you walk up to me and say, “I demand you give me one million dollars!” my reply is likely to be this:

If you persist in your toothless “demand” you will eventually annoy me enough that I’ll change my reply to this: (Editor/GG: deleted).

The only way you will get my attention is if you have an “or else” associated with your demand, and that “or

else” is credible. Then I might listen, depending on how credible I judge the “or else” to be.

The problem with crafting an “or else” is that if it describes an unlawful act then The Feral Government will construe that as a threat (because it is). Coming from an individual that threat will probably get you charged with a crime. It’s not at all clear what The Feral Government would try to do if such an “or else” came from a State, however, particularly if it was backed up by the people and machinery of said state.

People will, of course, point to the Civil War but that was a rather unique situation and it’s not at all clear that the Feral Government has the gall to do something like that again. It’s one thing to roll troops over agricultural lands and burn cities; it’s quite another to attempt such an action against the very energy processing resources that the government needs to operate in the first place, never mind that I have no clue how the members of the military stationed in and around the state would react to an order to seize those facilities while shooting their family and friends.

This much I’m very sure of: Such an attempt would get very messy very quickly with the economic damage being both instantaneous and catastrophic.

President Obama, like the presidents before him and the Congresses before to-

day’s, have absolutely no intention of securing our border. They’ve made that abundantly clear. Indeed, it appears that Mexico’s President may have forged a deal to encourage people from nations south of his to ride on top of trains -- a report that is entirely believable given that it stretches the boundary of reason to believe that people are riding on top of trains the entire height of his nation and not one Mexican police officer has seen them and thus has probable cause for an arrest and detention.

This is an invasion orchestrated not only by Mexico but by our government itself in direct contravention of the law. They get away with it because The Rule of Law no longer means anything for anyone in the Government. Speaker Boehner could cut this off instantly by refusing to bring any appropriations bill to the floor until the law is enforced; he need sue nobody as The House holds the power of the purse, and without funds Obama can’t pay the electric bill for the White House.

So before you pat yourself on the back Governor, check your premise. You’re bloviating and you know it. Yes, I know, this is a nice “red meat” issue for you, but the fact of the matter is that The Republican Party is just as guilty when it comes to allowing illegal invasions of our nation to advance and in fact wants it because their business and agriculture buddies want off-balance-sheet “employ-

ees” they can abuse.

Legal immigrants don’t interest these people because, if you’re a legal immigrant, then you can raise heck when you’re abused without risking being deported. This means you must be paid lawfully -- complete with your share of taxation going to the various governments.

The demand for amnesty is a repeat of what happened when Ronald Reagan granted that request on the condition of locking down the border. The lockdown never happened and the illegals that were given amnesty were simply replaced in the workforce by new illegal invaders that could be abused.

This will not stop until the states and people of this nation demand it stop and back that demand with a promise they are willing to stand behind and enforce.

As for lawful acts that are open to the States to enforce such a position, and whether he and the people of Texas are willing to cross that line, I will leave that to Rick Perry to figure out.

Let me know when you’re willing to add an “or else” to your demand, and what that “or else” is. I’ll decide whether to support you when I know exactly what I’ll be supporting.

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The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand

2014



Well That Didn't Take Long



Leave your guns at home, they say.

by Karl Denninger,
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(Editor/GG: Custer County Senior Center Board of Directors, please read this as a wake up.)

Well, the good guys did. The bad guys? Not so much.

Police in Gainesville, Georgia, arrested three men this week in connection with an attempted armed robbery that occurred July 2 in the parking lot of a local Target store according to the Gainesville Times.

Tuesday, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution

reported a woman was beaten and her car was stolen July 5 in the parking garage of an Atlanta-area Target. Police said the woman's attacker hit her over the head, forcing her to the ground. The suspect took her purse and car keys and reportedly told her to "stay on the ground or I will ... kill you" before speeding off in the woman's car.

And, again, we have an object lesson (two, in fact) that the bad guys simply look at these statements "asking" people to leave their guns at home (or **proclaiming** that the location is a "gun-free zone") as a declaration that everyone there **who is a law-abiding citizen** is unarmed and thus a **Target**.

You want to know why I won't shop at Target any more and urge people to boycott the company?

It's simple: **I find it incredibly offensive when any organization asks me to**

wear a "ROB,*****OR MURDER ME; I'M UNARMED!" shirt in the name of political correctness as they are fully aware that the reason we call law-breakers criminals is that they don't give a darn about signs, laws, or policies and in fact look at these sorts of "signs" and "statements" as a declaration of an open range for them to go hunting upon.

Yes, I understand that the actual odds of being "the one" that is targeted for such an assault are extremely low. **However**, that does not change the fact that I am being told that **for political purposes** I am expected to accept a **higher** risk of that happening than would otherwise be the case.

I decline and you should, too.

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Idaho: Most Students Comfortable with Guns on Campus

by Dean Weingarten, Gunwatch.blogspot.com

As I followed the story of the Idaho legislature making the carrying of guns on campus legal for a small subset of students that were highly trained, it was shocking to see how much silly disinformation was published in an attempt to railroad the legislators into voting against the measure. Everything was thrown at them from the usual "blood in the streets" fallacies to smears of adult students as irresponsible drunks, to a highly inventive notion that Idaho campuses would lose funding for nuclear research reactors. One educator asked when he would be able to shoot students, in a lame attempt at sarcasm that was published in the NYTs.

The date has come and gone. The legislation became effective on 1 July. The small number of trained and licensed stu-

dents are now able to legally carry on campus. A reporter interviewed some students at Idaho State University, and most did not have a problem with it. From kpvi.com:

"I do not and would not carry a gun on campus, but I am for it," says ISU student, Scott Fisher.

"It really doesn't matter to me. I mean, if they want a weapon on campus, fine, just don't show it off. I'm good not knowing," says ISU student, Abigail Barnes.

Some students on the ISU campus say they feel a sense of security now knowing that their fellow classmates and their professors can be armed on campus.

Here is the money quote:

Although there are not many students attending the summer session at ISU, most of the students that

were on campus said they don't have a problem with the new gun law.

As has happened again and again, as the right to bear arms is being slowly restored across the country, dire predictions of blood and disaster are put forth in attempts to frighten the population and legislators into doing what those who desire a disarmed population want. Then, when it does not work, and the predicted bloodshed does not happen, they wait for the next proposal to loosen the restrictions that have been put in place over the last hundred years, and repeat their inane arguments all over again. They have nothing else.

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Florida's Reform Gun Law Already Working

by Dean Weingarten,
GunWatch.Blogspot.com

An armed citizen stopped a deadly knife attack with a warning shot. Under the new law, that went into effect a few days ago, he will certainly not be charged.

Specifically, the new bill is the "Threatened Use of Force" bill which was passed by legislators after scrutiny of Florida's "Stand Your Ground" law. That scrutiny revealed that prosecutors were using the mandatory sentencing law to pressure people who believed they had acted in self defense, to plead out instead of going to trial. A wide variety of groups, from the Unified Sportsmen of Florida, the Public Defenders Association, and the NRA had come together to support the bill. Although the old media were against the bill, it was passed and Governor Scott signed it into law. The law mostly amends existing law.

Warning shots are generally a bad policy; that is what I have always taught in concealed carry courses, and I believe it to be true. It is also true that all policies have

exceptions. In this case, from the sun-sentinel.com:

A bystander who witnessed one man stabbing another in Lake Worth fired a warning shot and then held the two at gunpoint until deputies arrived according to an arrest report.

Had the man not intervened, other witnesses said, the stabbing victim likely would've been killed, a Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office arrest report said.

The Florida bill is similar to, but goes beyond the provisions of the Arizona "Defensive Display" law. That law was created because criminals were using the criminal justice system to harass people who were defending themselves without firing a shot.

It was reported that this shot was fired into the air. While it is true that bullets fired into the air must come down, it is also true that most of them never do any noticeable damage. In this case, if the shooter angled his shot a bit to the East, it is almost certain that the bullet would come down in the Atlantic, having hit nothing but saltwater.

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Florida: Black "Zimmerman" Finally Vindicated

by Dean Weingarten,
GunWatch.BlogSpot.com

Gabriel Mobley and a friend, Jose Correa, were attacked without provocation in February, 2008, as they stood on a sidewalk outside a restaurant. Jose had his eye socket fractured by the first punch thrown in the surprise attack. As the first attacker danced back after delivering the blow, the second member of the team of attackers rushed the victims.

Mobley said that he saw the second attacker reach under his shirt. He drew his legally concealed Glock pistol and fired at the attackers. Both were hit and died of their wounds. All of this was captured on security video. The action took a total of about 12 seconds. Two knives were found where the second at-

tacker fell. If you want to read the details, there is a good account at Legal Insurrection. Mobley was vilified in the media. His attackers were made out to be the victims.

Like George Zimmerman, Mobley did not claim a "Stand Your Ground" defense, even though old media reporters repeatedly tied the case to "Stand Your Ground". He did, however, request a hearing under Florida self-defense law. The law allows judges to stop prosecutorial abuse if the evidence indicates that the person, more likely than not, acted in justifiable self-defense.

Part of the reason for the law is to stop prosecutors from using the system to punish people who legitimately defend themselves. Police have a saying for this. It is: *They may beat*

the rap, but they won't beat the ride. The ride can easily consist of tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees and years of aggravation. After such treatment, being found not guilty is some consolation, but you have still been severely punished.

In spite of the video tape, Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Thomas Rebull refused to grant Gabriel Mobley immunity. Understandably, Mobley appealed. The appeals court found for Mobley in January of this year. The prosecutors appealed the decision to the Florida Supreme Court. This week, the Supreme Court vindicated Mobley by refusing the prosecutors' appeal. Still, the "ride" for Gabriel Mobley lasted for

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The Worms Turn: Lib Reporter Calls Border Crisis Obama's Katrina Moment

by Allen West,
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There are many overused metaphors in politics today but one USA Today reporter may have gotten it right in this case.

Remember how the liberal media pounded former President George W. Bush over Hurricane Katrina? Heck, he was even accused of hating black people.

Well, President Obama knows he has a liberal media machine that won't turn against or challenge him. So as Obama went to Texas for Democrat party fundraisers, he refused to visit the crisis on our southern border, despite being invited by Texas GOP Governor Rick Perry. In typical Obama fashion it seems that such a visit is beneath his highness' attention — in street slang, "he got this."

But, as reported by the Washington Times, "MSNBC panelists on Monday seemed puzzled by the president's refusal to visit the U.S.-Mexico border while he fundraises in Texas, with USA Today reporter Susan Page calling the decision Mr. Obama's "Katrina moment."

"Appearing on "The Daily Rundown," Carolyn Ryan of The New York Times argued that the crisis on the border, in which thousands of immigrants are crossing

illegally in record numbers, goes to question the president's competence."

Now, I don't know about you, but methinks Ms. Page probably won't be getting invited back on MSNBC. And Carolyn Ryan may just be looking for her new office at the New York Times, somewhere in the bellows of the subterranean dwellings.

Remember the pictures of Bush flying over the devastation of Hurricane Katrina? At least Obama could have taken a flyover with Governor Perry. But hey, as White House mouthpiece Josh "Not-so-honest" Earnest said, "we are not worried." Yep, we know you're not.

Have a look at the pounding Obama is getting on this from his own side!

Chuck Todd (MSNBC): "You can see that 30-second TV ad. You start with the health care rollout. You go to the VA. You go to Syria. You go to Iraq. And you can go to the border. And you can draw a straight line."

Susan Page (USA Today): "This is unacceptable to more than Republicans on immigration, the situation we have there. And boy, is that going to anger some of his core constituents who have wanted him to do more on immigration, not

less. I think this is kind of a lose-lose for him, politically speaking. It's a Katrina moment, right? And you're going to a fundraiser and not going to the border where there's this crisis?

Dan Balz (Washington Post): "It's conceivably a lose-lose. I mean, if he goes he draws even more attention to the fact of the problem that they were unable to solve right now. In a symbolic sense he almost has to go, but in a practical, political sense there's a risk."

Obviously not, as Obama will pivot and just blame a law established by Bush. Note to the next president: be careful about what laws you establish and how they can be manipulated by subsequent administrations. Case in point — now there must be thousands of deportation hearings and the liberal media can demonize those in opposition as hating children.

However, considering the fact that we're told we need billions of dollars even to fund the high number of hearings and in the meantime, these individuals will be released upon their own "cognizance" into communities — I'm certain we can rest assured they will return for their appointed hearing.

If this were a Republican president being asked by a

Democrat border state governor to visit a crisis on our southern border, and said GOP president departed after fundraisers in that state — c'mon, you guys know what the media would be saying.

At some point the hypocrisy has to be obvious to all — but then again, I amuse myself thinking that progressive socialists hold themselves to any standard.

But just to have this metaphor being mentioned at all on the Most Seriously National Barack Channel (MSNBC) is an indicator. And the rumors are out that the Clinton machine seeks to make a separation from Obama — not that the Obama camp is concerned about that either.

Will the Left pull the rug from beneath their adored disciple of progressivism? I don't think so, but some things just cannot go unchecked and unchallenged.

They'll make up for it somehow, just wait and see. Meanwhile, the fundamental transformation of America marches on.

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FIRST TARGET, NEXT COLORADO? How Secure Is Our Data with the State?

by ColoradoPeakPolitics,
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Yesterday, Republican Rep. Libby Szabo sent a letter to Governor John Hickenlooper demanding that he assure Coloradans that their data is safe on an incomplete new state government computer system which launched on July 1.

Szabo also asked for an audit of the new system, dubbed the Colorado Operations and Resource Engine (CORE) project. In a press release, Szabo called Hick's actions careless:

"Governor Hickenlooper had access to CORE progress reports and was warned by Secretary of State Gessler that CORE was behind schedule and its premature implementation could compromise taxpayers' personal information — yet he carelessly chose to implement it. Since he decided to go forward with the July 1st rollout that could put confidential data at risk, I am asking Governor Hickenlooper to assure state employees, government vendors, and Colorado citizens that their confidential and sensitive information will be secure."

But, Szabo is not the only one calling for accountability with the new computer system. Fox31 also reviewed the system and found it lacking:

"However, internal documents obtained by FOX31 Denver show the system isn't even close to being ready and won't work as planned."

Internal records from the Governor's OIT division show CORE's status as of May's report was coded "red." Red is the worst rating possible, defined as "behind schedule with no approved recovery plan(s)."

The status report shows CORE was only 65 percent completed.

In May, Secretary of State Scott Gessler also took issue with the new system and sent a letter expressing his concern about its implementation, noting "this current path to failure is a train wreck about to happen."

Further in the report from Fox31, developers agreed with Gessler:

"We spoke with a number of IT managers, private contractors, and gov-

ernment employees familiar with the CORE project. As a group, they agreed with Gessler, saying it would be best to delay the launch."

Data security is no joke. Last winter, Target's data systems were breached. While the company has not yet finished tallying the cost, in the fourth quarter the breach cost the company at least \$17 million — \$61 million in total expenses which were offset by a \$44 million insurance payment. Perhaps more importantly, the breach compromised the credit card data of millions of shoppers. That's just credit cards — an inconvenience for sure — but what happens if identity thieves are able to snag social security numbers (see: state tax returns)?

Well, Governor, we're waiting for a response from you. Is our data secure or not? Does our state have a data security insurance policy like Target? Who pays if our data is compromised?

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Another Scandal: U.S. Government Gives \$100 BILLION in Improper Payments Every Year

by Lily Dane,
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In news that probably won't surprise anyone, the government has revealed that it makes roughly \$100 billion in improper payments to people who may not be entitled to them – every YEAR.

The improper payments came in the forms of tax credits to families that didn't qualify, unemployment benefits to people who had jobs, and medical payments for treatments that might not have been necessary.

In 2013, improper payments totaled approximately \$106 billion – and experts say that figure could actually be higher. Rep. John Mica, R-Fla, chairs the House Oversight subcommittee on government operations. He told the AP the amounts are “staggering”:

“Nobody knows exactly how much taxpayer money is wasted through improper payments, but the federal government’s own astounding estimate is more than half a trillion dollars over the past five years. The fact is, improper payments are staggeringly high in programs designed to help those most in need – children, seniors, and low-income families.”

The government-run website Payment Accuracy explains how improper pay-

ments occur:

1. funds go to the wrong recipient;
2. the right recipient receives the incorrect amount of funds (including overpayments and underpayments);
3. documentation is not available to support a payment; or
4. the recipient uses funds in an improper manner.

That website also lists the state and federal programs that are known for high error rates:

High-error, state-administered programs include:

1. Medicaid
2. Unemployment Insurance (UI)
3. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
4. National School Lunch Program
5. Rental Housing Assistance

High-error federally-administered programs include:

1. Medicare FFS
2. Medicare Advantage (Part C)
3. Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (Part D)
4. EITC
5. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
6. Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (RSDI)
7. Pell Grants

Causes of improper payments fall into three categories: documentation and administrative errors,

authentication and medical necessity errors, and verification errors.

The government claims most errors are made unintentionally and do not represent fraud.

Guess which source of improper payments is the largest?

According to agency estimates, the winner is **government healthcare programs**:

Medicare’s various health insurance programs for older Americans accounted for \$50 billion in improper payments in the 2013 budget year, far exceeding any other program.

Most of the payments were deemed improper because they were issued without proper documentation, said Shantanu Agrawal, a deputy administrator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. In some cases, the paperwork didn’t verify that services were medically necessary.

“Payments deemed ‘improper’ under these circumstances tend to be the result of documentation and coding errors made by the provider as opposed to payments made for inappropriate claims,” Agrawal said.

Medicaid improper payments exceeded \$14.4 BILLION in 2013. And this program is expanding un-

der Obamacare!

Naturally, many of the improper payments come from the IRS.

IRS Commissioner John Koskinen said the issue is important to the IRS, and that it is an “ongoing battle”:

“It’s an unacceptable rate of improper payments, an unacceptable rate of dollars out the door, and we need to do whatever we can to make a dent in it.”

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a major culprit here – it paid out \$14.5 BILLION in improper payments last year which represents 24% of all payments under that program:

The tax credit is one of the largest anti-poverty programs in the U.S., providing \$60.3 billion in payments last year. Eligibility depends on income and family size, making it complicated to apply for the credit — and difficult to enforce — Koskinen said.

People get credits they don't deserve by claiming children they don't have or misreporting their income or filing status, Koskinen said.

Koskinen also said it will be challenging for the IRS to make improvements due to its lack of adequate funding:

“I remain concerned about

our ability to continue to make progress in all of these areas in light of our ongoing difficult budget environment.”

The IRS says its 2014 budget of \$11.29 billion is \$850 million below the funding it received in 2010, despite the *surging fraud and identity theft* that is leading to many improper payments.

How is the IRS going to administer the ACA if they already can't handle their workload? Larger programs typically result in less oversight and more corruption. If the agency can't run on a \$11.29 BILLION budget and is rampant with issues already, how is it going to manage the monstrous behemoth that is Obamacare?

When the IRS scandal broke last year, Dr. Ron Paul said the following about the agency:

“The federal government will get along just fine without its immoral claim on the fruits of our labor, particularly if the elimination of federal income taxes are accompanied by serious reduction in all areas of spending, starting with the military spending beloved by so many who claim to be opponents of high taxes and big government.

While it is important for Congress to investigate the most recent scandal and ensure all involved are held accountable, we cannot pretend that the problem

is a few bad actors. The very purpose of the IRS is to transfer wealth from one group to another while violating our liberties in the process, thus the only way Congress can protect our freedoms is to repeal the income tax and shutter the doors of the IRS once and for all.”

Although government waste is not limited to the IRS, abolishing it would be a good start, as the agency is bloated with power and corruption and has a disturbing history of wasting taxpayer money (money that many would say the agency has no right to in the first place).

The need to repeal Obamacare is becoming more and more apparent as well.

Perhaps the federal government-operated Payment Accuracy website said it best:

All improper payments degrade the integrity of government programs and compromise citizens’ trust in government.

There you have it – straight from the horse's mouth.

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HHS: Record Number Of Americans On Welfare – 49%

by Jonah Bennett,
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A new report issued by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has determined that the recorded percentage of Americans on welfare has hit an all-time high, CNS News reports.

Covered up to 2011, the report examines the percentage of all persons in the U.S. who lives in families that receive welfare. HHS' calculations draw from data extending back to 1993.

HHS counted participation in any of just three federal programs, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Supplemental Security Income and food stamps, in order to qualify as a welfare recipient for the purposes of their study.

In this respect, HHS differs slightly from the Census Bureau's definition which includes someone receiving benefits from one or more means-tested government

program. Based on Census Bureau data, the number of Americans on welfare in the fourth quarter of 2011 totaled 108,592,000, adding up to 35.4 percent of Americans.

Removing the “means-tested” clause, the Census Bureau stated that the number of Americans on government benefits reached an incredible 49.2 percent of the total population.

The HHS data, however, indicate that 23.1 percent of Americans were recipients of welfare in 2011, the highest it has ever reached since HHS started recording data. Divided further, up to 38 percent of all children under 5 were welfare recipients, as well, in the same year, and this figure has jumped in recent years, from 20 percent in 2000.

The recipient rates of non-Hispanic blacks reached up to 39.7 percent, with non-white Hispanics following closely at 36.4 percent.

Women were also more likely than men to be on welfare. Between ages 16 to 64, 23.3 percent of women received welfare, while only 19.2 of men received any benefits. In looking at gendered households, married-couple families were least likely to be on welfare, with the opposite being true for female-headed families, which received welfare at a rate of 55 percent.

The report further notes that, “children living in families with never-married mothers are at high risk of becoming dependent as adults.”

The data does not capture welfare usage during previous downturns, such as the Great Depression or the 1990-91 recession, because it only goes back to 1993.

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Oh, Darn, the Evidence

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(Editor/GG: Parents, you MUST read this. As Karl states in his last sentence, these drugs are a “chemical lobotomy”!!! The net effect is negative. My brother put his perfectly normal son on Ritalin when he was 9 years old (30 years ago). Result: a dysfunctional child, student, and adult. Why is the educational establishment pushing this so hard? Read below.)

I hate it when that happens....

Over the past 20 years, mental disabilities have overtaken physical disabilities as the leading limitation on children's activities. Today, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder is three times more likely than asthma to disable an American child.

Notice the falsehood in the first paragraph? Probably not. Here it is: **The statement is made that ADHD is more likely to disable -- not be claimed as a disabling factor, but factually**

disabling.

Here's the problem:

An often difficult question for parents is whether to put their child with ADHD on either Ritalin or Adderall, the most common drug treatments for hyper and impulsive behaviors. Increasingly, the answer has been yes. In 2011, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 6 percent of American children ages 4 to 17 were taking ADHD drugs.

Ritalin and Adderall can be essential, life-changing treatments for many children. But for some, the benefits are not so clear.

Really? They're **essential, life-changing treatments?**

Well, then, I wouldn't expect to read this:

One might have anticipated that easier access to medication would lead to improved health and, ideally, better educational performance. Instead, we found evidence that the children using stimulants

fared slightly worse. After the insurance expansion, the Quebec children experienced more depression and anxiety -- problems that could be side effects of stimulant medication. Meanwhile, there was little evidence of any benefits for the children's schooling. On the contrary, we found their chances of progressing through school without repeating a grade to be somewhat lower than they had been before the insurance expansion and lower than those of children in the rest of Canada. Their probability of high school graduation likewise declined a bit.

But wait a minute -- these were essential, life-changing treatments so it is claimed!

What was the essence of the treatment and what did it change?

Remember that the results **in aggregate** showed that the net result was worse performance in school on

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A Review Of Dinesh D'Souza's America

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(Editor/GG: This movie is
getting rave reviews.)

In the martial arts, the movement and weight of the opponent can be used against him or her. Like a novice defeated by a judo or karate master, too often those who would defend America's founding values and the country they christened are left on the mat by their intellectual opponents, who use their virtues and honesty to confound and defeat them. Dinesh D'Souza's movie "America" identifies enough of their tricks for viewers to connect the dots, although it comes up short in recommendations how to turn the tables.

It is still considered the height of sophistication among first year high school students to point out that America has not always lived up to its ideals. That often stops arguments in their tracks as flustered proponents of those ideals have to concede the point. D'Souza makes three salient counterpoints. The first is that America is the only nation on earth that was founded upon such ideals, and America itself is considered by many, especially immigrants, as the embodiment of those ideals. The second is that ardent critics, like Frederick Douglass and Martin Luther King, Jr., wanted to apply those ideals to slavery and civil rights, where America had fallen short. They did not reject them or have allegiance to an alternate set of ideals. Finally, just be-

cause an ideal is not always lived up to does not mean it should be abandoned. In fact, difficulty of attainment is often an argument for an ideal, and certainly for American ideals.

D'Souza examines the philosophies and tactics of counterculture icons Howard Zinn, Bill Ayers, and Saul Alinsky, intellectual foundations for what passes as thought with Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. He recognizes that they reject America's founding ideals. The only use they have for them is as an engine for a massive guilt trip. At this point, he fails to take the offensive, and he should have. The question, unfortunately, is never asked: if they propose to tear down those ideals, with what do they propose to replace them? Showing Obama lying repeatedly about health care and dramatizing young Hillary Clinton learning from the master, Saul Alinsky, are good theatre, but amount to preaching to the choir. When that choir leaves the theatre, there is an intellectual battle to be fought, and while D'Souza leaves his audience with renewed appreciation for America's greatness, he issues little in the way of intellectual ammunition.

The U.S. government was designed to protect life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The economic expression of this political philosophy is capitalism. Ordered liberty, individual rights, limited government, and capitalism are the antithesis of statism—un-

limited government power—the unnamed ideal of Clinton, Obama, and their mentors. While proponents of America's ideals must defend them and explain that coming up short is no argument for abandoning them, the statisticians have an impossible task. They seek to impose by force an unnatural equality of results, abandoning equality before the law. In so doing, they have to excuse the carnage their philosophy invariably inflicts, the tens of millions slaughtered by regimes in, et al, the USSR, Nazi Germany, China, Vietnam, Eastern Europe, Cuba, and Cambodia. They also have to ignore the glaring hypocrisy of those egalitarian paradises: the ruling class's opulent lifestyles, vastly superior to those of ordinary citizens. Defending the real world results of American ideals is a snap compared to defending the real world results of statism. And only an untutored novice would allow the statist's dodge of comparing reality to their pie-in-the-sky utopias.

D'Souza and all other champions of America's founding ideals need to borrow Alinsky's rule 4: "Make the enemy live up to its own book of rules." Only by turning the tables, spotlighting their attempts to defend the indefensible, either by their own standards of spurious equality, or by our standards of rationality, justice, and liberty, can we begin to turn the statist tide. We must. This is, after all, a war, one we cannot lose.

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almost six years. And this was with the action recorded on video!

I read about this case when I was researching Florida cases where concealed carry weapon (CCW) permit holders were accused of murder. The case was not included in my findings because it had not been decided, and because it was not a "domestic" case. Still, I had read a number of stories about it. I was surprised to learn, late in the game, that Gabriel Mobley is black. In the latest Mi-

ami Herald article, that fact is still omitted.

So when George Zimmerman, a "white Hispanic", is attacked and shoots a 17-year-old black man in self defense, the story is all about race.

But, when Gabriel Mobley, a black man, is attacked by arguably "white Hispanics" and shoots and kills his attackers, race is not mentioned.

In a way, this shows a sort of bad faith consistency. If the race card can be played to further the public disarmament agenda, then it is played. If playing the race card might impede the pub-

lic disarmament agenda, then the card is kept hidden.

Both Mobley and Zimmerman have been vindicated. Both had concealed carry permits. Both had to go through considerable legal pain, even though the evidence was clear from the beginning.

The two cases, taken together, show the political use of race in the old media. It is not really about race or racism. It is about power and how to further their agenda.

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A Sheepdog Barks!

In the fall of 1967 I was proudly walking across a university campus in my ROTC uniform when a long-haired protester (an Occupy Wall Street kind of guy) got right in my face and called me a "baby killer." I didn't consider myself a baby killer. I had never killed any babies, never have and never would. I'm sure he understood that clearly as he came to and stood up in a wobbly kind of way and went on to presumably get in other people's faces. His right to free speech ended when he was one inch from my nose and infringed on my rights and my personal space. Most Vietnam Vets suffered similar kinds of experiences. I was reminded of this memory Tuesday night when a couple of LPSDs were on the news promoting the real and unlimited killing of babies. There are, however, lots of baby killers in America. Since Roe v. Wade over 55 million babies have been aborted. Now we all know there have been a small number of abortions that have to be done for various medical reasons. However, the vast majority of the 55 million have been simply elective for convenience. The LPSDs are apoplectic over the Supreme Court's "Hobby Lobby" decision. Pelosi made a fool of herself distorting what it was all about. Harry Reid even topped Nancy when he said five "white" men shouldn't decide what women can or can't do. These two LPSD clowns know the truth about the very narrow Supreme Court ruling and that it was only about the four abortion pills not contraception as a whole. But they also know they can distort the truth to most uninformed Americans and they can fire up the LPSD base with the old cry of "this is a war on women." This, they believe, might help them in November. So, back to Tuesday night. Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-Connecticut) and Congresswoman Judy Chu (D-California) are introducing a bill in Congress that permits abortion anytime, anywhere, and for any reason. It would make null and void all current state restrictions and laws on abortion and prevent new ones from being created. These LPSDs and any that might support this bill are insane and disgusting. Chu said that between 2011 and 2013 there have been more restrictions on wom-

en's constitutional rights (abortion rights) than in the previous decade and now a woman's rights are based on her address. Can you believe this stuff? They want no restrictions, and no laws on abortion. Most Americans don't believe in that. Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas) reminded us that, in the unlikely event this bill would pass, we would then join only seven other countries that allow abortion past 20 weeks. This LPSD bill, if passed, would have the United States join countries like China, North Korea, and Vietnam. How Sweet! Countries with little or no human rights and absolutely no Christian values! Those LPSDs must be so proud. Shame on them and on anyone that votes for them.

Let me shift gears. Most of us realize there is almost a daily crisis or scandal erupting out of Obama's administration. What now you might ask? Surely not another "crashed" hard drive! Yes, my fellow sheepdogs, another destroyed hard drive. It seems a friend of Lois Lerner (of IRS fame) and fellow conservative-hater has "lost" her emails. April Sands resigned from the Federal Election Commission (FEC) in April after she admitted to violating the Hatch Act which bans executive branch employees from engaging in partisan political activities on federal time and at federal facilities. Sands took part in extreme online webcam discussions from FEC offices and operated a Twitter account during working hours. Here are just a few of her tweets:

"I just don't understand how anyone but straight white men can vote Republican. What kind of delusional rhetoric does one use?"

"Dear every single Republican ever, When will U learn that Barack Hussein Obama is simply smarter than U? Stand down, Signed #Obama 2012 #p2

In a message from Aug 25, 2012, Sands called Republicans her "enemy."

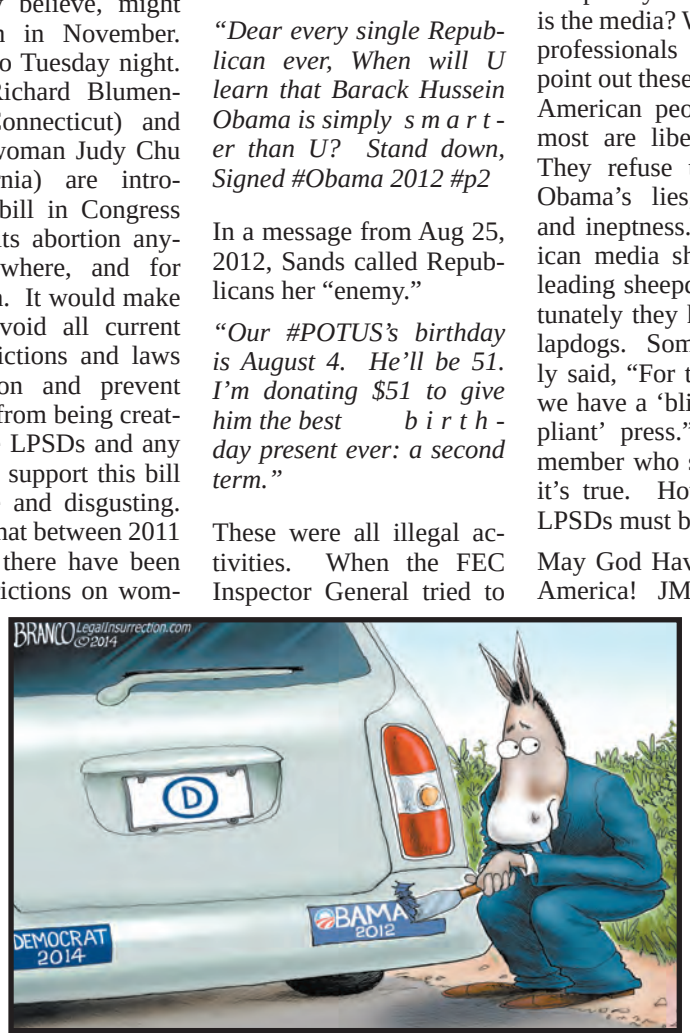
"Our #POTUS's birthday is August 4. He'll be 51. I'm donating \$51 to give him the best birthday present ever: a second term."

These were all illegal activities. When the FEC Inspector General tried to



investigate her criminal acts, it was discovered her hard drive had recently been "recycled." WOW! Imagine that! Two partisan Obama hacks who have worked together to target conservatives and who were both under investigation for criminal wrongdoing and both hard drives disappear. Coincidence? I think not. WOOF! We all know how this dirty, corrupt administration works. Things are so bad even the mainstream media is starting to complain. Several prominent journalists have stated this is the most uncooperative, secretive White House ever. A group of 38 journalist organizations have sent a letter to Obama accusing the White House of "suppressing" their coverage of the news. Brit Hume, a respected journalist/commentator, has covered Washington politics for over 40 years. He has declared this "a failed presidency." The LPSDs must be so proud of this president. So proud, in fact, that two Colorado LPSDs wouldn't even meet him on the tarmac when he landed in Denver a few weeks ago. Don't these buffoons realize there are already pictures of them available proudly smiling as they stand next to him? When campaigning in 2008 Obama said, to thunderous cheers, "The Rule of Law will be the touchstone of my Administration." That is simply laughable and completely untrue. Where is the media? Where are the professionals that would point out these things to the American people? Sadly, most are liberally biased. They refuse to point out Obama's lies, deceptions and ineptness. The American media should be our leading sheepdogs. Unfortunately they have become lapdogs. Someone recently said, "For the most part we have a 'blind and compliant' press." Can't remember who said that, but it's true. How proud the LPSDs must be. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



***"If the thief is found breaking in,
and he is struck so that he dies,
there shall be no guilt for his bloodshed."***

Exodus 22:2, NKJV

72% of Muslims Approve of Obama Gallup: Majority of Muslims and Atheists Approve of Obama; Christians Don't

by Brittany M. Hughes and Michael W. Chapman, CNSNews.com

While President Barack Obama's job approval rating was highest, by religion, among Muslims, other non-Christians, Jews (by faith), and atheists, his highest job disapproval ratings were among Christians -- Catholics, Protestants, Mormons, and other Christians.

In the survey, conducted January-June 2014, Gallup asked about Obama's job approval and disapproval, by religion. While 72% of Muslims and 54% of atheists expressed approval, only 44% of Catholics did, and only

37% of Protestant/Other Christian and 18% of Mormon/Latter-day Saints.

As for those Americans who disapprove of Obama's job performance, 51% are Catholic; 58% are Protestant/Other Christian; and 78% are Mormon/Latter-day Saints.

"The United States remains a predominantly Christian nation, with roughly half of Americans identifying with a Protestant religion and another quarter identifying as Catholics," said Gallup. "Thus, the opinions of these Christian groups are by far the most influential in determining Obama's overall ratings."

"The patterns in Obama's job approval by religion have prevailed throughout his presidency, with Muslim, Jewish, and nonreligious Americans giving him higher ratings, and Mormons and Protestants giving him the lowest ratings," said Gallup. "Catholics have typically been closest to the national average, but slightly above it."

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objective measurements and more depression and anxiety!

If the drugs did nothing for some kids but benefited others, then there would be a net benefit. **These results can only stand if the benefit gained by some was outweighed by the harm done to others, or if there was no net benefit at all in objective and subjective measures as seen by the kids taking the drugs.**

So what was the "essential, life-changing" nature of the treatment? Might it have been that the kids were more **compliant** and thus "easier" to teach? That they were "easier" to live with? That from **everyone else's** perspective the outcome was worth it, **even though it screwed the kid in question?**

Oh, and the treatment wasn't free either, so not only did it objectively **harm** the patient it also drained money from the parents and put it in the pocket of the drug company.

I have long maintained that we have come way too far down the road in calling something a "disorder" that is really a difference, and that were we to treat kids then as we do now many of those who have made incredible contributions to society would never have done so. I list among those who we would call "disabled" under our modern definitions Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein, and dozens more. Edison held over 1,000 patents in his name and many more in the UK, France, and Germany, he is responsible for inventing the stock ticker, a (for the time) high-capacity storage battery, electrical power, motion pictures, and recorded music among other things.

Yet, he was considered "addled" in school **and ended his official schooling just three months in**, as his teacher considered it "impossible" for him to focus.

Good thing we didn't drug him, eh, considering that he went on to found 14 companies, including, yes, **General Electric.**

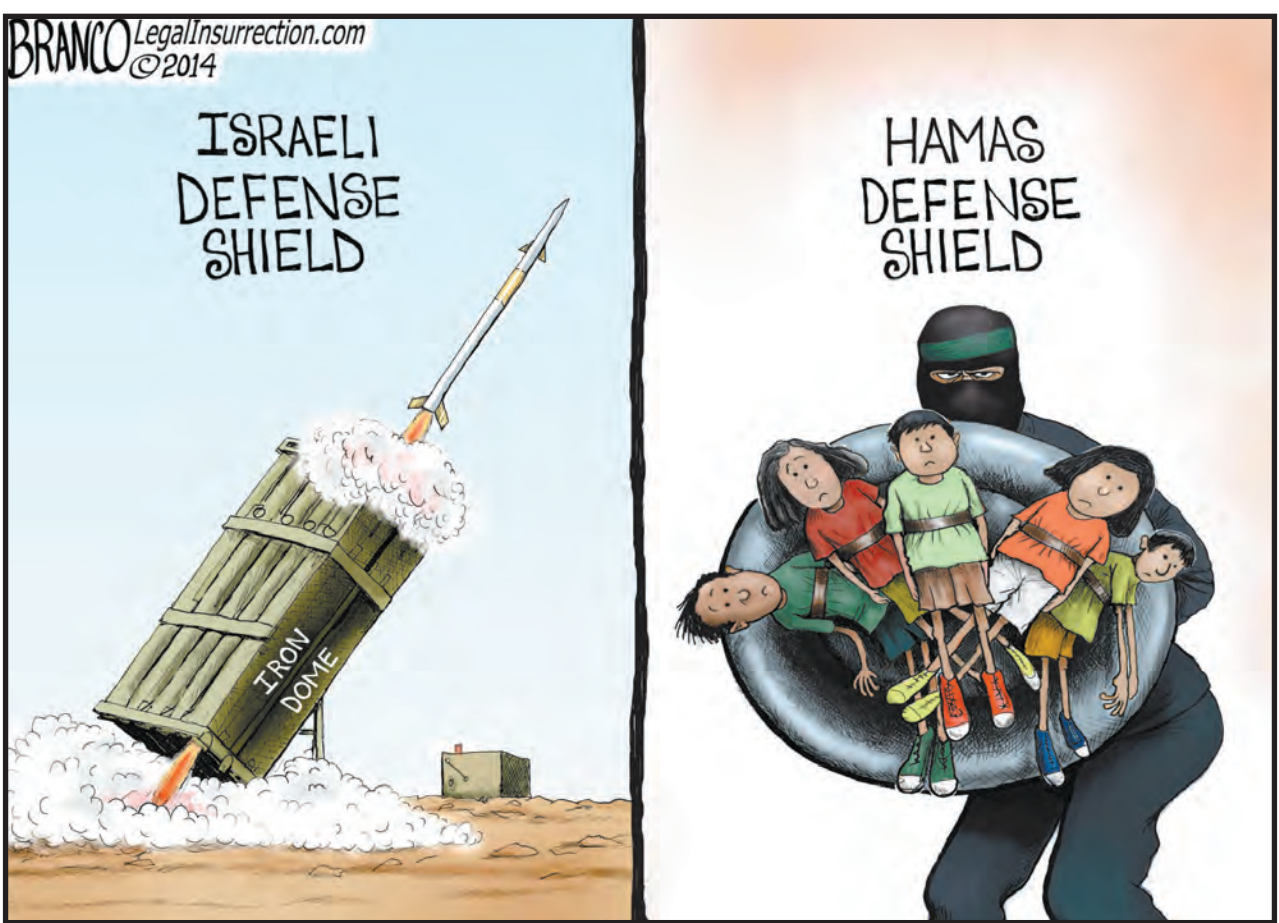
So, what have we really been doing here? Is it not more of a matter of making kids more "compliant" and thus **easy** for others to "teach" in a form and fashion **they** find easy, rather than one that moves at a pace and with a focus that is attuned to the student? Yes, it can be quite difficult if you're a parent or an educator of a kid who happens to have a mind that runs more like a flathead, supercharged V-8 and yours is a tiny inline normally-aspirated 4, **but who's fault is it that you have the smaller engine and do you have the right to remove the supercharger and restrict the larger engine's airflow?** Leaving aside the societal benefit **who's head is it anyway** and for good or bad why do you believe you have the right to arrogate to yourself the ability to change how it works?

The usual argument is that the drugs make outcomes better. But now we have evidence that matches what I have maintained for a long time -- **it doesn't make outcomes better and, in fact, appears to make them worse!**

What it does do is make **your** life easier.

Now here's what I'd like you to think about: *Is a chemical lobotomy any different than one performed with a knife, and, if you can't defend the latter, how do you defend the former?*

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**"We can forgive the Arabs for killing our children," she claimed.
"We cannot forgive them for forcing us to kill their children."
~ Golda Meir, Fourth Prime Minister to Israel**

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Great News! Gas Prices “only” \$3.67 (vs. \$1.89 When Obama Took Office)

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I realized we are all in need of some good news. I know it seems I’m way down on Obama. Well, it’s time I did indeed give him some props and say way to go Barack, we believe in you.

So let me share this positive tidbit that should get everyone cheering and celebrating — are you ready? According to ABC News, “A survey says the average price of a gallon of regular gasoline in the U.S. has fallen 4 cents over the last three weeks to \$3.67.” As Austin Powers would say, “Yeah, baby!”

We’ve been waiting awhile for some positive economic indicators, and that additional four cents in my car change cubby will make a nice contribution into one of the local fountains here in Palm Beach Gardens.

ABC reports that “industry analyst Trilby Lundberg said this past Sunday that crude oil prices fell over news that Libyan output has risen and Iraq’s production was not substantially harmed by recent violence. The survey taken last Friday shows the average price for a gallon of midgrade gas was \$3.86 and the average price for a gallon of premium was \$4.01. Diesel averaged \$3.94 a gallon. Of cit-

ies surveyed in the continental U.S., Tulsa, Oklahoma, had the lowest average price at \$3.35 a gallon. San Francisco had the highest average at \$4.12 a gallon. In California, the average price for regular gasoline was \$4.07 a gallon.”

I do have to point out that when gas prices hit an astronomical high of \$2.50 during the George W. Bush presidency, the mainstream media went apoplectic. But have you heard anything from the media about high gas prices lately? Then again, the new normal in America is that anything is acceptable as long as Barack Hussein Obama is president.

See? There is a reason to sing “Happy” or maybe Weird Al Jankovic’s version, “Tacky.”

I’ll give Obama credit even though the average price of gasoline in January 2009 was \$1.89. But of course the increase wasn’t his fault — it was those bad oil companies, nothing to do with administration policies, like quantitative easing (excessively printing money which

devalues our dollar).

Oops, I forgot, don’t wanna be called a racist — sorry Barack, my bad, the rising cost of gasoline has nothing to do with you. Heard anything about the Keystone XL Pipeline lately? Yea, Obama is still deliberating and studying — voting “present.”

But out in Tulsa I bet they’re throwing some serious parties, maybe even taking a road trip over to Stillwater and hanging out at Eskimo Joes with those saved pennies. You guys out in San Francisco, well, talk to Nancy Pelosi — but then again you don’t have to drive far to the Redwoods or even Napa valley to chill out.

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Liberal Law Professor Urges Congress to Halt Obama’s Power Grab

by Brendan Bordeloin,
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Liberal law professor Jonathan Turley warned a panel of lawmakers that they “must act” in support of a lawsuit against President Barack Obama for executive overreach or face “self-destruction” as a deliberative body.

Turley appeared as a witness for the House Rules Committee on Wednesday as that panel considered advancing a proposed lawsuit that would check the White House’s recent moves to cut out Congress on issues like health-care reform, immigration and drug policy.

The George Washington University law professor — who supports many of President Obama’s policies but opposes their unilateral implementation — expressed his support for the lawsuit and his belief that Congress, as a co-equal branch of government, has the standing to sue to presidency.

“Our system is changing,” he warned, “and this body is the one branch that must act if we are to reverse those changes. We are seeing the emergence of a different model of government, a model long-ago rejected by the framers.”

Turley excoriated lawmakers who he believes won’t stand up for their own rights under the Constitution.

“A dominant presidency has occurred with very little congressional opposition,” he noted. “Indeed, when President Obama pledged to circumvent Congress, he received rapturous applause from the very body that he was proposing to make practically irrelevant. Now many members are contesting the right of this institution to even be heard in federal court.”

“This body is moving from self-loathing to self-destruction in a system that is in crisis,” the law professor charged. “The president’s pledge to effectively govern alone is alarming, and what is most alarming is his ability to fulfill that pledge.”

When a president can govern alone, he can become a government unto himself,” he warned, “which is precisely the danger the framers sought to avoid. What we’re witnessing today is one of the greatest crises that members of this body will face.”

It has a patina of politics that is hard to penetrate,” Turley explained. “It did not start with President Obama — I was critical of his predecessor, and certainly this goes back long before George Bush. But it has reached a tipping point.”

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