

There's a New Sheriff in Town!

Custer County Elected Officials Sworn In January 13, 2015



Sheriff Shannon Byerly and his wife, Lynette



Judge Michaelson swearing in Sheriff Byerly



County Assessor JD Henrich



County Clerk Debbie Livingood



County Treasurer Virginia Trujillo



Judge Michaelson swearing in County Commissioner Bob Kattnig



Judge Michaelson swearing in County Coroner Art Nordyke

On Tuesday, January 13th, the courtroom was a full house for the swearing in ceremony for Custer County's elected officials.

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of good courage,
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be afraid of them;
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Your God, He is
the One who
goes with you.
He will not
leave you nor
forsake you."
Deut. 31:6, NKJV*



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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

WHERE WAS THE UNITED STATES?

Once again our tone deaf president was AWOL. AWOL is a military abbreviation for "absent without leave." In short it means one is not where one is supposed to be at a specified time. In this case President Barack Hussein Obama was not in Paris when he should have been to represent the United States and show our allies and friends that we stand with them in these dangerous times. Neither the Vice President nor Secretary of State were there either. We were initially told that Attorney General Holder was there to represent us. Then it turns out he didn't quite make the rally even though he was there. Several dozen other world leaders were there and about 3-4 million French and European citizens also showed up all around the country. In the end we had our ambassador represent us. Did you see her? How embarrassing. Just where was the president? What was so important that he couldn't be there? And if not him, why not at least the Vice President? We were first told it was a security issue. Seriously? Forty other world leaders were safe but apparently that wasn't good enough. When that didn't work, the White House admitted maybe it was a mistake and maybe someone with a high level profile should have attended. Maybe Obama thought he would be late for the Monday photo op with the NBA Champions. His spokesman, Josh Earnest, was asked where the president was during the rally. His answer: I don't know, I didn't ask him. This is what serves as the staff of the most powerful leader of the most powerful country in the world. Amateurs at best! America used to be the leader of the free world. No longer; we now "lead from behind." A true oxymoron. We believe he really doesn't want

to be the leader. That's a hard thing to do and he is not up to the job. He would much rather let others lead the way. He's a follower at best. He cannot be this unaware and feckless. It must be part of his plan. We are told he is so smart, such an intellect, so how can we believe this is some kind of mistake. This was no mistake. He acts this way on purpose because this kind of Islamic terrorism doesn't fit his narrative. He says we have already won that war, remember? We all need to understand that he does exactly what he wants to do. He has a pen, a phone, a big airplane, and no one around him that can tell him anything. Well, maybe Valerie Jarrett. So we can only surmise that he intended to embarrass America; that he intended to snub our friends and allies or that he just doesn't care about these things. Remember he hit a golf ball off the first tee box exactly eight minutes after he made remarks about an American being beheaded. Those eight minutes included a costume and attitude change. What concern! What compassion! What sorrow! This man is an embarrassment to all Americans. He is clueless and clearly tone deaf. He smacks gum at the inappropriate time, he bows to kings, and he appeases the terrorists. America deserves better. We all deserve a president that loves this country, acknowledges its exceptionalism, and truly aspires to keep us all safe. But instead his liberal progressive agenda is only about the redistribution of wealth. He doesn't believe there is a war with Islamic terrorists. He believes this evil, 99% of which is perpetrated by Islamic crazies, is simply a crime to be dealt with by law enforcement

and the courts. So his response to the terrorist acts in America, and most recently in France, is to host a conference on "violent extremism", whatever that means. Violent extremism can happen anywhere by anyone. There is violent extremism at family gatherings and at most bars every Saturday night. Obama's conference on violent extremism will be attended by educators, mental health workers, religious leaders, and social workers. The words radical Islamists will not be used. Does that tell you how he sees what is going on around the world and who is responsible for it? Enough with the political correctness and multiculturalism! The majority of Muslims are good and peaceful people we are told. So What! Only 7-10% of the German people were Nazis or sympathizers and look what they wound up doing. Before an issue or problem can be solved one must identify the issue or problem first. Obama sees this as a Kumbaya problem and solution. He is convinced we can all just get along if we meet and talk. That will not happen. Many of you just heard of the "no-go zones" around Paris. These

are areas the police and other authorities will not enter. These are areas where terrorism is fomented. These are areas where Sharia law is practiced and the authorities look the other way. It might interest you to know these areas are also found in America. These zones are hot beds for recruiting of more Islamic terrorists. This is what we need a conference on. This is the reality that needs discussed. This is what we won't get from President Obama. Instead he will gather a group of the wrong kinds of people who will talk around the real subject and the real solutions and then in the end "hug it out." That's his style. Meanwhile, America and Americans will remain at risk to violence by the jihadists of one religion and culture. We can take solace from Attorney General Holder's reminder that we don't profile; that's not the American way. And we can sleep well at night knowing that during these very dangerous times President Obama's main effort is to empty out GITMO as quickly as he can. Unbelievable! We are "Charlie" but we are also "Americans" and many of us are tired of the poor leadership.



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NATIONAL SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE DAY: Sunday, January 18, 2015

by Candy Thompson,
Cañon City, CO

On January 14, 1988, President Ronald Reagan established the National Sanctity of Human Life Day in his Personhood Proclamation:

Our nation cannot continue down the path of abortion, so radically at odds with our history, our heritage, and our concepts of justice. This sacred legacy, and the well-being and the future of our country, demand that protection of the innocents must be guaranteed and that the personhood of the unborn be declared and defended throughout our land.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim and declare the unalienable personhood of every American, from the moment of conception until natural death, and I do proclaim, ordain, and declare that I will take care that the Constitution and laws of the United States are faithfully executed for the protection of America's unborn children. Upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind and the gracious favor of Almighty God. I also proclaim Sunday, January 17, 1988, as National Sanctity of Human Life Day. I call upon the citizens of this blessed land to

gather on that day in their homes and places of worship to give thanks for the gift of life they enjoy and to reaffirm their commitment to the dignity of every human being and the sanctity of every human life.

Since 1988 the third Sunday in January, the one closest to the Roe vs Wade court decision to make abortion legal, has been designated as National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Each year churches all over America commemorate life in their services on this day yet children continue to be sacrificed at staggering numbers.

When President Reagan defended the unborn in his proclamation there had been 22 million abortions since the 1973 decision. Today the number has climbed to over 56 million. Encouraging is a recent poll showing for the first time since 1995 a majority of Americans indicated they were pro-life, 51% to 42% pro-abortion. The rate of abortion has also dropped but the total number each year is still over a million reported and there is no way to estimate how many are aborted through abortive pills in the privacy of one's home.

President Reagan warned us when he said we cannot continue on this path of abortion that is at odds with everything we have always stood for as a nation. Sadly, over half the women getting abortions indicate they are Christian or Catholic. 38% of mainline white Christians said

they did not believe abortion was morally wrong in another poll. It is evident that we cannot continue to be blessed with the unprecedented favor we have enjoyed if we continue to turn our backs on God and on the cries of the innocent whose blood is a reproach in the land. Our land is now being overrun with murder and lawlessness and we are divided as never before.

God called out to His people to return to Him when they turned their backs on Him and did not remember all He had done for them and were not thankful. They would not listen and suffered great judgment. Today, He is still calling out to His people to return to Him and choose life.

Deuteronomy 30:15-20, "See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. . . . This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." (God commands us to choose life.)

Another perspective on Today's Law Enforcement

by Bill Bailey,
Westcliffe, CO

I'm writing this as an outsider, one who doesn't really know what it's like to be in the trenches everyday, to see all the things that make up the work day of law enforcement officer. But, I'm very observant of life and lives and I see a lot of people who are critical of the police but they really don't stop and think about what the average policeman experiences in his career. (I use policemen generically because there are policewomen too). Think how you would feel after encountering liars, drunks, child abusers, prostitutes, and drug dealers. It seems like every scene I've ever witnessed, the truth is the first casualty in a crime. When a cop stops a car they rarely get the truth; they never know who has a gun and are concerned with everyone's safety, even the one being questioned. They investigate murders with body parts in different positions, rapes with crying victims, children with terror in their eyes, and liars. I don't think I could be a "good" cop. I get so furious when I see a car chase, wrecking havoc on innocent bystanders, all because of someone who has a warrant for unpaid traffic offenses. And the same excuses come up all the time. "Why did you run?" "I was scared." "Of what?" "I don't know"

So it gets down to a cop having to make a life or death decision in split seconds. He doesn't have the minutes or maybe days that a doctor has, or the years or maybe decades that governors, lawyers, and prison wardens have. No, he or she is asked to decide instantly when someone reaches into their pocket or grabs at their weapon or jumps into a dark shadow to hide. How many of you would be willing to confront a young gang member in a dark alley, or walk up to a car full of men on a lonely road when backup is 10 minutes away? How many of you could look at a brutal murder scene with the blood, other body fluids and still go to work the next day? They are not calloused or insensitive, but they have a job to do and that is preserve evidence and find the perpetrator. How could you deal with the judges that release those who you arrested because the perp had a slick lawyer and put forth a good sob story? Then how would you feel if your

own mayor sided with the people throwing bricks and bottles at you, or the Attorney General meets with the criminal's family yet ignores you?

After all that, would you consider not even going to work? With the many frustrations, would you consider cheating a little? Maybe manufacturing evidence against the known bad guy? Or taking some of the ill-gotten drug money home? Thankfully, there are not too many cops like that. Of course there are a few, but only a few compared to the many that do their job as they have sworn to do. I think occasional aggression is an occupational hazard. Peer pressure will hopefully curtail that.

So here is my assessment. Would I want to be a cop? Sometimes, but not for a job. Should the cops get ex-military gear like tanks, bazookas, and machine guns? No, the military have plenty which can be borrowed. Should we arm cops with more tasers, body cameras, and better weapons? Yes to the first two and enough fire power to keep ahead of the bad guys. We need to pay them like our life depended on it, treat them like they were your neighbor, and regulate them like any other professional. They are persons with a good deal of authority and with that comes an equal amount of responsibility.

I have, for some time now, advocated for a law that would protect police and the public while severely punishing the wrong doers. 1) Any crime against a policeman while on duty is subject to double the normal penalties. 2) Anyone who impersonates a policeman by word or device (i.e. badge) is subject to double the normal punishment for any crime committed. 3) Any policeman that commits a crime while representing themselves as a policeman is subject to double the normal punishment (i.e. burglary, rape, murder, etc.). 4) Any policeman or civilian who perjures themselves or presents false evidence in court resulting in lengthy incarceration of an innocent person is subject to half the sentence of the wrongly convicted. 5) A 10-20-life law (10 years for producing a gun, 20 years for using a gun, 25 years to life for shooting another person resulting in injury or death) would go after the cause of gun violence, not honest gun owners.

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Many Thanks for Supporting Wrestling Tournament!

On Saturday, January 10, the Custer County High School hosted the annual Custer County Wrestling Invitational. This year's tournament included over 100 wrestlers representing 10 different teams. As always, events of this nature require help from a number of community and staff members. The Custer County School District would like to publicly thank the following individuals for their efforts:

Bill Canda - Announcer

Jamie Baker - Trainer

Troy Bomgardner - Results Entry

Lynn May, Joy Parrish, Lia McGee, Rebekah Cravens, Tom Aldrich, John Tillotson, Mark Pedigo, Bruce May - Scorers & Clock Operators

Michelle Tillotson - Bracketing

Christina Crawford and wrestler's parents - Hospitality room for coaches and officials

Michelle Pedigo - T-shirt sales

PTSO and Custer County band program - Concessions

Emma Aldrich, Grace Flynn, Haylee Hutterner, Holly Young - Runners

Wyatt Aldrich, Wesley Curtis, Ainsley Selle, Adison Selle, Grant Cravens, Ty Bomgardner - Tappers

Cody Young, Seani Millard - Awards

Lana Flynn - Facilities

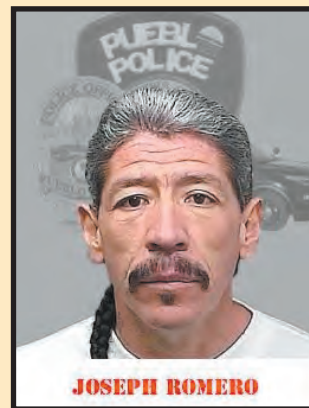
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Many other individuals not named above also helped with this effort. I apologize for any inadvertent name omissions, and hope that a general thank you is sufficient to let all volunteers know that we greatly appreciate their effort in making the 2015 Custer County Invitational a success.

Chris Selle,
Superintendent/Tournament Director
Custer County School District

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New Year Brings Changes for County Commissioners *Sentinel* is Named Paper of Record for Custer County

by Paul Sage

In their first order of business for the new year, the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, January 13th, approved a resolution adding “Butler Field” to the name of the Silver West Airport. The move is in honor of outgoing Commissioner Alan Butler’s over 20 years of service to the cause of the airport and aviation safety in Custer County.

After the swearing in of newly elected Commissioner Bob Kattnig, the board continued with the business of the new year. Following the procedure established at the beginning of 2014

to rotate positions of the board, Commissioner Shy was named the Chairman of the Board and Commissioner Attebery the Vice Chair. They made appointments to numerous county posts and formulated their meeting and holiday schedules for 2015. In addition, the commissioners established their official posting places as again the courthouse bulletin board and the county web site, custercountygov.com.

A change for the new year was the decision to switch their newspaper notice publication from the *Wet Mountain Tribune* to the *Sangre de Cristo Sentinel*. In an earlier sealed bid process, the *Senti-*

nel offered to perform this service for a third of the maximum legally allowable rate “for the good of the county,” according to *Sentinel* spokesman Mike Hess. The *Tribune* has charged the county, and thereby the citizens of the county, the maximum rate for as long as records can be followed. Through its spokesman, attorney Jay Printz, the *Tribune* argued that with a circulation of over 2,700 gathered over 131 years of publication, the paper was better able to meet the publishing requirements than the *Sentinel*, which has garnered about half that many subscribers in just 18 months.

Sentinel Managing Editor George Gramlich indicated that he had an expectation of circulation growing with the awarding of the county publishing contract because many people in the past have had to rely on the other paper to receive these notices.

In the unusual move of explaining the reasons for their votes, Commissioners Attebery and Shy both indicated that the financial benefit to the citizens of the county was the primary motivation. The move saves two-thirds

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Both commissioners also indicated that they liked seeing the tax dollars spent to support a new small business, in line with the economic development goals of the county and other groups promoting such development. Responding to *Tribune* attorney Jay Printz’s allegation that the *Sentinel* is a special interest, agenda driven publication, Commissioner Attebery responded that, “each paper, in my opinion, has their own agenda in what they want to do.”

Another point brought up by Commissioner Attebery was that neither publication were generally made available in Wetmore,

San Isabel, and other parts of the county he represents, and he would like to see that addressed, but the financial savings in the publishing contract would allow the county the option to publish things of special interest to those areas in outside publications more commonly read in those parts of the county.

After the meeting, the *Sentinel* staff agreed to look at ways to increase circulation in these areas and try to find outlets for paper sales in these underserved parts of the county.

Newly sworn in Commissioner Kattnig explained that he abstained from voting on the publishing contract because 40 minutes into the new job he didn’t feel comfortable doing so.



Alan Butler receiving a plaque adding ‘Butler Field’ to the name of the SilverWest Airport.

Sentinel photo by Paul Sage

County Appointments

The following Custer County Government appointments were determined for 2015:

Chairman: Christopher L. (Kit) Shy

Vice-Chairman: Lynn Attebery

Commissioner: Robert (Bob) Kattnig

Clerk to the Board:
Debbie Livengood

Deputy Clerk to the Board:
Kris Lang

County Attorney: John Naylor

Assistant County Attorney:
Clint Smith

Road & Bridge Supervisor:
Rusty Christensen

Assistant Supervisor/Westcliffe:
Roger Squire

Assistant Supervisor/Wetmore:
Larry Haynes

Human Resource/Finance Manager:
Dawna Hobby

Custodian: Dave Post

Scales/ Minor Maintenance:
Dave Post

Human/Social Services Director:
Laura Lockhart

Publisher: Sangre de Cristo Sentinel
(if funds allow):
Canon City Daily Record/
Pueblo Chieftain/
Florence Citizen

Official Posting Place:
Bulletin Board in the Courthouse

Official Web Site:
custercountygov.com

Depositories: First State of Colorado
dba Colorado Mountain Bank
Colo Trust

Planning & Zoning Director:
Jackie Hobby

IT Director: Chuck Ippolito

County Public Health Nurse:
Gail Stoltzfus

County Health Officer:
Gail Stoltzfus

Office of Emergency Management:
Christe Coleman

Veteran Service Officer:
Anna Orgeron (on acceptance)

Veterans Service Assistant:
Lorraine Silva (on acceptance)

Landfill Supervisor:
Rusty Christensen



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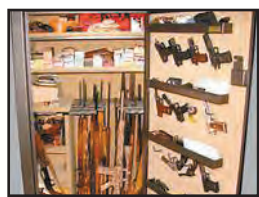
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On the Trail with Barley & Belle

On the Trail of the Yummy Snail

by Jeremy Carr

Snakes and snails and puppy dog tails, that's what survivors are made of. OK!

All those who are made of sugar and spice and everything nice can now say EWE.... Grosssssss!

We all know, snails have been safely eaten for centuries by European cultures and civilizations. While the French have taken cultivating snail populations to the level of an art form, mainly for size, there is no difference when it comes to the edibility of the lowly garden snail and a cultivated French snail. All terrestrial snails and slugs are edible.

There is only one rule you have to remember when it comes to snails and slugs. You must ALWAYS cook them thoroughly or they can kill you. Well, technically they can't kill you. It would be the parasites and viruses that co-exist with them as a means of transportation or transference - meningitis being the most common. NEVER harvest snails or slugs for human consumption from carcasses or rotting commercial trash heaps due to potential bio hazards.

So, how do you purge snails and slugs of potential contaminants? This is achieved by confining the snail/slug and starving them for two or three days and then feeding them "human food" for approximately three days. I recently heard it suggested from a world class chef that he feeds them carrots. Once their systems have been flushed out they will start pooping orange. You may also experiment by feeding the snail various herbs and spices. At one time the romans would feed their snails Bran and wine until they became plump and oh so delicious, but what good is flavoring when you don't know how to properly prepare a snail?

Here are some of the directions on preparing snails from: <http://www.eatthe->



weeds.com/are-slugs-edible-what-about-snails-2/



Snails:

Put water into a saucepan Bring to a boil
Throw in the snails
Let them boil approx. 15 minutes
Take them out of their shells
Wash them several times, clean them thoroughly and place them in clean water
Boil them for another 15 minutes
Take them out, rinse them and dry them
Place them in a frying-pan with a little butter, and fry them gently for a few minutes until lightly brown



Slugs:

Slugs, far more than snails, eat toxic mushrooms and plants. During mushroom season put the pre-fed slugs into a 50/50 mixture of water and vinegar. This will kill the slugs and force them to release mucus. Leave 5 minutes in boiling water.

Change the water and boil again for 10 minutes.

Change the water a third time and boil again for 15 minutes (you will have gone through three changes of water and a total of 30 minutes boiling time.)

If the slug is foul tasting, remove the digestive organs much as you would deveining a shrimp and rinse the slug. The cooked slug is now ready to eat or

use in other dishes.

A survival technique for cooking snails is to put them upside down next to your fire and leave them there until they bubble vigorously.

Nutritional information:

In general snails and slugs are considered high in protein, on up to 15 percent pure protein, along with approximately 80 percent water with the rest being fat and other nutrients.

Keep in mind these little fellas are considered garden pests all across the United States and, despite being capable of their own locomotion, they are not regulated by the political bobbie-heads and the flimsy flypaper they scratch rules and regulations on. Thus, there is no bag limit for Mr. Game Warden to regulate.

The only thing left for you to do is get the nerve up, go out at first thaw and find your new gourmet ingredient. Moving at a snail's pace on this one is definitely allowed and, as my mom would say, "Good bread, good meat, good slugs, let's eat."

Disclaimer:

No critters were harmed in the writing of this article, just eaten.

This article was brought to you by people eating tasty and/or disgustingly slimy animals.

As always, never substitute someone else's opinion for your own good judgment and taste. Do your own research to keep yourself and your family safe.

Here is a really great site that some of the information in this article included:

<http://eattheinvaders.org/faq/>

Custer County C-1 School Board Meeting Citizen Complains about Using Common Core Standards

by Larry Luikart

Chairman Gaide opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and then welcomed the guests present. After making one minor adjustment to the agenda the meeting proceeded.

Ms. Gaide opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Ron Rodriguez, a concerned citizen, requested clarification regarding the newspaper articles in the *Sentinel* and the *Wet Mountain Tribune*. His analysis

via a conference call in the next weeks to get to know one another.

The Accountability Committee reported they are working with the budget recommendations from the two school principals for a report to be presented at the next meeting of the Board.

Dr. Terre Davis reported on the activities of BOCES. The BOCES Board, at its January 8, 2015 meeting, fired Director Mr. Kevin Schott for failure to follow Board directives replacing

School District.) The Superintendent agreed to look into creating a hot spot at the shed to eliminate this expense.

Elementary Principal Holly Anderson reported, "January is a great time of uninterrupted learning." They are currently in the middle of the assessment window NWEA (Maps). The elementary students will be taking assessments in Math, Reading and Language Arts.

A study is underway to determine what it means to be an "advanced student." Many of the teachers are looking forward to the CCIRA (Colorado Chapter of the International Reading Association) conference. The REAP grant paid for one day of the conference, but to the credit and professionalism of the staff, many have paid for the rest of the three-day conference from their own resources. Be sure to put the Science Night, January 15, 2015 and the Literacy Family Night January 29, 2015, on your calendars to attend these important events.

Secondary Principal Barb Jones reported she is also preparing for the NWEA (Maps) testing. Troy Baumgartner has scheduled the local scholarship night for the last week in February. Carla Woolfolk, a graduate student from Texas A and M, will be working for two semesters with Troy Baumgartner and Don Pinella on a school counseling internship.

Mrs. Jones commended the staff for duty above and beyond in getting the end of semesters exams completed. This situation resulted from so many students being ill during the exam period. She noted some teachers took time from their Christmas break to get the exams completed.

In his report to the Board, Superintendent Selle stated that the legislative session in Denver has started where school funding will be a hot topic. The negative factor continues at \$495,000 but the Governor's budget has reduced the amount by \$121,000 for the 2015-16 school year only. He discussed a flexibility plan for the UIP (Unified Improvement Plan). Essentially,

Our District has the potential for absolute precedent setting excellence. It is way past time for the Board to demand, not ask, for standards that create that excellence.

indicated the two articles conflicted with one another in the way each compared the competency of the District in effective education of the children. He made a definitive statement that the continued use of the Common Core Standards in the District are failing. His granddaughter is a student at Custer County and he indicated the District performance continues to decline and felt her education is not preparing her properly for life. He asked the Board not to continue using the students as guinea pigs. The Board did not comment on these concerns at this point in the meeting.

Maegan Holycross gave a brief presentation updating the Board on the Washington, D.C., trip. The students have been working hard with various fundraisers and Ms. Holycross expressed her thanks to Silver Cliff Mountain Inn for sponsoring the November fundraiser and she thanked the American Legion and the Historical Society for their donations. The departure date for the trip is early morning March 23rd with a return late night on March 26th. The Custer County students will be pairing with another group of students from a school in Tennessee. Ms. Holycross indicated the two groups will be communicating

him on an interim basis with Dr. Henry Roman. Dr. Roman is a former superintendent who has agreed to serve at the pleasure of the Board. Dr. Davis informed the public the BOCES Board has agreed to a one time, one thousand dollar salary increase for BOCES staff this year. The Board is considering salary adjustments for next year. Dr. Davis wanted the public to understand these measures will eventually impact the Custer County School District budget. Dr. Davis indicated the teachers in the Custer County School District have been granted raises in the last three years that far exceed any given in the rest of the Southern Colorado BOCES Member School Districts. This comparative information is a positive step in making the Custer County School District competitive with other school districts.

The Board approved the hiring of George Fenley as a substitute teacher. Mr. Fenley is a K-12 certified teacher. The Board approved the Check Voucher and Financial Reports.

Dr. Davis questioned the continued expenditure of fifty dollars per month for DD Wireless service at the bus shed. (Note: DD Wireless is no longer the IT provider for Custer County

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Gun Ownership Comes with a Lot of Liability

by J Cascarelli

With the attack of a tourist and his family by a motorcycle gang near Hardscrabble Canyon this summer, I was motivated to think about the prospect of defending myself and my family if caught up in a similar situation. The first step I took was to write a letter to the *Sentinel* and ask our local law enforcement personnel, local attorneys, local judges, and local prosecutors for their advice. Sadly, only then Sheriff-elect Byerly responded to this request for guidance. He wrote a thoughtful and detailed letter of response and I'm happy to report that I immediately took his advice. Byerly inspired me to sign up for a US Law Shield seminar in Colorado Springs. It was a long drive (100 miles each way), but the trip was worth the trouble and expense on many levels.

To attend, I had to pay a nominal fee which entitled me to a three-hour session where a Boulder police sergeant, a self-defense attorney, and the Law Shield staff conducted an information filled evening. As a result, I purchased an annual membership with US Law Shield for less than the cost of three boxes of ammunition. My biggest surprise was the realization that there was such a thing as a "firearms related self-defense" attorney. Like many of the

forty plus attendees, I discovered that if one had the unfortunate experience to defend him/herself or a family member using deadly force (a firearm), finding an attorney with the knowledge and experience presents all kinds of challenges.

The sad fact is that most Americans have learned what they know about "self-defense" from movies and TV.

US Law Shield has assembled a group of attorneys with firearms related self-defense experience. Ignorance on the part of the overwhelming majority of members of the legal community regarding self-defense is well known. Those who have been convicted of murder for defending themselves and are currently serving prison terms are well aware of the liabilities of defending one's self with deadly force. At each US Law Shield seminar, one of their lawyers presents the realities of self-defense in two parts.

Part one covers a topic like how to deal with the police when they arrive at the crime scene. Part two is a question and answer session where members of the audience can ask tough questions. I've attended two seminars and I can assure the reader that the attorneys take on all questions and answer them directly.

Here is the reality of self-defense: There is no class in law school titled, "Defending a Client Charged with Murder Following a Self-defense Incident." When hired by an accused citizen, most attorneys immediately try to plea bargain. For those who don't know what that means, it involves the accused (that could be you) pleading guilty to a lesser charge. This could cost the accused thousands in legal expense. Pleading "not guilty" could cost considerably more, \$40,000 or so, because expert witnesses for hire aren't cheap. They charge thousands of dollars per day plus travel expense and food and lodging.

The sad fact is that most Americans have learned what they know about "self-defense" from movies and TV. Keep in mind that the phrase "most Americans" includes lawyers, judges, prosecutors, and most importantly the jury pool. It should be obvious that Hollywood screen writers have no obligation to portray

self-defense accurately. Can anyone remember Dirty Harry Callahan spending hours on paperwork, in depositions and in court after shooting a bad guy much less the dozens he kills throughout the movie? I didn't think so.

Enter an organization like US Law Shield. Not only do they provide on-going information about what to do and more important what NOT TO DO after a self-defense incident. It offers to its members a toll free number manned 24 X 7 X 365 by an attorney. US Law Shield then covers all legal costs for both criminal charges and civil action that may occur. In today's society, one can virtually count on a civil case. Their most valuable service is information that will keep honest law-abiding citizens out of court. Their advice, if involved in a self-defense altercation, first report it to the police (police dispatch calls are recorded). The next step is to call US Law Shield BEFORE the police interview occurs.

The US Law Shield attorneys are frank about what the self-defender can expect, like being disarmed, cuffed, and being treated like the guilty party. The USLS lawyers offer all kinds of suggestions on the aftermath of a self-defense shooting. The speaker at the first seminar that I attended was a former prosecutor and she provided

valuable insight into how prosecutors view those involved in a self-defense incident.

As a result of attending that first seminar, I discussed the experience with two local friends, Robin Schmutzler and Tom Davis. They were so intrigued that the three of us signed up for the next US Law Shield seminar. After an extended discussion with US Law Shield personnel, the idea of having a Custer County seminar held in the near future was considered. A session that will be co-sponsored by the CC Sheriff's Posse and the Southern Colorado Patriots Club has been scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2015, at 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cowboy Church. The audience will be limited to 60 and a nominal donation of \$15 will be charged. Attendees are asked to pre-register online at www.gunlawseminar.com or at the office of the *Sentinel* at 610 Main Street in Westcliffe. If the demand exceeds the 60 level a second seminar will be organized immediately. March 5, 2015 is the tentative date.

This opportunity should not be missed. Too many of us have been exposing ourselves and our family members to an unnecessary risk. It is time to consider a cost-effective remedy. The best thing to do is to enroll now.



American Legion

Boys State and Girls State

Now Accepting Applications For 2015



The American Legion Colorado Boys State and The American Legion Auxiliary Colorado Girls State are now accepting applications from high school junior boys and girls. Attendance at Boys State and Girls State is a special once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The 2015 Boys State session is scheduled at CSU Pueblo 30 May through 6 June. Girls State is scheduled at UNC Greeley 7 June through 12 June.

Attendance is a prestigious opportunity and great honor. Boys State and Girls State are programs of The American Legion National Americanism Commission and Auxiliary Americanism. They have been conducted annually since 1948. More than 25,000 young men participate in the national Boys State program each year and a like number in Girls State. More than 2 million young men and women are graduates of Boys State and Girls State. They are open only for high school juniors.

Boys State and Girls State are among the most respected and selective educational programs for government instruction for high school students in the nation. It is a participatory program where each delegate becomes a part of the operation of their local, county, and state government. Those graduating can receive up to four college credits that are transferable to 99% of all colleges in the U.S. They are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with city, county, and state governments operated by elected and appointed officials duly placed in office of their respective programs. Public officials and professional leaders make presentations and every phase of the program includes practical instruction of public officials and citizens.

The American Legion Westcliffe Post 170 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 170 sponsor

boys and girls every year. All expenses are paid by The Legion and Auxiliary, Westcliffe, Colorado with support from the Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation.

Information and application forms for Boys State 2015 are available on line at www.colegion-boysstate.org. Girls State information and applications are available on line at www.alacolorado.com/charigs.htm.

Post 170's contact for Boys State is Carol Kennedy (783-2462-H), (371-5202-C), email MommaWolf60@gmail.com

Unit 170's contacts for Girls State are Brinder Bradberry (783-2562-H), (371-5102-C), email fordjwb3@yahoo.com or Nancy Brooks (783-4011-H), (503-806-1911-C), email nakaibrooks@gmail.com.

All high school junior boys and girls are strongly encouraged to consider this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.



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Local Mountain News & Notices

CCHS Grads Offer Wisdom

by Troy Bomgardner

The annual graduate luncheon took place on January 6th at Custer County High School. Seven graduates took time to enter the hallways of CCHS again, only this time to offer their experiences as a learning tool for juniors and seniors. “It is always fun to see the graduates come back and hear of what they have learned about the post-secondary educational experience,” said Counselor Troy Bomgardner. “We had a great group this year with some outstanding wisdom to share!”

Fourteen juniors and seniors took advantage of the chance to hear from the graduates. Highlights from the graduates who attended the luncheon include:

Tyler Havens (CSU) *“Be disciplined now. Explore schools that you*

are interested in, and you will know the right one when you visit. You will just ‘feel it’.”

Rebecca Tillotson (Colorado Christian University)-*“Dual credit as much as possible to get the general education credits out of the way. I agree with what Max Parmenter said last year, ‘College is about three things: Academics, Social Life, and Sleep - you can only choose two!’”*

Willie Brandon (UCCS) *“You get out of it what you put into it. Check your school email early in the summer for they are already sending you info. Be ready for lots of homework!”*

Rachel King (UNC) *“Be sure to connect with your RA(Residence Assistant). Take advantage of all the resources available to you and that you’ve paid for!”*

Kris Henrich (UCCS)

“Get involved in campus activities, join a club, meet people. Choose your classes according to what type of person you are- AM or PM. Don’t throw your syllabus away!”

Heather Schlabach (CSU-P) *“Take time to think about what you want to get involved in. Work hard to get scholarships!”*

Karly May (Northeastern JUCO) *“JUCO is great place for a smaller setting and family atmosphere. The first week of school was the scariest week of my life! Don’t be afraid to get involved, and be sure to take a fun class.”*

Juniors and seniors will have a chance on January 20th to visit Pikes Peak Community College and UCCS during a school-sponsored trip. Also coming up is the PTSO Scholarship Night on February 18th.

9th Grade Roller Coaster Competition

In December, the ninth grade physical science students used their knowledge of momentum, conservation of momentum, kinetic and potential energy, and their creativity to design and construct a roller coaster. A thank you goes out to community members Sam Frostman, Jeff Mowry, Sarah Woods, Gary Frickell, and art teacher Carrie Smith who, using an extensive rubric, volunteered their time to judge the coasters. Sara Schepmann’s “The Peppermint Swirl” coaster won third place. Nicole Henrich and Celestina Barnes won second place for their “Custer Coaster”. Taking first place with her clever use of everyday materials and use of her knowledge of physics was Cortney Flynn’s “Holly Jolly Land”. Cortney wins a free pass to Elitch’s. The project was a valuable lesson in putting the concepts the students had been learning into practical use. It provided them with hands-on experience as engineers using both their scientific knowledge and their creativity.



Jeff Mowry tests Cortney Flynn’s 1st place coaster.
Courtesy photo by Carol Franta

CCHS Unveils Scholarship Website

by Troy Bomgardner

CCHS seniors will now be able to access scholarship information and opportunities via a website designed for Custer County students. The website address is www.cchs-counseling.weebly.com. The website currently has information on over 30 scholarships divided by local, state, and national categories. “The intent on developing this site was to direct our students to scholar-

ships that they may have an interest in,” state CCHS counselor Troy Bomgardner. “There is scholarship money available and there are literally thousands of scholarships. The initial search can be a little intimidating, so this site narrows the search for our students and it highlights our local scholarships.” Students may also visit the CCHS counseling office for help with their scholarship search.

Bobcats Score Season High 68 Points!

by Jim Silver

The CC Bobcats boys team broke loose in scoring this past weekend, with a 68-44 win over the Cripple Creek-Victor Pioneers on Saturday, January 10. This is the first conference foe faced by the Bobcats in the 2014-15 season. “The boys played their best game to date, not just in scoring but in rebounding and defense as well,” said Head Coach Jim Bistodeau after the victory. The boys outscored the Pioneers in the first quarter 12-5 but were pretty evenly matched in the second and third quarters. In the fourth quarter the Bobcats poured it on though, and showed a 26 to 7-point advantage over the Pioneers.

When several players get into the scoring groove, good things can happen. Three of the Bobcats scored more than 10 points: Kobe Lewsader led with 15, which included 2 of 4 outside the 3-point line. Devon Hockaday added 14 points and Conner Rowley scored 12. David Kinsey was close behind with 9, and conveniently, everyone else on the team added 6 points: Batson, Lyons, and Rhodes. Jordan Rhodes led in rebounds with 7. The team posted 8 steals, which must speak for the good showing on defense which the Coach highlighted.

“Now, it’s off to Del Norte where we will attempt to build off of the Cripple Creek game and come home with another victory,” said Coach Bistodeau. The Friday, January 16th,

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game is followed by another away game in South Park the following Friday, January 23rd. On Saturday, the 24th, the Bobcats play Sargent at home. The JV game is scheduled to start at 3:00 for both of the away games and the next home game. So, COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE BOBCATS!

Bobcats Sport Schedule

VARSITY BASKETBALL

Friday, January 16
4 p.m.: Del Norte AWAY

Friday, January 23
4 p.m.: South Park AWAY

Saturday, January 24
4 p.m.: Sargent at HOME

WRESTLING

Saturday, January 17
9 a.m.: Salida Tournament AWAY

Saturday, January 24
8 a.m.: Paonia Tournament at Paonia

Camp Happiness

Friday, January 22nd
from 10:30 a.m.
until about 12:00 p.m.

at the West Custer County Library

Camp Happiness is a new, interactive library program that gives kids the opportunity to learn through play, singing, movement, and art. The events are designed for children ages 0-6 years, but all ages are welcome.

Camp Happiness is held once a month.
For more information about Camp Happiness or for a list of event dates, stop by the library or call Jessica Carter at 783-9138.

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Bobcats Host at Home

by Michelle Pedigo

After hours of preparation on and off the mats, pre-tournament action at Friday night's Tri Meet, and early morning weigh-ins, the doors opened, tribute was paid to our country with the national anthem, whistles blew to start matches, and the 2015 wrestling Home Tournament was underway. Eight Bobcats in six weight classes joined 94 others representing nine additional teams to provide a full day of grappling action.

Senior Kody Aldrich, 170-pounder, was the story of the day, as he posted four wins, all by pin, to capture the 1st Place Championship. An interesting sidebar, this makes the second year in a row that the top weight class Bobcat has been a senior and has taken the championship (Manny Pedigo took the honors in 2014 at 182 pounds). In another notable story, 113-pounder Dylan Schoch, provided big excitement for himself and the team as he posted his first-ever wrestling win when he pinned Daniel Rugg of Pueblo West in 3:05. Weldon Rusher, 138-pounder, took the mat for the first time this season, and although he fell in his first match, he rallied back to win three in a row, ultimately landing him in 4th place. With a full, eight-man bracket at 145 pounds, Andrew Feldmann

landed a first round pin, fell in his second match, then picked up another first round pin to set him up to go for 3rd place. A disappointing loss by decision to Andre Konty of Cañon City ended Feldmann in 4th place. Cody Koble, in the varsity 152-pounder spot, pinned two opponents and dropped against two, splitting his day in a 2-2 record. Taiyr Seiilkhan, Ian Aldrich, and Edgar Pedigo, 126, 138, and 152 pounds respectively, all ended their days with 0-2 records.

As the books close on another home tournament, there are always many names that would go on a list of thanks. It would be impossible to put on the tournament without the staff and many volunteers. From securing awards, to setting up the brackets and computer program, to running the time clocks and scoreboards, to providing the hospitality room for visiting coaches and referees, every piece is important and all efforts are greatly appreciated. It's a good time to thank all the schools who participated in the competition. And let's not forget the fans of all the students who provide all the encouragement and cheering. As parents, we are well acquainted with attending events for our students and wouldn't miss the opportunities, but I would also like to specifically acknowledge and thank those who are



Kody Aldrich posted four wins to capture the 1st Place Championship.

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

not parents who attended. We know you have many choices of things to do with your time, and it means a lot that you would take time to support the athletes and the school with your attendance! One final thanks goes out to all those who supported the Fan Table by purchasing merchandise and 50-50 drawing tickets.

Saturday the team will travel the short distance to Salida where they will again take it to the mats!

Lady Bobcats Open League Play with a Win!

by Jim Silver

The Bobcats started 2015 the right way with a win over Cripple Creek-Victor. In the away game on Saturday, January 10th, the score at the final buzzer was Bobcats—52 and Pioneers—25. Custer County got out in front quickly, showing a 21 to 7 lead at the end of the first quarter, and maintained a points edge for the next 3 quarters. Serenity Ham led the team with 18 points, including sinking an impressive 9 of 11 from the free-throw line. Taylor Staton scored 11 points, including 3 of 4 free-throws attempted. Latisha Schlabach tallied 10 points, scoring a perfect 5 of 5 within the 2-point range.

Ham and Schlabach each posted 4 steals. Nicole Lorenzen showed up strong under the boards and led the team in rebounds with 10. Playing hard got three of the girls into foul trouble. Serenity Ham fouled out, and Latisha Schlabach and Athena Wisecup each had 4 fouls—not bad for 32 minutes of play.

Head Coach Gary Fischer had this to say about the team: "The girls played much better this week. We had our best week of practice so far this season, and it showed in the game. Last month was tough on everyone with sickness and injuries. The girls have really stepped up to the challenge and

are starting to play together as a team. Our defense really stepped it up against Cripple Creek! We have struggled at playing man-to-man defense so far this season, but are starting to understand it better. We just need to keep working hard during the week, and we will keep getting better."

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It should be added that Coach Fischer was among those sick, but now, the team is closer to full strength. The Lady Bobcats are 3-5 for the season, but 1-0 in league play with this win over the Pioneers. They play on Friday, January 16th in Del Norte. A week later, Friday, the 23rd, is another away game against South Park—the second league game of the season. On Saturday, January 24th the Bobcats play at home against Sargent. Games are scheduled to start with JV at 3:00. GO BOBCATS!

Teen Creative Writing Workshop

January 22nd
from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

The West Custer County Library is hosting a free creative writing workshop, "Writer Relay" for students in grades 6-12.

Professional and published writers will mentor the teens with advice and hands-on activities. Writers attending include Jacque Keller, Nancy Oswald, Bar Scott, and Hal Walter.

The workshop is being held in the West Custer County Library Community Room. Light snacks will be provided.

For more information or to RSVP, please call the library at 783-9138 or email jessica@westcusterlibrary.org.



Bobcat Menu • Jan. 19 - Jan. 22, 2015

Monday breakfast
Pancakes
Sausage Links
Fruit, Milk
lunch
BBQ Chicken Sandwich
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Tuesday breakfast
Scrambled Eggs
W. W. Toast
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Meat Lasagna
Garlic Roll
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Wednesday breakfast
Bagels w/ Cream Cheese
Ham
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Toasted Cheese Sandwich
Tomato Soup
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Thursday breakfast
Sausage Gravy
Biscuits
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Soft Beef Taco
Birthday Cake
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

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

KIDS Friday, January 16, 2015

Martin Luther King Jr.: Born on January 15, 1929

The boy was named "Michael" when he was born, named after his father, a Baptist minister. A few years later, Michael Sr. decided to change both his and his son's names to "Martin Luther King," in honor of Martin Luther, German hero of the Christian faith.

King grew up in Atlanta, and while attending high school began to develop his public speaking ability on the school debate team. While returning home by bus after being awarded first place in a speaking contest, Martin and his teacher were ordered to give up their seats to white passengers. Young Martin-- an 11th grader-- first refused, but then both complied. He later said that this incident was "the angriest I have ever been in my life."

Martin became a Baptist minister at the age of 25. He considered this his first calling, but saw also a bigger picture: "The preacher must be concerned about the whole man." He helped organize the Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1955, the first successful non-violent protest resisting segregation. The protests which followed in other Southern cities over the next few years often were met with great violence, but King and the many who joined the movement were courageous and persistent. The 1963 March on Washington and King's "I Have a Dream" speech before 250,000 people showed how far they'd come. The Civil Rights Act was passed in 1964. Violence followed him to the end of his life—even ending the life of Martin Luther King Jr. He was assassinated in Memphis, TN on April 4, 1968.

President Reagan signed a bill in 1983 creating a federal holiday to honor King. This year Martin Luther King Jr. Day is celebrated on Monday, January 19th.

Source: wikipedia.com

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LEGAL NOTICES

Kagan and Son, LLC, 555 Ernest Avenue, Westcliffe, CO, 81252, has filed an application for a Conversion of a type 110 (<10 acre) Construction Materials Operation Reclamation Permit to a type 112 (>10 acre) Construction Materials Operation Reclamation Permit with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board under the provisions of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials.

The mine is known as the South Pit, and is located in Section 5, Township 24 South, Range 71 West, 6th Prime Meridian.

The proposed date of commencement is April 2015 and estimated date of completion is March 2045. The proposed future land use is residential. Additional information and tentative decision date may be obtained from the Division or Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, (303) 866-3567, or at the Custer County Clerk and Recorder's office, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, or the above named applicant.

Comments must be in writing and must be received by the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety by 4:00 p.m. 30 working days after the fourth newspaper publication of this notice (Mid-March 2015).

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**Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Tentative Agenda
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20,
2015**

**9:00 AM
Meeting Location:
County Courthouse /
Commissioners Room**

Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
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Amend agenda
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Approval of minutes
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
Resolution #02-15 Holidays
Regional Board Appointments

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The ‘Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program’ (TEFAP)Commodities Will be Distributed on January 21st

New rules will require a person to show verification that they live in Custer County. Types of valid verification would include ID, utility bills, or mail received at your current address. Distribution to the eligible public will start shortly after 8:00 a.m. as soon as volunteer staff are prepared. Distribution will take place at the south end of the scale house behind the courthouse. Consumers should have access to freezer space as some of the items need to be kept frozen until used.

Commodities will be handed out on a first come basis and include: UHT 1% milk, elbow macaroni, corn flakes, grape juice, and chicken leg quarters. Other non TEFAP product may be available depending on availability.

Commodities are distributed on the 2nd Wednesday after the 2nd Monday of each month.

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**“Ask, and it will be given to you;
Seek, and you will find;
Knock, and it will be opened to you.”**
Matt 7:7, NKJV

The deadline for getting your information into the Classifieds is Monday at 5 p.m. for that week's edition. Call 719-783-3360 or email sdc.sentinel@gmail.com



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10:30 a.m. Worship
1:30 p.m. Worship
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818 Ohio Street
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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

Community United Methodist Church
8 a.m. Worship
10 a.m. Worship
202 S. 6th Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2511

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

Cotopaxi Community Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
20326 Hwy. 50
Cotopaxi
719/942-4185

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

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

Huerfano Community Bible Church
603 Leon Street
Walsenburg, Colorado
10:30 Sunday Worship
7 p.m.: Thursday Bible Study
(719) 251-9053

Hope Lutheran Church
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship
3rd & Powell Streets
Westcliffe
719/783-9773

Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church
Diocese of Pueblo
11 a.m. Sunday Mass
10 a.m. Tuesday Mass
11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday Adoration
109 S. 5th Street
Westcliffe
719/783-3507

Our Lady of Mt. Zion Catholic Church
11 a.m. Mass
3rd Sunday of each month
210 S. 2nd Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2491



*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.
1 John 2:15 - 16 GW*

Sangre de Cristo Fellowship
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship
Tuesdays 7 - 9 p.m.: Prayer Mtg
120 Jerry Drive
Westcliffe
719/783-0903

Sangre de Cristo Seminary Chapel
10 a.m. Worship
6160 County Rd. 130
Westcliffe
719/783-2447

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
10:30 a.m. Worship & Eucharist
11:30 a.m. Fellowship
3rd & Rosita Streets
Westcliffe
719/783-2477

St. Patrick's Anglican Church
11 a.m. Worship
401 2nd Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2500

Valley Bible Fellowship
10 a.m. Worship
116 Hermit Lane
Silver Cliff
719/783-9050

Westcliffe Community Church
10 a.m. Worship
103 N. Adams St.
Westcliffe
719/429-4256

Wetmore Baptist Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
Wetmore
719/784-4197

Wetmore Community Church
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship
County Rd. 395
Wetmore
719/784-0596

Wild West Cowboy Church
4 p.m. Worship
Followed by Potluck
60260 Hwy. 69 North
Westcliffe
719/783-2676

Eateries

Alpine Lodge
6848 Cty. Rd. 140 • Westcliffe
719/783-2660
Wed. - Sunday, 5 - 10 p.m.
Sunday Brunch
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Reservations recommended

Belle's Backyard BBQ
100 S. Third Street • Westcliffe
Wed. - Thur., 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Fri. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
719/371-3737

Campstyle Cookin'
108 S. 2nd St. • Westcliffe
719/783-0533
Mon. - Sat., 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Candy's Coffee
106 S. 2nd St. • Westcliffe
719/783-9516
Mon. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Chappy's Mountain View Bar & Grill
213 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-0813
7 Days a Week
11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Hunger Buster
824 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-9228
Closed until May

Letter Drop Inn
6654 Cty. Rd. 328 • Rosita
719/783-9430
Closed until May

The Lodge at San Isabel
59 Cty. Rd. 371 • San Isabel
719/489-2280
Closed until May

The Mining Company Restaurant
60 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-9144
Mon., Thurs. - Sun.,
7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tues. 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Closed Wednesdays

Nacho Mama's
404 Main St. • Silver Cliff
719/783-3331
Mon. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Oak Creek Grade General Store
12 miles north on
Cty. Rd. 255
719/783-2245
Sat., 7 a.m. - 11 a.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.

St. Andrews Golf Course Café
800 Copper Gulch Rd. • Westcliffe
719/783-9410
Open daily for lunch
Starting at 11 a.m.

Sangrita
212 Main • Westcliffe
719/783-4054
Reservations recommended
Tues., 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Wed. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Closed Sundays

Silver Cliff Mountain Inn
700 Ohio Street • Silver Cliff
719/783-2688
Open 7 days a week
Sun. - Sat., 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Silver Cliff Pizza Company upstairs in the Silver Dome Saloon
110 Main St. • Silver Cliff
719/783-9499
Call for hours

Subway (inside JR's Fuel Stop)
425 S. 6th St. • Westcliffe
719/783-2748
Mon.-Sat., 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sundays 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sugar & Spice Mtn. Bakery
411 Main St. B • Westcliffe
719/783-4045
Closed January

Tony's Mountain Pizza
630 Main St. • Silver Cliff
719/783-9300
Mon. - Wed., 4 - 9 p.m.
Thurs. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Local Mountain News & Notices

Events Calendar

Friday, January 16 National Western Stock Show: Denver; For Discount packages to 4-H families, call Extension Office at 783-2514; Event info, nationalwestern.com or 1-866-464-2626	COURTHOUSE CLOSED: MLK, Jr., Day BANKS CLOSED
Sunday, January 18 2 p.m.: Jones Theater: In Concert - Patterson/Sutton Duo (Cello and Guitar)	Wednesday, January 21 5:30 p.m.: Fair board meeting in basement at courthouse
Monday, January 19 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.: In Concert at CCCS's west gym	Friday, January 23 Registration deadline to Extension Office for Youth Fest camp (ages 9 -13); Call (719) 783-2514 or www.custercountygov.com/ext

Recurring Events and Business Hours

Monday 6 p.m.: Closed step study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Lisa at (719) 783-0809	6:45 p.m. Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (March-October) at the Saddle Club.
Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Custer County public transit service available to everyone through Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343	Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.: Library open in downtown Westcliffe; 783-9138
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Noon: Lunch served at Custer County Senior Center located on first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 am	Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Line dancers meet at the Methodist Church. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370
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	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
Tuesday 12 - 4:30 p.m.: Bridge Club meets in the library community room in downtown Westcliffe. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.: Jammin' band at The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Custer County Community Band practice in band room at high school
First Tuesday of the Month: 6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes - American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting	Thursday 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
	Saturday 10 a.m.: Wet Mountain Al-Anon Family Group meets at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 201 Third St.; Call Dee (719) 404-1851 or Jean (719) 371-1229
	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Library open in Westcliffe

Custer County Community Share Center, Inc.

This week only, the Food Pantry will be operating from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Olde Westcliff School on Fourth Street near the Veterans Park.

BOARD

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rural districts may do the every two years instead of yearly. There are stipulations but the Superintendent favors moving to the every other year option.

The new yellow submarine (school bus) is in Denver. The pick up date has been tentatively set for one day next week.

The strategic plan goals continue to be implemented.

Dr. Davis had a question about the Christmas party funding but deferred further inquiry for a later date.

Chairmain Gaide indicated "she did not want to

beat a dead horse again", asked Mr. Selle to go over the difference between the report in the *Sentinel* and the one in the *Wet Mountain Tribune*. Not wanting to beat the lengthy explanation given by Mr. Selle into a dead horse, in summary he said the Colorado Department of Education assessment is correct and the information from the ColoradoSchools.org is inaccurate.

(Reporters note: It is interesting that the CDE rates the Custer County School District as adequate (C grade or average) and the Colorado Schools.org information also grades the District with a "C" grade. This reporter believes the quibbling about the way the data is interpreted is essentially irrelevant. The

United States is rated as average among the advanced countries in the world, (C grade.) Colorado is rated in the United States in the middle for education standards, (C grade). Custer County C-1 School District is rated as Adequate (C grade) in Colorado. If your C grade in the world as a nation, a C grade as state in your nation and a C grade in relation to the other school districts in your state you are failing overall as a School District. While that may sound harsh, the reality of graduating students who are unprepared for the challenges of life is much worse. Our District has the potential for absolute precedent setting excellence. It is way past time for the Board to demand, not ask, for standards that create that excellence.)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; Behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17, NKJV

Save The Date:

9 Health Fair

is Saturday, April 18th, this year from 7am to noon.

Adults of all ages are welcome.
It's never too early to begin thinking about your health.
Good habits should start early!

Many thanks to all the volunteers who are so committed to serving this community. If you'd like to assist with this year's health fair, please call the Custer County Public Health Agency at 783-3369.



Photo: Mariangela Aste

Julian Lawrence Gargiulo In Concert

Thursday, January 29th, at 7 p.m. in the Cañon City High School Auditorium, the Fremont County Community Concert Association is proud to present Julian Lawrence Gargiulo, named a Steinway Artist, a dynamic classical pianist who performs the compositions of renowned masters with extraordinary passion and precision and fills the hall with his personal brand of charm, humor, and charisma. He has performed in the United States, Canada, England, Italy, France, Germany, Russia, Singapore, Philippines, Thailand, China, and Australia, to both public and critical acclaim. January 11th this year he performed at New York's Carnegie Hall.

Tickets are available at the door for \$20 for adults. Groups of 12 or more - \$12 per person (call ahead). Children 7 – 12th grades \$12, Children K – 6th grade \$7 (children's ticket price includes this concert and two remaining concerts). For additional information, contact Paula McFarland 275-0144 or Phyllis Koroshetz 275-9616. See www.fremontcountyconcerts.org for information for all concerts.

Courtesy photo by Mariangela Aste

Court Report...

Kristopher Michael Morgan: Charge: Assault 3 – knowingly/recklessly causing injury. Plea – Guilty. Conditions: monitor sobriety, substance abuse evaluation and treatment, domestic violence treatment/classes. Jail: 13 days credit. Probation 2 years, 24 hours community service within 90 days.

Patrick Glenn Ratliff: Charges: 1 count driving while ability impaired, 1 count speeding, 1 count disregarded traffic control device. Plea - Guilty on first count. Motion to dismiss counts 2 and 3. Conditions: level I Education and 68 hours of therapy, monitored sobriety, abstain from all but prescription drugs. Jail 20 days in-home detention, 2 years probation, 48 hours community service within 120 days.

Shannan Ray Walden: Charge: Careless driving. Plea - Guilty. Fine \$440.50

Timothy Leach: Charge: Owner operated uninsured vehicle. Guilty. Fine \$277.50.

Dale Lee Gonzales: Charge: Registration - fictitious plate, Guilty. Count 2 failed to display lamps, dismissed by DA. Count 3 driving under restraint, dismissed by DA. Fine \$74.50.

Ty Michael Norga: Charge: Improper Mountain driving. Guilty. Fine \$195.50.

Dakota J Ryder Holand: Charge: Marijuana-possession of 2 oz. or less. Guilty, Drug Paraphernalia-possession. Guilty. Fine \$348.50.

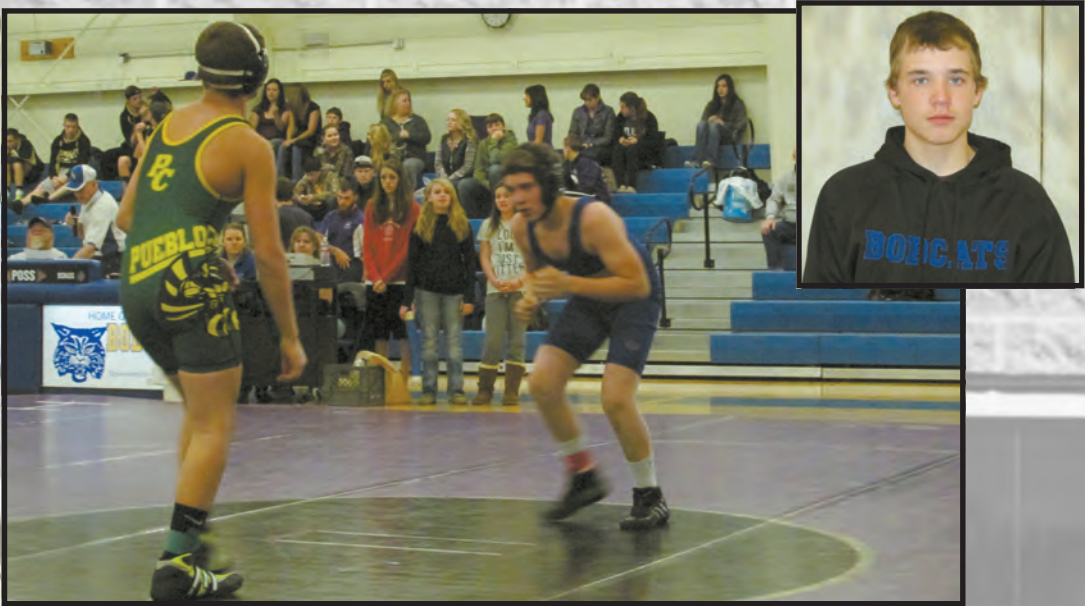
** Sheriff Byerly thanks our readers for their patience during this week of transition. We will have a full Sheriff's Report from him in next week's issue.*

Custer County High School Wrestling Team

Custer County Invitational



Dylan Schoch, Freshman - 113 pounds



Ian Aldrich, Freshman - 132 pounds



Edgar Pedigo, Freshman - 150 pounds



Andy Feldmann, Sophomore - 145 pounds



Back row from left Head Coach Mike Ham, Weldon Rusher, Andy Feldmann, Edgar Pedigo, Cody Koble, Kody Aldrich, Kyle Rose, and Assistant Coach Manny Pedigo. Front row from left Dylan Schoch, Titus Crawford, Taiyr Seiilkhan, Ian Aldrich, and Manager Cody Young.



Weldon Rusher
4th Place



Kody Aldrich
1st Place



Andy Feldmann
4th Place



From Left Coach Mike Ham and Assistant Coach Chris Selle



Assistant Coach
Manny Pedigo



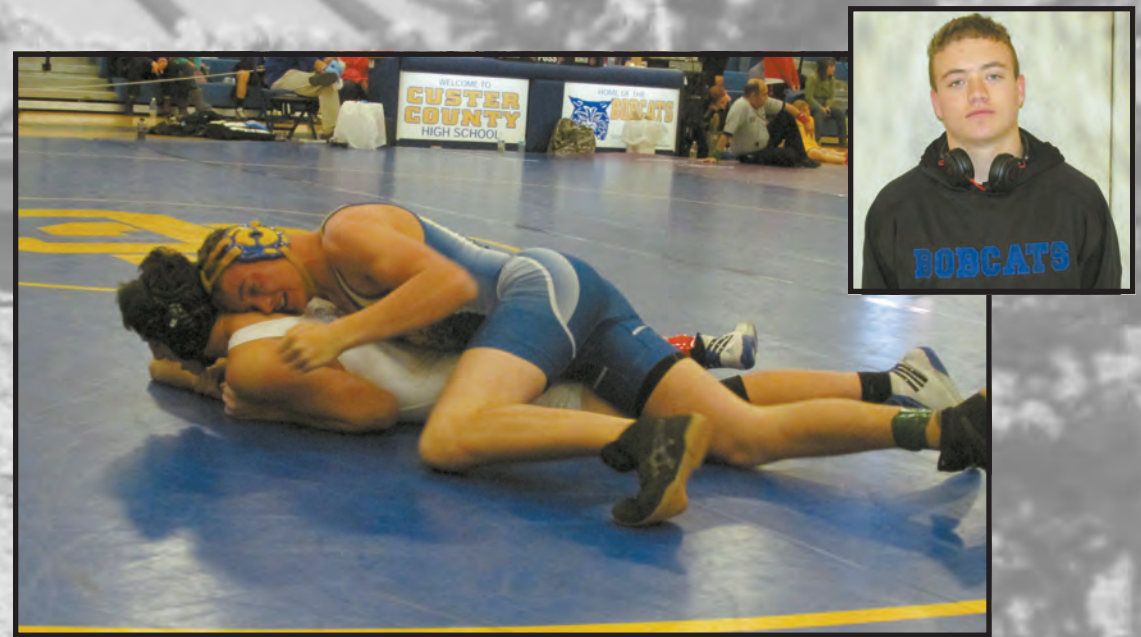
Titus Crawford, Sr.
Injured



Managers from left
Cody Young and
Seani Millard



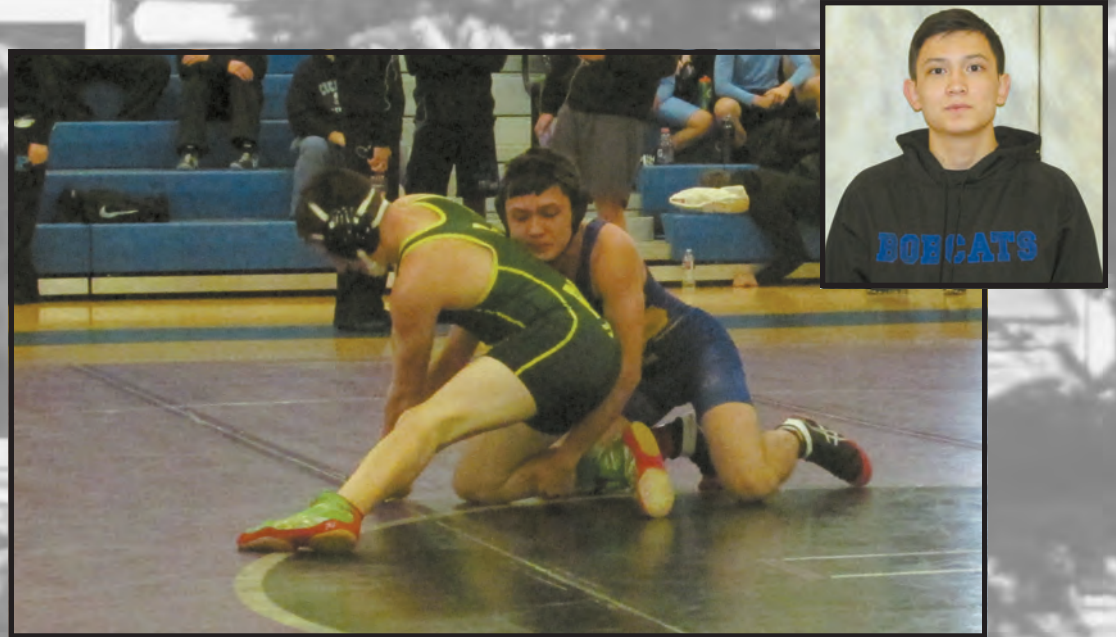
Kyle Rose, Sr.
Injured



Cody Koble, Junior - 150 pounds



Kody Aldrich, Senior - 170 pounds



Taiyr Seiilkhan, Senior - 126 pounds



Weldon Rusher, Senior - 138 pounds

**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.
Mugs
1520 Royal Gorge Blvd
Cañon City
Find them on
Facebook**

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upcoming issue.
Submittals@
sdcscntinel.com**



**Parents of Florence High School Students
and Residents of Fremont County, Colorado,
We need your help...**

I am writing with regard to a student club at Florence High School we call Fellowship of Christian Huskies. It was founded in November of 2011 and the adult sponsor/leader/volunteer has been myself. In 2013 Principal Brian Schipper accepted the position of RE-2 School District Employee Sponsor of the Club along with Director of School Counseling Sandra Nelson Miller and teachers Tom Torres, Cheri Johnson, Jeremy Rivera, and Daniel Coppa. In the fall of 2014, after suggestions from the school district, Fremont County residents John and Harriet Stevenson volunteered to take the weekly lunch responsibility over. Fremont County resident Sandy Thomas volunteered to take the daily flagpole responsibility over. We have numerous student leaders and now have 10 students that have accepted this responsibility. Although activities are student

led, we do need adult supervision present as all school clubs have.

We have prayed around the flagpole every morning school has been in session for more than three years with students, teachers, and citizens of the community. We have prayer, pizza, candy, and bible study at lunch every Wednesday in a history room and have fed more than 10,000 students during the past three years. We have distributed Bibles, study aids, devotionals, and have taken students to movies, concerts, and numerous other outside activities. Everything we do is strictly volunteer and no one is ever forced or coerced into participating in any activity. Also, 99% of all we do is completely free to the students.

You must be wondering how all of this is financed? The Cowboy Church at Crossroads believe in

the youth of our community and made the decision to make the Fellowship of Christian Huskies club their mission work. We support it 100% by donations, tithes, and offerings to our church. We also offer scholarships to graduating seniors. We believe in our country and promote morals, ethics, values, and good choices to our students.

At this time, our club and myself are being met with some resistance and singled out by a small minority because of our daily presence, our religious affiliation and consistent activities. **I need your assistance at this time in writing letters of support for Fellowship of Christian Huskies and for myself in staying as one of the adult volunteer leaders and sponsors.**

Please include in the letter your support, your name and address,

and if you presently have a student or have ever had a student at Florence High School.

Please address your letters, ASAP, to:

Principal Brian Schipper
2006 Highway 67
Florence, Colorado 81226

or

Superintendent Rhonda Vendetti
403 West 5th Street
Florence, Colorado 81226

Thanks for your time, consideration and support.

A Happy and Blessed New Year to you and your families,

*Randy Pfaff -pastor,
The Cowboy Church
at Crossroads
8 Oak Creek Drive
Florence, Colorado 81226
cell - 303-548-1082 .
home - 719-784-9126*

Law Enforcement Appreciation

by Edward Whitcraft,
Royal Gorge Tea Party

With all the disturbing sentiment vented toward our law enforcement agencies all across this great land of ours, it is amazing to think that anyone would want to don any law enforcement uniform and report for duty. This reminds me of our soldiers, airmen, marines, and sailors returning from Vietnam duty. Those dreadful years of combat when our service members were rejected by the very people that sent them off to that unpopular war. Today we see many of our elected representatives, to include the highest offices in our land, displaying animosity and disrespect toward our law enforcement people—much like they did to our mili-

tary folks back in the 60's and 70's.

Many members of the Royal Gorge Tea Party felt this resentment and unwarranted adverse sentiment toward our law enforcement folks was uncalled for, so it was suggested that during our January meeting we should have a Law Enforcement Appreciation night. With the wheels set in motion, action was taken. The RGTP teamed with KRLN and Star Country



Officers from the Fremont County Sheriff's Office and Florence Police Department who were able to attend Law Enforcement Appreciation night.

Sentinel photo by John Penezic, Jr.

104.5 to make the suggestion come to fruition. All law enforcement agencies in Fremont County were

invited to our monthly meeting which included the Colorado State Patrol, Federal and State Correctional

**See APPRECIATION
on page 19**

Apple Shed Reschedules

by Barbara Penezic

Apple Shed owner Chris Haight has asked that his request: OPC 14-004 Thressor, LLC, Optional Premises Cultivation License-Indoor Grow- Greenhouse, Commercial, be rescheduled at a future date. The small Penrose community was given little time to savor this welcome news. The new buzz on the street (not yet confirmed) is that the Apple Shed entrepreneur will now apply for a Special Review Use Permit to open a MIPS (Marijuana Infused Products) facility in this prime retail location.

Most of us probably remember watching Bert and Ernie on the Sesame Street program, either as children ourselves or with our children and grandchildren. Do you recall the segment, 'One of These Things Just Doesn't Belong Here, One of These

Things Just Isn't the Same!' The location of the Apple Shed at 1508 Fremont Street begs that particular question. The building is within walking distance of a library, a public school, and a park. The Penrose Baptist Church and the Kirkwood Presbyterian Church have both written letters of objection to the Fremont County Commissioners.

These letters along with the numerous letters from "We the People," that were written in connection with the (now canceled request) will be valid in any rescheduled hearing concerning the "Apple Shed". This is confirmed by the Fremont County Commissioners. The Apple Shed property is of considerable size and it would only make

See APPLE SHED on page 23

**The Sentinel is now available
at the following locations
in Fremont County:**

**16th Street Cafe
302 N. 16th St.
in Cañon City**

**Mr. Ed's
1201 Royal Gorge Blvd.
(Hwy 50) in Cañon City**

**Coyote Den
Highway 115 & 6th Street
in Penrose**

**Here 4 You
2975 CR 27A (Copper Gulch Rd)
in Cotopaxi**

The Liberty Tree

Religion, The Constitution & Culture

State, National, & World

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.

Islam in France Coming to America?

A law passed in 1872 prohibits the French Republic from taking a census of its citizens' race or beliefs. In 1922, the French government allowed the building of the Great Mosque of Paris. In the 1960s, France allowed the immigration of Muslim males for work-related purposes. In 1976, France passed a law allowing Muslim "immigrants" to settle in the country and bring their families from abroad. In 2002, the French Council of the Muslim Faith was established by the government, allowing extreme Islamists to anchor their power. By 2005, Islamists were rioting in the streets. The Islamic population in France is the largest in Europe, estimated by the CIA at 4.7 to 7.7 million, up to 10% of the population.

France is finding first hand that Islam will destroy "your miserable house" from within.

It should be no surprise that the new year starts with a terrorist act in France from the "religion of peace." This is what happens when Islam is accommodated and is allowed to grow in a Western nation. As in accordance with the Muslim Brotherhood plan for North America, France is finding first hand that Islam will destroy "your miserable house" from within. The Islamic model in France is the same colonization and settlement model that is currently being carried out in the United States. The lack of security on the borders and the support of Islam in the halls of government by the sympathetic Islamic Marxist in the White House has accelerated the

Muslim Brotherhood plan in North America.

The cause and effect is not so subtle. America's leadership has quietly resettled Islamists through "political asylum" and "refugee" programs. Dearborn (Michigan), Minneapolis (Minnesota), Houston (Texas), and many other cities are examples. Minneapolis Islamists were enough in majority to elect their very own congressman, Keith Ellison, a Sunni Muslim and disciple of Louis Farrakhan of the radical Nation of Islam. Over a decade of wars with Islamists produced hundreds of thousands of Islamic immigrants. The State Department has announced plans to resettle hundreds of thousands more in 2015. At the same time, the Islamic population in America is being recruited to fight against America by joining the Islamic State.

In practicality, the leadership in America has bowed far too often to Islam saying that Islam is a religion of peace and that Allah and YHVH are the same. This is spiritual adultery. The first commandment is: Thou shalt have no other gods before me. America, settled as predominantly a Christian nation has become a nation of many religions and beliefs. The consequences of such, especially when leaders are elected who allow the enemies of God and country to colonize, are similar to Jeremiah 51:14, "Surely, I will fill you with men, as with locusts; and they shall lift up a battle cry against you." Verse 51 says, "We are confounded, because we have heard reproach: shame has covered our faces: for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the Lord's house." Indeed, France, too, was once devoutly Christian.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
www.dailyjot.com
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The Liberty Tree

Barnhardt on Islam: "The Problem is islam, and it Has to be Exterminated. Period."

by Ann Barnhardt,
Barnhardt.biz

(Editor/GG: Ann is a Colorado resident, an ex livestock/commodities broker who is a very vocal advocate for a return to a Christian based U.S.A. We have printed some of her articles before and her blog site is extremely popular. Below are excerpts from her latest blog post, just after the massacres of innocents at the newspaper and deli by Muslims in Paris. You won't hear this or read this in the main stream "media", but it is a widely held belief that Islam is NOT a religion, but a totalitarian political/religious ("theocracy") system. Do a little research on the history of Islam, or just maybe ask an Egyptian Coptic Christian, some Kurds in Iraq or a New York City 9/11 resident. A good place to learn about the truth about Islam is "The Complete Infidel's Guide to the Koran" by Robert Spencer, available at Amazon.com. Time to see the obvious folks. Islam and western democracies do NOT mix well.)

Ann pulls no punches in her commentary. See her whole article at: www.barnhardt.biz. And so, heeeeeerrreeess Ann!)

So, a little review for those of you who may be new.

1. Islam is a political system, NOT a religion, and unless and until humanity wakes the h*** up and STOPS referring to it as a religion, there is no hope. Islam is a hyper-aggressive,

All that matters is EARTHLY submission and control of landmass.

militaristic, expansionist, totalitarian political system designed to create a super-rich, micro-oligarchical ruling class with a massive, destitute, genetically handicapped underclass below. The paper-thin, faux-religious facade was a conscious, specific con from the very beginning a pure racket using borrowed and piggy-backed religious motifs to lend credibility to a massive, loosely-knit network of crime syndicate cells.

Here is a quote from Osama bin Laden that sums it all up:

"Our talks with the infidel West and our conflict with them ultimately revolve around one issue; one that demands our total support, with power and determination, with one voice, and it is: Does Islam, or does it not, force people by the power of the sword to submit to its authority corporeally if not spiritually? Yes. There are only three choices in Islam: [1] either willing submission [conversion]; or [2] payment of the jizya, through physical, though not spiritual, submission to the authority of Islam; or [3] the sword, for it is not right to let him [an



Ann Barnhardt's Answer to Jihad: her famous pink AR15, with a rosary and Cross wrapped around her hand.

courtesy photo

infidel] live. The matter is summed up for every person alive: Either submit, or live under the suzerainty of Islam, or die."

—Osama Bin Laden
(The Al Qaeda Reader, p. 42)

Definition of suzerainty: a situation in which a region or people is a compulsory tributary to a more powerful entity, which controls its foreign affairs while allowing the tributary vassal

See PROBLEM on page 17

You CANNOT Negotiate With Mentally Defective People

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

(Editor/GG: Karl tells it like it is. Freedom and liberty can not coexist with Islam.)

This is a cultural war. It is not an isolated incident. It is not a tiny percentage of people that hold these "religious" beliefs; if it was, then there would be a billion people both decrying and hunting down these animals, and that has never, in over 1,000 years, happened.

Example #1:

ISLAMABAD – Police say a 52-year-old Muslim man arrested for blasphemy was killed by gunmen after being released from jail.

Blasphemy is punished by jail **and then murder?** This is acceptable, civilized conduct? You can **reason** or **negotiate** with such people? No, not any more

than you can negotiate with these guys:

Nigerian Islamist militant group Boko Haram have attacked the northeastern town of Baga for the second time in a week, leaving bodies littering the streets, according to an official.

Two locals said the Islamist insurgents began shooting indiscriminately and burning buildings on Tuesday evening in raids on the civilian population that carried on into Wednesday.

More than 2,000 people are unaccounted for according to Musa Bukar, chairman of local government for the Kukawa district, which includes Baga.

So murdering 2,000 people **for ****s and grins** constitutes something you can **negotiate** over?

The heck it is.

Of course in France we have a publisher that was

It is not a tiny percentage of people that hold these "religious" beliefs; if it was, then there would be a billion people both decrying and hunting down these animals, and that has never, in over 1,000 years, happened.

murdered for what was seen as "blasphemy" as well, along with what are at least two groups of gunmen that are generally terrorizing the nation at this very moment -- **all because the French refuse to defer to their view of what sort of respect an ancient raging, raping pedophile should receive.**

Look folks, in a civilized nation you have **no right** to be free from insults that constitute mere words and images. I have the right to draw images of Obama with monkey ears if I wish, you have the right to dis-

play (Editor/gg: a crucifix in a jar of urine) and more.

The very premise of civilization demands that the expression of free speech does not give justification to violence.

Those who demand adherence to some sort of religious credo that comes with "respect" for a given form of worship and its clerics/prophets/gods/whatever and intend to and do enforce that demand

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Disingenuous Priorities: Dems Say Top Priority Is Middle Class, But Don't Back It Up

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

PeakNation™, we're going to prioritize our vast network of pet lovers and be a pet blog. Oh, we'll still write about politics, but we'll include pictures of pets, so we'll be a pet blog. Because we said so. *The Peak* re-branding itself into a pet blog is almost as weird as Democrats, a party chock full of out-of-touch elitists, saying that they are prioritizing the middle class when they have done nothing but yoked the middle class with their damaging policies for years. But, Speaker Hellinghorst said yesterday that Dems will prioritize the middle class. From *The Denver Post*:

"In her opening-day remarks for the 70th General Assembly Wednesday, Hellinghorst urged all legislators to help the middle class, including consideration for public education, renewable energy, affordable

housing, and the environment."

Democrats shoved through SB252, the renewable energy mandate, which will increase energy costs for the middle class when they are hurting the most.

We are still laughing today. Democrats talk a big game about supporting the middle class, but when push comes to shove, every special interest is in line ahead of the middle class. Example?

Unions. Teachers in Jeffco had not received raises in years. The union wanted a seniority-based raise system, which would have left 450 teachers without raises. Again. The new school board pushed for raises for all teachers except those who earned a poor performance evaluation. Where were Democrats then? And what about that idea of providing quality education for kids? Are Democrats on the side of kids or on the side of unions? You get one guess.

What about energy and the environment? Hellinghorst seems to think renewable energy will help the middle class. Democrats shoved through SB252, the renewable energy mandate, which will increase energy costs for the middle class when they are hurting the most. Affordable housing? Maybe Democrats could rein in the trial lawyers, who line Democrats' campaign coffers, but

who also drive up the cost to renovate and build homes. Or maybe Democrats could not pass things like the low-flow toilet mandates that also drive up housing costs in favor of their green investments.

The middle class needs good jobs – the kind that allows them to pay their bills, but also save a little, too. Colorado's economy is on the rebound despite Democrats, not because of them. And, then, here's an excerpt from Hellinghorst's speech:

"You have placed a heavy responsibility on my shoulders, and I promise to use my office to guide the House of Representatives in the direction of building a Colorado that provides real economic and personal security to all of the people of Colorado, not just the wealthy or well-connected."

We're laughing again. While both parties have heavy hitters and take money from the well-heeled,

it's not the Republican Party that's taking calls from Michael Bloomberg, former mayor of New York City the Nanny State, and making promises that Coloradans would prefer elected officials not keep. That's Democrats. It's not Republicans who send celebrities out to do fundraising, ahem Mark Udall, it's Democrats.

And, so just because Speaker Hellinghorst said that the Democratic Party will prioritize the middle class, does not make it so. It must be backed up by action that legitimately benefits the middle class, not Democratic donors. If the last few years are any indication, we won't hold our breath.

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Atlanta Mayor Fires Fire Chief for Christian Views on Homosexuality

by Jonah Bennet, FreedomOutPost.com

A fire chief in Atlanta has officially been fired on Tuesday by Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed for self-publishing a book, in which he argued that homosexuality is immoral, *GA Voice* reports.

The initial review period which began at the end of fire chief Kelvin Cochran's November suspension is now over. Cochran's termination finally came in on Tuesday, and gay advocacy groups moved quickly to reiterate their support of the mayor and condemnation of Cochran.

"Certainly we agree with Mayor Reed's position on this and his rationale for it," said Georgia Equality Executive Director Jeff Graham, who called for Cochran's firing in November.

"This is not about his religious views but his ability to lead a diverse work force," he said. "I feel the mayor has done the right thing to ensure all employees are treated fairly."

Back in November, Reed placed Cochran on suspension without pay and forced him into sensitivity training after it was discovered that Cochran had argued that homosexuality is immoral. Cochran self-published a book in 2013 entitled "Who Told You That You Were Naked?" which is available at Amazon, and in it, he classified homosexuality as an affront to purity: "Uncleanness — whatever is opposite of purity; including sodomy, homosexuality, lesbianism, pederasty, bestiality, all other forms of sexual perversion."

As an Elizabeth Baptist Church mem-

ber and deacon, Cochran originally wrote the book to encourage men to "fulfill their purpose as husbands, fathers, community and business leaders-world changers!"

According to the summary of the book, "From God's perspective nakedness meant so much more. It meant condemnation and deprivation to his most precious creation - mankind." For Cochran, redeemed men no longer need to live their lives under curse and condemnation. In other words, they no longer need to live "naked," which gives context to another section from his book on the consequences of men not living sound lives:

"Naked men refuse to give in, so they pursue sexual fulfillment through multiple partners, with the opposite sex, the same sex, and sex outside of marriage and many other vile, vulgar and inappropriate ways which defile their body-temple and dishonor God."

Former fire captain and lesbian Cindy Thompson sent a tip to the magazine *GA Voice* after hearing about the book from other fire fighters. Thompson then went directly to speak to Reed's LGBT liaison, which set the scandal in motion.

After further attention from *GA Voice*, the Reed administration issued a statement saying they were unaware of Cochran's work before it hit the printing presses.

"The Reed administration was not notified of the book before it was published. The Reed administration will not tolerate discrimination of any kind...The Reed administration is currently conducting a review of the facts surrounding the book. If disciplinary action is recommended as

a result of the investigation, we will take decisive action to prevent any inappropriate behavior from occurring in the future," said spokesperson Anne Torres for Mayor Reed in late November, according to *GA Voice*.

Reed made sure to tell the press that Cochran's views expressed in a 2013 book neither represented him nor the city. Some homosexual groups stated at the time that Cochran's punishment wasn't nearly harsh enough. "He will be back in charge and I am sure telling his staff anti-LGBT stuff...The Mayor should fire him!" Glen Paul Freedman, chair of Georgia Equality's board of directors, said.

During his tenure as mayor, Reed moved away from past views and openly embraced same-sex "marriage" in 2012 after years of advocating for LGBT policies.

"It is well known that I have gone through a good bit of reflection on this issue, but listening to the stories of so many people that I know and care about has strengthened my belief that marriage is a fundamental right for everyone. Loving couples, regardless of their sexual orientation, should have the right to marry whomever they want," Reed said in a 2012 statement.

Despite arguments from the non-profit Faith and Freedom Coalition that Cochran "has as much right to speak and write about his beliefs as any Atlanta politician does," Reed wasn't about to budge.

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Bleeding Out: Connect for Health Colorado Cherry, Yet Begg for Emergency Funds

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: Is the same crew running the Custer County Clinic?)

Today, the executive director of the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Sue Birch, said in a press release, "Colorado continues to make progress in connecting citizens to the coverage they need."

Want to know what else happened just three short days ago? This six-page apology letter was mailed to Connect for Health Colorado exchange partners signed by interim CEO Gary Drews and explaining that Connect for Health "had higher expectations than we've delivered". The letter was actually one page of apology and five pages listing all the known issues with the approximately six-million-dollar IT system.

What about the hard-working Coloradans who have struggled through Obamacare turmoil? Nearly 5,000 Coloradans are unable to actually use the multi-million dollar healthcare exchange system that was supposed to make signing up for healthcare simple. Health News Colorado reports that Connect for Health Colorado plans to ask its board of directors for an additional \$322,000 for February alone. After millions paid to build a streamlined system, that \$322,000 is sure to solve all the problems, right?

Earlier last month, The Denver Post also pointed out the glaring failings of Obamacare's Colorado manifestation. Stories of Coloradans sitting in 200-long live chat queues and a host of web malfunctions. At this rate, even an emergency boost in funding from the cash-strapped board isn't likely to help citizens by the February 15 open enrollment deadline. Ms. Birch sounds a bit misinformed about the sad, ongoing reality of wasted money and failed healthcare options from Connect for Health Colorado.

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***Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
You will revive me;
You will stretch out Your hand
against the wrath of my enemies,
And Your right hand will save me.***

Psalms 138:7, NKJV

“Peak Dream”: The Death of the Young American Entrepreneur

by Tyler Durden,
ZeroHedge.com

(Editor/GG: Small businesses, operating in a “free” environment, protected by our Constitution, is what made America the most prosperous nation on earth. That is all gone now. We have gone from Number One in the Economic Freedom Index to below ten now. And dropping every year. 27,000 new federal regulations just last year. Highest corporate tax rate in the industrialized world. A welfare state that grows like a cancer.

Millions of illiterate, unskilled, illegal immigrants flooding the country bringing greater unemployment, violent drug gangs, disease, and dramatically increased welfare and healthcare spending. We are paying for this with TRILLIONS of borrowed and printed dollars. Hold on to your AR15 and your can of freeze dried berries like Linus with his blanket. This economic fantasy land won’t last much longer.)

Despite the anecdotal evidence plastered daily on financial media channels of a scruffy, young, upstart working from his parents’ basement and creating the next great social, mobile, analytics, cloud app worth a ca-jillion dollars, from nothing but tween eyeballs, the sad reality is the ‘American Dream’ for young Americans is over. As *The Wall Street Journal* reports, the **share of people under age 30 who own private businesses has reached a 24-year-low**, according to new data reflecting a generation struggling to find a spot in the workforce. While there are numerous possible reasons, one professor worries about the systemic aspect as **“the fear of failure is the measure we should be most concerned about.”**

Overall, the U.S. “startup rate”—new firms as a portion of all firms—fell by nearly half between 1978 and 2011, and as *The Wall Street Journal* reports, the share of people under age 30 who own private businesses has reached a 24-year-low, according to new data...

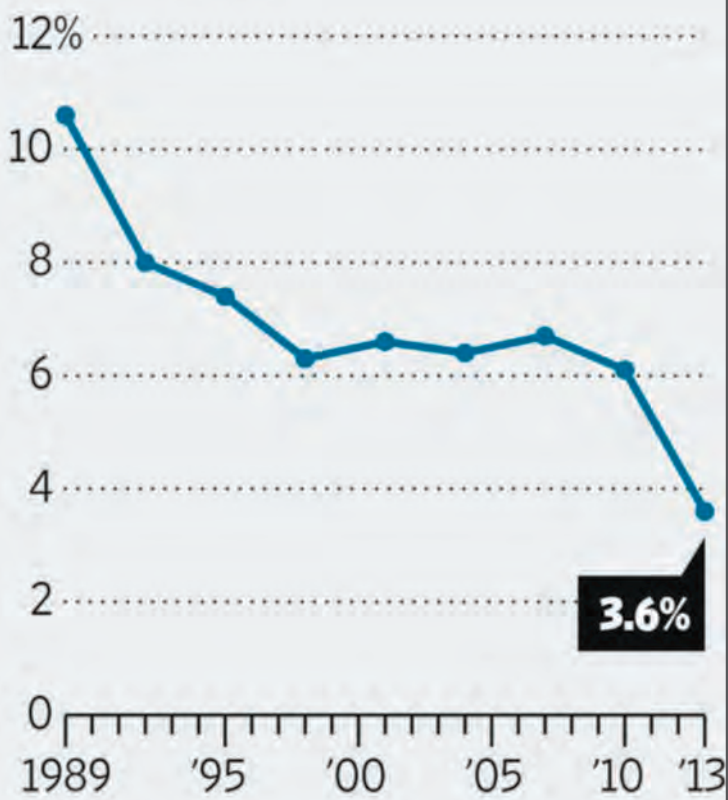
Roughly 3.6% of households headed by adults younger than 30 owned stakes in private companies, according to an analysis by *The Wall Street Journal* of recently released Federal Reserve data from 2013. That compares with 10.6% in 1989—when the central bank began collecting standard data on Americans’ incomes and net worth—and 6.1% in 2010.

The *Journal*’s findings run counter to the widely held stereotype of 20-somethings as entrepreneurial risk-takers.

The proportion of young adults who start a business each month dropped in 2013 to its lowest level in at least 17 years, accord-

Fewer Owners

Share of households headed by someone under 30 that has a stake in or owns a privately held business.



Source: Federal Reserve Survey of Consumer Finances
The Wall Street Journal

ing to the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, a Kansas City, Missouri, nonprofit that focuses on entrepreneurship. People ages 20 to 34 accounted for 22.7% of new entrepreneurs in 2013, down from 26.4% in 2003, it found.

The plunge in business ownership captured in the Fed survey is an “interesting and worrisome finding,” said John Davis, faculty chair of the Families in Business Program at Harvard Business School. If the trend continues, he said, the U.S. economy could become less vibrant.

“We need startups not only for employment, but also for ideas,” Mr. Davis said. “It’s part of the vitality of this country to have people starting new businesses and trying new things.”

Costs are one part of it...

The costs of operating many types of small businesses have come down in the past decade, with the greater use of technologies that reduce labor costs. **But young entrepreneurs face formidable financial hurdles.**

The average net worth of households under 30 has fallen 48% since 2007 to \$44,354. More than half of 18-to-29-year-olds reported one or more financial problems in the past year, a 2014 Pew Research Center survey found.

Their poorer financial condition hurts young graduates’ ability to tap their own savings, draw

equity from a home or obtain bank loans to cover their start-up or ongoing business costs, said Karen Mills, a senior fellow at Harvard Business School and a former head of the U.S. Small Business Administration, which sponsors programs to help small firms obtain financing.

But there is a bigger concern...

The decline in business ownership among young graduates also reflects a relatively low appetite for risk. Young people have less confidence, said Donna Kelley, a professor at Babson College. In an annual survey she oversees, more than 41% of 25-to-34-year-old Americans who saw an opportunity to start a business said fear of failure would keep them from doing so, up from 23.9% in 2001. **“The fear of failure is the measure we should be most concerned about,”** she said.

The core risk-taking backbone of America is being crushed under the weight of student debt, regulation, and short-memories of their parents suffering in the last two decades as ‘wealth’ has been eviscerated twice thanks to Federal reserve boom-bust cycles.

Why take risks? Why bother, when work is punished?

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PROBLEM

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state internal autonomy.

Please note that the quote above makes perfectly clear that islam DOES NOT CARE IF YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE ANY OF THEIR FAUX-RELIGIOUS B*****T OR NOT – BECAUSE THAT’S NOT THE POINT. All that matters is EARTHLY submission and control of landmass. All of that five-times-per-day sticking one’s butt in the air while some bisexual shrieks about a non-existent pagan moon deity over a loudspeaker is not “prayer”. It is an outward sign of submission to the musloid political system. NOTHING more. It’s a gang signal. It’s

no uncertain terms.

2. They can’t be reasoned with. They can’t be dialogued with. There is no such thing as “radical islam”. There is islam, which is even more bloodthirsty, conscienceless, and perverse than what we are seeing today. We cannot possibly imagine what they would do if given true carte-blanche. Islam today is like an eleven-year-old boy – just BARELY on the cusp of puberty, just BEGINNING to test the waters. These beheadings, rapes, suicide attacks, and terror operations are BUSH LEAGUE. Just as it is nonsensical and depraved to refer to Nazis as “radical Nazis” and “moderate Nazis” – as if ANY Nazism



The above picture of mohammed says, “100 lashes if you don’t die laughing!”

courtesy image

a salute.

Islam isn’t about “allah” or “paradise” or “prayer” or “spirituality” or how human beings should relate to one another or how human beings should relate to a “god” or the eternal fate of the human soul. THEY DON’T CARE ABOUT ANY OF THAT. Islam is about acquiring physical, earthly territory and installing a totalitarian government over the earth that provides a cadre of “elites” masquerading as some sort of “clergy” with massive decadent wealth and as much twisted perverted sex as they want, including homosexual and heterosexual pedophilia, ephebophilia, concubinage, incest, bestiality and necrophilia. There is nothing new under the sun. They want power, they want money and they want sex. The “religious” aspects are a stone-cold con, which Bin Laden himself declared in

could ever be considered acceptable, so it is with islam. This is why Egyptian president Sisi’s recent speech calling for a “reformation” of islam is nonsense. All Sisi’s speech did was confirm that Sisi himself doesn’t actually believe any of it, and instead of doing the morally correct thing and renouncing islam, Sisi wants to have his pancakes and eat them ,too. He wants everyone – like him – to subscribe to and associate themselves with something that they don’t actually believe in or take seriously.....

3. Just to be sure that the info is out there as much as possible, above is the “offensive” mohammed cartoon,.....

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“The future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam”

President Obama,
addressing the UN, 2012

Fallen U.S. Marine's Father Returns Obama's Condolence Letter With an Incredible Rebuke

by Tim Brown,
FreedomOutPost.com

Barack Hussein Obama is strutting around, boasting of his ending the war in Afghanistan. However, let's be reminded of one United States Marine's father's reply to a condolence letter from Obama in which he rebuked the idiot-in-chief over the rules of engagement that have led to the deaths of many of America's servicemen.

This past week, the U.S. commander of NATO declared the end of the mission against the Taliban in Afghanistan. Obama followed up with a statement declaring, "Our combat mission in Afghanistan is ending and the longest war in American history is coming to a responsible conclusion."

However, I want to take the opportunity to remind people of what Barack Obama has done that has resulted in the deaths of many of our men who serve in the armed forces.

Steven R. Hogan, father of fallen U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Hunter D. Hogan took the condolence letter he received from Barack Obama and wrote with his own hand the following:

"I wonder how many of these get returned to you! "Mr. Barack Hussein Obama,

I am deeply saddened that you are the President of the United States. You sir are an embar-

rassment to the Oval Office. My son, as well as most Marines I know, despise you and your lack of representation for our military.

Your ridiculous rules of engagement have caused the massive amount of casualties on your watch in Afghanistan. While we watch your media pander to your administration and clearly sweep things under the rug for you, I fully understand Marines die. You have tied their hands & feet!

I am thankful I did not serve under a Comm. in Chief such as you. I am sickened that my son had to. I wonder... I doubt that you will see this, I hope you do though!"

Steve Hogan"

Mr. Hogan, I salute you, sir, and express sincere condolences for the sacrifice you have made of your son. For that, I am deeply saddened and I truly mean that, never being able to imagine one of my own son's lives being sacrificed in such a manner. But more than that, thank you for stating so clearly what I have heard from other family members who have lost their loved ones under Barack Hussein Obama in Afghanistan.

Billy Vaughn, father of fallen Navy SEAL Aaron Vaughn, who died aboard Extortion 17 along with 37 others including nearly two dozen SEALs, told me the exact same when I in-

terviewed him in August 2013. Vaughn called Obama's rules of engagement "ridiculous, if not criminal" and later would declare, "The greatest threat the U.S. faces resides at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue."

Though the "end" of the Afghanistan war has been declared and Obama has claimed that Afghanistan is "not going to be a source of terrorist attacks again," Kia Makerechi says that is not really the truth. She writes:

But while the administration would like to characterize this as a victory, the end of a conflict, it's more of a re-branding. More than 10,000 United States troops will remain in Afghanistan, and just over one month ago, the president secretly expanded their 2015 combat mission to include fighting with the Taliban and/or al-Qaeda, the Haqqani network, or other insurgent groups. The expansion of duties, which was first reported in The New York Times, also allows for the use of American manned aircraft and drones. Some 4,000 NATO troops will also remain in Afghanistan next year.

According to the United Nations, 2014 is the deadliest year of the war since they began counting casualties in 2008. More than 10,000 civilians are expected to die in Afghanistan by January 1.

"For more than 13 years, ever since nearly 3,000 innocent lives were taken from us on 9/11, our nation has been at war in Afghanistan," Obama's statement about the changing missions read. The president highlighted the "extraordinary sacrifices" of troops, some 2,200 of whom have died to date during the \$1 trillion war. "We are safer, and our nation is more secure, because of their service," Obama said.

Obama has sympathized with his Muslim brothers. He could care less for America's sons who give their lives in the battle under a treasonous, usurping president, who has the interests of America's enemies in mind more than the interests of America. Steven Hogan's letter merely illustrates that fact.

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Obama Labor Report: The Truth: Number of People Employed Last Month FELL by 476,000!

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

This report is kinda nasty, despite the cheering on CNBC and elsewhere.

Total non-farm payroll employment rose by 252,000 in December, and the unemployment rate declined to 5.6 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Job gains occurred in professional and business services, construction, food services and drinking places, health care, and manufacturing.

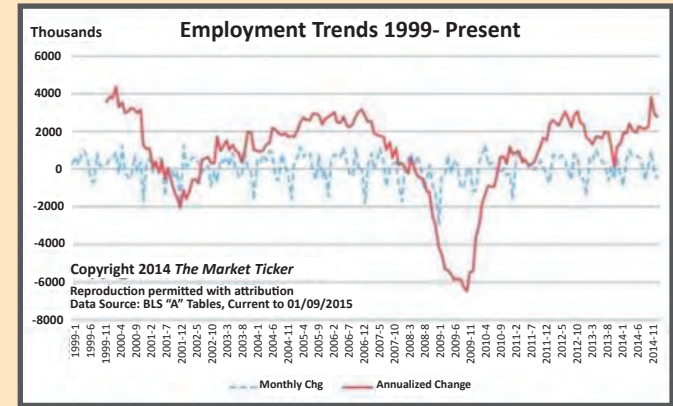
Sure it did.....

Well, if you believe the **cooked** numbers, that is. But the internals look pretty nasty; let's start with the ones that are being talked about.

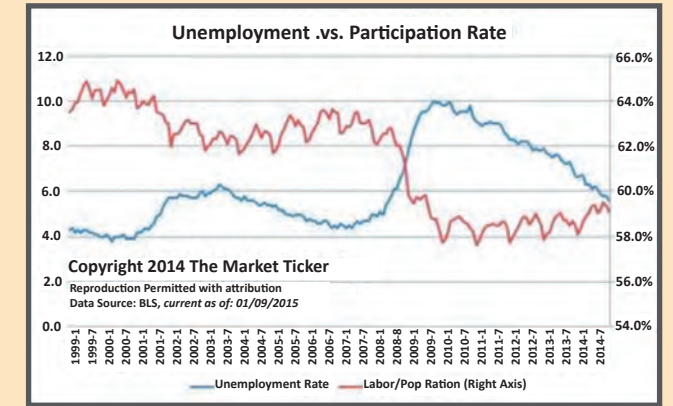
Average hourly earnings **fell**. Not by a lot, and average hours remained stable at 34.6 (which is far more important than hourly earnings, incidentally.)

But -- this is from the establishment survey and is seasonally-adjusted (that is, made-up.)

The **household** survey tells a different story entirely.



The **household** survey says that the total number of people employed **fell** by 476,000 last month. This, on the back of a -270,000 print **last** month, making this one month off from a trend (three makes a trend) and **worsening from the last report**. In addition the number of those who left the labor force increased by 959,000 last month on the back of 506,000 leaving the labor force last month -- also two months of three, **and again worsening**.



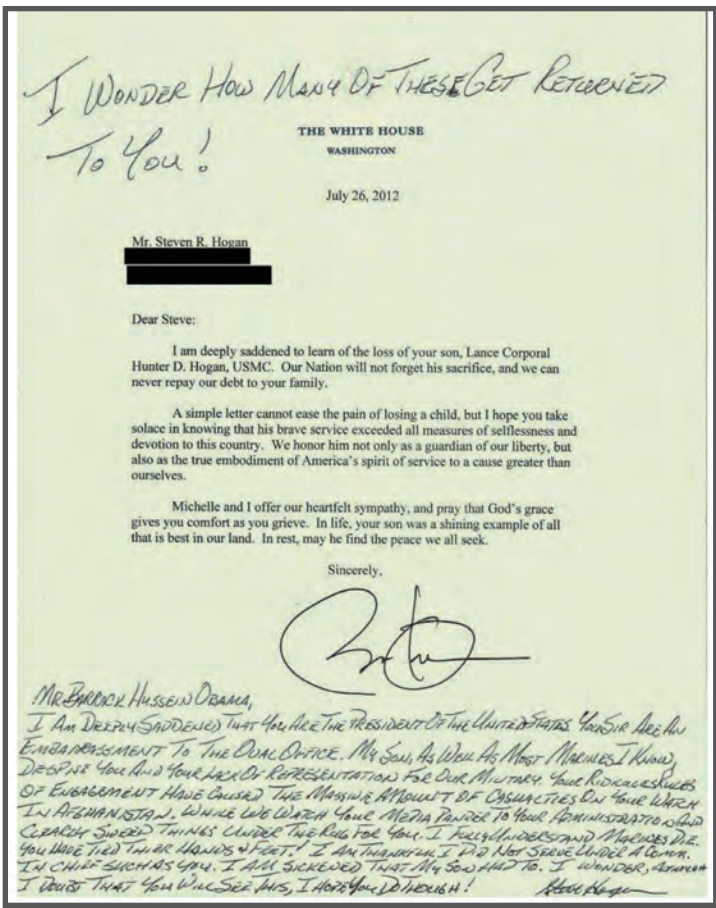
The employment: population ratio **decreased** by two tenths, also being the second month in a row of declines.

So the bottom line here is that the "decrease" in unemployment had exactly nothing to do with improved employment (in fact actual employment **declined** for both of the last two months) but instead was comprised of people who are unemployed **giving up** on finding a job!

That, of course, is not being reported -- all that is being talked about is how "strong" this report is given the establishment figure. However, the lie factory is running into a fairly serious problem in that full employment (which is commonly regarded as a ~5% unemployment rate) **should** bring significant wage pressures (upward) -- that isn't happening, and the reason it's not is quite simple:

The actual number of people employed is falling, not rising, and as a result there is no reason for employers to pay more!

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Colorado School District Requires Girls to Cover Ankles, Wear Head Scarves on Trip to Mosque

by Kyle Olson,
EAGNews.com

CASTLE ROCK, Colo.
A world religions class is taking a field trip to a Denver mosque and the school is requiring girls to dress in what is described as a Sharia-compliant manner.

KNUS radio host Peter Boyles reports the Douglas County school system issued these rules to students in a notification to parents:

The world religions field trip is next Tuesday, January 13. We will be visiting the Denver Mosque, the Assumption Greek Orthodox Cathedral, and the Rodef-Shalom Synagogue. We will then eat lunch at Park Meadows Food Court. Students must either bring a sack lunch or money to purchase lunch at the food court.

THERE IS A DRESS CODE FOR THIS TRIP: All students must wear appropriate long pants. Ankles must be covered. Girls must bring wide scarves or hooded sweatshirts for the mosque.

"Public schools are forbidden from holding girls to different standards

than boys," Boyles notes. "They're holding these girls to a different standard – it's a religious reason.

"The subjugation and oppression of women are enshrined under the sharia."

"Islam dictates many, I believe – personal belief – repressive practices against women and Islamophobia will trump womens' rights. Animal rights every time, and the environment."

Boyles says, "That's their belief – that's wonderful. But don't apply it to public school kids."

He notes there is a difference between an individual visiting a house of worship voluntarily and complying with its rules, versus a school

requiring students to comply with them.

According to Boyles, the mosque is the only place students will be visiting that has a strict dress code.

He urged his listeners to call the school system to get answers.

"Sharia in the classroom," Pamela Geller says succinctly on her website.

"Here again we see anywhere American law and Islamic law conflict, it is American law that has to give way."

Geller adds, "The subjugation and oppression of women are enshrined under the sharia. Young school girls should not be forced to "respect" a dress code that represents honor violence, female genital mutilation, forced marriage, child marriage et al."

So far, the school district has not responded to Boyles' report.

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DEFECTIVE From page 15

with violence are by definition uncivilized animals and cannot be reasoned or negotiated with.

These people have declared war on the civilized world. Your options number only three:

- Die
- Fight
- Surrender and live in subjugation.

Don't give me this c**p about how "most Muslims don't believe in this stuff." Nonsense.

*If they did then there would be a literal **billion people** looking for these ***** in every corner of the globe and putting a stop to this c**p. There are, in fact, essentially **zero** of those individuals taking that step and there never has been any such movement among so-called "peaceful Muslims" defending the "peaceful" nature of their faith, which tells me everything I need to know.*

Believe what you want but you have exactly three choices and unless you want your head -- or that of your **wife and child** sawed off next, you had darn well

The very premise of civilization demands that the expression of free speech does not give justification to violence.

better decide to deal with reality.

And, oh, by the way, if you think they'll stop at sawing off heads if they manage to get their hands on a WMD of some sort, including those that happen

to be found in such blindingly-civilized places as *Pakistan*, you're certifiably insane.

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APPRECIATION From page 14

Officers, Fremont County Sheriff Officers, Canon City Police Officers and Florence Police Officers.

"We are a nation of laws. Without law enforcement, there is anarchy."

On Thursday night January 8, 2015, approximately 140 folks filled the gymnasium of Mountain View Core Knowledge School to pay honor and respect to our law enforcement officers who graced us with their pres-

ence. In the words of Roxanna Hollabaugh, "We are a nation of laws. Without law enforcement, there is anarchy. We believe in supporting our local law enforcement efforts and want to show appreciation for the work our law enforcement officers do every day. They are our first line of defense. They go to work each day not knowing for sure whether they will come home that night. Those who do their job deserve our respect and appreciation". That is exactly what our Fremont County patriots give to those officers in attendance.

The Cañon City High School ROTC started the event by presenting the National Colors followed by the pledge and singing of the National Anthem. Fred Gifford led us in prayer. Fremont County Under Sheriff Ty Martin, Cañon City Police Chief Schultz and Florence Police Chief De Laurentis all spoke to the audience and then Richard Hollabaugh and John Clements presented each represented agency with a certificate of appreciation from the RGTP, KRLN, and

Star Country 104.5. As each agency was given their certificate the officers belonging to that agency stood and a great round of applause was given. Following the ceremony, the meeting was closed and everyone was invited to meet and greet the law officers. There were approximately 35 law officers, in full uniform, present at the event and as one tea party patriot said, "This is the first meeting I've attended where we have been out gunned." The children of Mountain View Core Knowledge School made posters and notes of appreciation for the law enforcement officers--what a great event for our young people to be a part of.

The RGTP would like to thank KRLN, Star Country 104.5, and the Mountain View Core Knowledge School for their teaming with us supporting our law enforcement agencies here in Fremont County. A big thanks to our officers for showing up and participating in this event. This is just another way in which our tea party is staying involved and informed in our community.

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Colorado: First Day of the 2015 Session Sees Strong Pro-Gun Activity

by NRAILA.Org

(Editor/GG: Get on the phone or email our state House Representative Jim Wilson (303-866-2747 or james.wilson.house@state.co.us) or our state Senators Larry Crowder (303-866-4875 or larry.crowder.senate@state.co.us) or Kevin Grantham (303-866-4877 or kevin.grantham.senate@state.co.us) and TELL them to get these passed. Let's see if Chick-enlooper, a self-described "moderate" (where is my barf bag), will sign these common sense revisions to last year's tyranny.)

Yesterday, the 2015 legislative session kicked off and brought a solid list of pro-gun legislation to benefit law-abiding gun owners and sportsmen across the state.

House Bill 1009, introduced by state Representative Steve Humphrey (R-48), would repeal the rights-infringing legislation passed into law during the 2013 legislative session that arbitrarily limits the number of rounds of ammunition you can use to protect yourself and your family to 15 rounds.

House Bill 1049, introduced by state Representative Justin Everett (R-22), would extend the protection and right to self-defense you currently have in your home to your place of business.

House Bill 1050, introduced by state Representative Janik Joshi (R-16), would repeal the onerous and ineffective private transfer background check law that passed during the 2013 legislative session.

Senate Bill 32, introduced by state

Senator Vicki Marble (R-23), would allow all law-abiding Colorado residents to legally carry concealed without having to possess a concealed carry permit. This bill would also keep in place the current permitting system so that people who obtain a permit will still enjoy reciprocity in states around the country when legally carrying concealed.

The bills listed above have already received committee assignments, but no hearing dates have been scheduled. Please stay tuned to your email inbox and www.nraila.org for further updates on these bills and others as the 2015 legislative session progresses.

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Craven Muslims Murder 12 Over Cartoons in Defenseless Paris

by Bob Owens,
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How weak are the core of your religious beliefs if you have to respond to satire with murder?

The answer to that question was exposed in Paris today, where the satirical magazine *Charlie Hebdo* became the scene of another terror attack. This time, at least a dozen people were murdered:

Twelve people have been shot dead at the headquarters of the French satirical magazine *Charlie Hebdo* in Paris, say police.

Two masked gunmen are reported to have stormed the offices of the controversial publication, which has previously been attacked

over its portrayal of the Prophet Mohammed.

They are believed to have been armed with Kalashnikov rifles and a rocket-propelled grenade.

According to the AFP news agency, the attackers shouted: "We have avenged the prophet."

A manhunt is under way for the gunmen, who escaped after a shootout in the street with police.

There is no right to bear arms in the French constitution, and so the left-wing weekly was essentially undefended when the pair of attackers emerged from a small black car and opened fire with what appeared to be fully-automatic AKMs. There are also claims that the attackers may have used a rocket-propelled grenade. Blast damage to an exterior wall lends credibility to that claim.

Charlie Hebdo has been threatened by Muslims since 2011, when they ran a special issue satirizing the prophet Mohammed with cartoons.

They've regularly lampooned radical Islam ever since, including tweeting a cartoon today just hours before the attack which mocked the leader of the terrorist group ISIS.

Charlie Hebdo was under "police protection," which turned out to be woefully unprepared for the attack. At least two police officers are known to be among the dead, including one wounded and then finished off with a coup de grace on video.

They knew that once the uniformed police were killed, that the neutered citizens of Paris would

be able to do nothing other than cower, or at most film the attack from now ubiquitous cell phone cameras. They knew that they could complete their mission and escape before Paris police had any chance to converge upon them... and they were right.

The gunmen who attacked *Charlie Hebdo* got away.

Paris reels.

Sadly, if the French citizen who shot the video had been armed, there is an excellent chance that he could have fired upon these terrorists from above, giving the injured police officer writhing on the ground at least a chance of surviving his previous wounds.

But France is, as a matter of practicality, a "gun-free zone."

There is no "right to bear arms" in the French constitution. Both semi-automatic rifles and handguns—the same firearms Americans could so easily bring to bear against terrorists in our streets outside of a handful of freedom restricted cities—are prohibited, with very narrow exceptions.

There is no practical way for French citizens to protect themselves against "enemies, foreign and domestic," a problem dramatically illustrated in German tours of Europe twice in the last century, and which is abundantly clear again today as craven followers of



The *Charlie Hebdo*'s cartoonist, Luz, kisses a special edition of French satirical magazine *Charlie Hebdo* during a press conference at Theatre du Rond-Point on November 3, 2011, in Paris, France.

courtesy photo

Allah once again terrorized civil society for failing to respect their Dark Age sensibilities.

Events occur on a daily basis around the world which show us that bad men both in criminal gangs and criminal governments—will use the force of arms to take what they want from disarmed populations.

History has shown us time and again that if you want to be free, you must be armed to defend that freedom.

While our politics could not be further from that of the radically left-wing *Charlie Hebdo*, we respect their unflinching courage to face some of the most violent bullies in world history head-on with the mockery such thin-skinned cowards so richly deserved.

It's simply too bad that—thanks to their government's distrust of its own people—that they lacked steel in their hands to back up the steel in their spines.

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Obamacare Architects At Harvard Furious After Learning They Are Not Exempt From Obamacare

by Tyler Durden,
ZeroHedge.com

(Editor/GG: Doesn't get any better than this: liberals have to use their own money for something! Notice the outrage below when the lib "professors" realize that their beloved Obamacare (I thought it just was for the "peasants") applies to them. And they have to pay for it. Waaaaaaaaaaaa.....)

The brain incubator at Harvard, the place which, according to legend, and certainly the *US News and World Report's* annual paid college infomercial, is the repository for some of the smartest people in the world, is furious.

The reason - Harvard's illustrious faculty has learned that **they, too**, will be subject to their own policy recommendations as relates to Obamacare, which **they themselves** helped conceive. As the left-leaning *NYT* reported earlier today, "for years, Harvard's experts on health economics and policy have advised presidents and Congress on how to provide health benefits to the nation at a reasonable cost. But those remedies will now be applied to the Harvard faculty, and the professors are in an uproar." Because Harvard's brilliant ivory tower economists and public policy wonks know precisely how to fix the world... as long as said fix never applies to them.

And sure enough, the faculty did everything in its power to make sure it never had to suffer the consequences of its own brilliance...

The faculty is enraged, ENRAGED that what it hoped would only apply to the plebian peasantry is just as applicable to the self-appointed, smartest people in the world.

"Members of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, the heart of the 378-year-old university, **voted overwhelmingly in November to oppose changes that would require them and thousands of other Harvard employees to pay more for health care. The university says the increases are in part a result of the Obama administration's Affordable Care Act, which many Harvard professors championed.**"

... But it was too late:

The faculty vote came too late to stop the cost increases from taking effect this month, and the anger on campus remains focused on questions that are agitating many workplaces: How should the burden of health costs be shared by employers and employees? If employees have to bear more of the

cost, will they skimp on medically necessary care, curtail the use of less valuable services, or both?

And it just gets better:

"Harvard is a microcosm of what's happening in health care in the country," said David M. Cutler, a health economist at the university who was an adviser to President Obama's 2008 campaign. But only up to a point: **Professors at Harvard have until now generally avoided the higher expenses that other employers have**

Previously, Harvard employees paid a portion of insurance premiums and had low out-of-pocket costs when they received care.

Kinda like how America worked **before** the tax that is Obamacare was forcefully shoved down everyone's throat thanks to Harvard brilliant geniuses no less who decided it was time to treat the free market like their own socialist lab experiment. But hey, at least it helped "boost" Q1 Q3 GDP by 1%.

"[F]or years, Harvard's experts on health economics and policy have advised presidents and Congress on how to provide health benefits to the nation at a reasonable cost. But those remedies will now be applied to the Harvard faculty, and the professors are in an uproar."

been passing on to employees. That makes the outrage among the faculty remarkable, Mr. Cutler said, because "Harvard was and remains a very generous employer."

Ah, hypocrisy: exactly the same whether it is at the lowliest of community colleges or the leading bastion of liberal thought.

The faculty is enraged, ENRAGED that what it hoped would only apply to the plebian peasantry is just as applicable to the self-appointed, smartest people in the world. Here's Dick:

Richard F. Thomas, a Harvard professor of classics and one of the world's leading authorities on Virgil, called the changes "deplorable, deeply regressive, a sign of the corporatization of the university."

And here's Mary:

Mary D. Lewis, a professor who specializes in the history of modern France and has led opposition to the benefit changes, said they were tantamount to a pay cut. "Moreover," she said, "This pay cut will be timed to come at precisely the moment when you are sick, stressed, or facing the challenges of being a new parent."

Why the anger? Because Harvard thought that it would be, drumroll, exempt from the Affordable Care Act which it was instrumental in conceiving:

The university is adopting standard features of most employer-sponsored health plans: Employees will now pay deductibles and a share of the costs, known as coinsurance, for hospitalization, surgery, and certain advanced diagnostic tests. The plan has an annual deductible of \$250 per individual and \$750 for a family. For a doctor's office visit, the charge is \$20. For most other services, patients will pay 10 percent of the cost until they reach the out-of-pocket limit of \$1,500 for an individual and \$4,500 for a family.

It has gotten so bad that Harvard, realizing it is not exempt from socialist utopia, is suffering from "distress" and "anxiety."

Some ideas that looked good to academia in theory are now causing consternation. In 2009, while Congress was considering the health care legislation, Dr. Alan M. Garber — then a Stanford professor and now the provost of Harvard — led a group of economists who sent an open letter to Mr. Obama endorsing cost-control features of the bill. They praised the Cadillac tax as a way to rein in health costs and premiums.

Dr. Garber, a physician and health economist, has been at the center of the current Harvard debate. **He approved the changes in benefits, which were recommended by a committee that included university administrators and experts on health policy.**

"It's equivalent to taxing the sick," Professor Green said. **"I don't think there's any government in the world that would tax the sick."**

"Harvard employees want access to everything," said Dr. Barbara J. McNeil, the head of the health care policy department at Harvard Medical School and a member of the benefits committee. **"They don't want to be restricted in what institutions they can get care from."**

But the punchline comes from none other than a sociologist:

"It seems that Harvard is trying to save money by shifting costs to sick people," said Mary C. Waters, a professor of sociology. **"I don't understand why a university with Harvard's incredible resources would do this. What is the crisis?"**

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Politics & The Bible

From Pastor Jim



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

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



The Noise Continues

Once again, the boys in the liberal band are playing an all too familiar tune. Israeli-Canadian filmmaker Simcha Jacobovici and maverick Canadian biblical scholar Barrie Wilson have published their already bestselling new book, “The Lost Gospel.” This malevolent piece of music joins “Jesus Christ Superstar” (1973), “The Last Temptation of Christ” (1988), and Dan Brown’s “The DaVinci Code” (2003). It makes no difference if the clarinet squeaks, the trombone is flat, and the trumpet is overpowering. From the perspective of these ill-tempered musicians the critical imperative is to quite simply make enough noise, believing some tin ears will listen.

All of these misguided efforts attempt to find some way to link Jesus and Mary Magdalene in romance and wedlock. Charlotte Allen has submitted a more than adequate article to debunk the above insanity (December 8, 2014, *The Weekly Standard*, pg. 12). Our purpose is not to tread the same ground but rather examine the motives behind this continual Chinese water torture. The Drips will continue the all-out assault on the deity of Christ, understanding the necessity of humanizing Him if His authority is to be undermined. If the composition of our Saviour was the same as ours then His WORDS have no more merit than any Hollywood hairball.

It was the opinion of our nation’s forefathers that the Scriptures held an intrinsic value that was to be highly esteemed. President John Adams said, “The general principles on which the Fathers achieved independence are the general principles of Christianity.” Professors Donald Lutz and Charles Hyneman spent ten years review-

ing 15,000 items and read 2200 books and materials of our founding period. They documented the sources cited by our founding statesmen. In the 1770’s, 44% of all citations were from the Bible. They had a clear comprehension that if the

of grace and truth.” (John 1:14) Jesus indicated that everyone who would embrace His words would incur the hatred of the world. (John 17:14-17) If American were surveyed with this simple question: “Would you like Jesus Christ to be in charge and

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founding documents were to hold and maintain any effectual authority they must find their roots in a greater power. Hence, the Author of Scripture is constantly in the cross-hairs.

The miracles of Jesus served as a witness to His credibility, but it was His words that generated hostility from the enemies of liberty. “And they went in Capernaum; and straightway on the Sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught. And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.” (Mark 1:21,22) Clearly, the WORDS of Jesus had some potency that was missing in the rhetoric of the educated religious heavyweights.

John renders this explanation: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (John 1:1) “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we behold his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full

His words to be the final authority in all matters of faith, practice, and human behavior?”, I would suppose that the number of favorable respondents in Congress would be about the same percentage as Detroit drug dealers.

Alexander’s ragtime band will continue to march in the Mardi Gras of ignorance with no capability of matching the sweet harmonies that have emanated from the lyrics of our Redeemer’s lips. His words have built hospitals, orphanages, rescue missions, and soup kitchens. They have resulted in more philanthropy that all other expressions combined.

When the noted agnostic Robert Ingersoll died, the printed funeral notices said, “There will be no singing.” Look not for hymns, anthems, oratorios, carols, and spiritual songs among infidels, agnostics, or skeptics. Without God, without a divine Christ, without redemption, without a sacred revelation and without hope, what have they to sing about?

A Sheepdog Barks!

IDIOCRACY (the movie) is playing out right before our very eyes. If you haven’t watched it you need to make every effort in your power to do so. Somehow some Hollywood writers, producers, and directors had a vision of the Obama presidency and filmed it in advance. It could now be reclassified from a fictional sci-fi comedy to a non-fictional, present-day documentary on Obama and his buffoonish and amateurish staff and cabinet. The actions of Obama and his staff this last week has been beyond stupid and wrong-headed. It’s been embarrassing to all Americans and has disappointed all the freedom-loving countries around the world. Obama’s failure to show up and represent the United States in Paris (or send the Vice President) is inexcusable. It isn’t surprising though. This man never seems to get it right or do the proper thing at the proper time. I’ve concluded this is no accident or oversight. He acts this way on purpose. He enjoys making America look weak and clumsy. Mark my bark – Obama’s actions are well thought out and deliberate and this is payback time for America. WOOF! He intends to diminish our role in the world. He intends to apologize and embarrass us. It’s all part of his anti-colonialist views that he got from his father. His book, you recall, was titled, *Dreams “FROM” My Father*, not *Dreams “OF” My Father*. He knows exactly what he is doing and enjoys being able to poke America in the eye every time he gets a chance. This failure to stand with our friends and allies is just his latest poke. And then his White House staff begins their normal process of treating us like a bunch of idiots as they try to explain this gargantuan gaffe: It was the lack of security, or it was he didn’t know everyone else was going, or he wasn’t told, or he wasn’t asked by his staff, or he sent Eric Holder, or he thought his absence wouldn’t be noticed, etc., etc. I fully expected it to be something more like this: Air Force One needed an oil change, or he over-

slept, or he didn’t want to be late for his photo op with the NBA Champs on Monday morning or that he was busy rearranging the socks in his drawer. Whatever the reason, it was deliberate. I believe it was because it doesn’t fit his narrative. He continually tells us that OBL is dead, Al Qaeda is on the run, ISIS is the Junior Varsity, and the wars are over. He believes all that so much that he intends to release all the detainees in GITMO to prove his point. How in the world can he go to an anti-Islamic terrorist rally in Paris? That makes him wrong! He and his fellow LPSDs are making a mess of this country and of the world. HOWL! Most of the chaos around the world is due to the confusion and inconsistencies this President has inflicted on them. Obama is weak, befuddled, and only willing to lead from behind. This causes the bad guys to puff up and cause trouble. The “bully pulpit” for the free world has gone silent. Obama doesn’t have the courage to lead the fight against the radical Islamists and their reign of terror around the world. Heck, he won’t even say it. He refuses to identify the problem and even prohibits his staff and administration from using the words “Islam” and “terrorists” in the same sentence. We are expected to believe these are ALL lone wolves that have “hijacked” the religion of Islam or “falsely” claim they have revenged the Prophet Mohammed. HOWL! REALLY? If that’s the case there happen to be millions, no hundreds of millions, of “lone” wolves out there. And all without leaders. Who woulda thunk? That simply isn’t reality. Let’s be honest. We must stop with all the political correctness and multiculturalism phony-baloney stuff. Kumbaya won’t work here.

Let’s deal with the facts. There are approximately 2 million Muslims in America. Surveys show that about 20% of them (400,000) believe that homicide bombings can be justified and that they support extreme violence when necessary. That percentage suggests



that there are ONLY about 350 Million Muslims, of the world’s 1.6 Billion, that would either do us infidels harm or support those that do. What a relief! We need to wake the sheep up that are all around us bleating about how most Muslims are good people. BAAA! Totally irrelevant and unimportant! Only 7-10% of the German people were Nazis or supported them and look what evil they committed. The peaceful majority was irrelevant. SO WHAT if the majority of Muslims are peaceful and loving. They are irrelevant. We need to focus on the bad ones and there are lots of them. These are the kind of people that strap explosives on a 10-year-old girl and send her into a marketplace and then remotely blow her up and kill and injure as many others as they can. This happened last week. How brave and good. You bet we need to profile and listen in on the mosques. Listen my friends; you don’t “talk” to these kinds of people. You kill them. Let’s start dealing with the harsh realities of what we, and all freedom loving countries around the world are facing. It’s pure unadulterated evil and it’s coming from Islam. When it quacks like a duck and walks like a duck, it’s not a dove. This religion and culture is out to dominate the world. The more we appease it, or coddle it, or make excuses for it, the more we are at risk. The LPSDs in America can find the evil in our police forces but they cannot or will not call out the evil in the Islamic world. Obama’s conference will be a joke. Total Denial! HOWL! We need real leadership on this world-wide plague and we need it now. America’s safety is at risk. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy on America! JMH



The Obama Administration Has History of Blaming Free Speech for Islamic Backlash

by Chuck Ross,
DailyCaller.com

(Editor/GG: The money quote from Obama: “The future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam”, from his highness at his September 25, 2012, speech at the U.N. Somehow this old hymn just popped in to my head, “Onward Christian Soldiers, Marching on to War, With the Cross of Jesus.....”)

The last time the Obama administration had reason to mention Charlie Hebdo it was to condemn a series of cartoons the magazine had released in September 2012 satirizing Islam.

And though President Obama offered support for Charlie Hebdo on Wednesday, upon news that Islamic gunmen had stormed the publication’s Paris headquarters, killing 10 journalists and two police officers in order to “avenge the Prophet [Muhammad],” the statements criticizing the satirical magazine’s content two years ago indicate a pattern of thought with regards to free speech and free expression within the Obama administration — at least when it comes to Islam.

“The future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam,” Obama said at the event.

Obama’s first such critique came on September 9, 2010, when he responded to Florida pastor Terry Jones who planned to burn copies of the Koran, the Muslim holy book.

“If he’s listening, I just hope he understands that what he’s proposing to do is completely contrary to our values,” Obama told ABC News’ George Stephanopoulos. “This country has been built on the notions of religious

freedom and religious tolerance.”

“I just want him to understand that this stunt that he is pulling could greatly endanger our young men and women in uniform who are in Iraq, who are in Afghanistan.”

The next year, the U.S. Embassy in Cairo criticized another attempt at free speech.

“The Embassy of the United States in Cairo condemns the continuing efforts by misguided individuals to hurt the religious feelings of Muslims — as we condemn efforts to offend believers of all religions,” the embassy said in a statement released on September 11, 2012, after protesters there had scaled the walls of the embassy and stolen a U.S. flag in protest of a 14-minute mini-movie called “Innocence of Muslims,” which many Muslims believed was offensive.

The infiltration of the embassy in Cairo came at around the same time that militants stormed the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, where four Americans, including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens, were murdered.

The Obama administration initially blamed that attack on “Innocence of Muslims” as well.

Days after the attack, the White House reportedly contacted YouTube to request that the video sharing website remove copies of “Innocence of Muslims.”

As The Federalist’s David Harsanyi notes, the American Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan paid for an aired advertisement showing both Obama and then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton condemning the video.

“We absolutely reject its content and message,” Clinton says in the ad.

That’s the wrong stance to take, Harsanyi argues in his essay.

“The producer of this pointlessly inflammatory video was well within his rights to mock any religion he chose however he pleased,” Harsanyi wrote. “So the statement irresponsibly perpetuates a false notion about how free speech works around here. Neither The Embassy of the United States in Cairo nor the President of the United States has the power to apologize for your views on religion.”

Obama himself criticized the exercise of free speech in a September 25, 2012 speech to the U.N. General Assembly.

“The future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam,” Obama said at the event. “But to be credible, those who condemn that slander must also condemn the hate we see in the images of Jesus Christ that are desecrated, or churches that are destroyed, or the Holocaust that is denied.”

“It’s time to heed the words of Gandhi: ‘Intolerance is itself a form of violence and an obstacle to the growth of a true democratic spirit.’”

It was during this period that the White House made its first mention of Charlie Hebdo.

The magazine had published several cartoons satirizing the Islamist political movement, causing the French government to temporarily shut down schools and embassies ahead of expected terrorist attacks.

“We are aware that a French magazine published cartoons featuring a figure resembling the prophet Muhammad, and obviously we have questions about the judgment of publishing something like this,” then-White House Press Secretary Jay Carney told reporters during a press briefing on September 19, 2012.

“We know these images will be deeply offensive to many and have the potential to be inflammatory,” Carney said.

In his statement Wednesday, Obama offered sympathy for the families of the victims which included the 10 journalists and two police officers.

He said that the terrorists — who, according to reports, told witnesses they were part of al-Qaida — “fear freedom.”

“But the one thing that I’m very confident about is that the values that we share with the French people, a belief — a universal belief in the freedom of expression, is something that can’t be silenced because of the senseless violence of the few,” Obama said in the statement.

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APPLE SHED

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sense that the owner would want to continue to grow and make optimum usage of his property. If pot in any form gets a foot hold at the Historic Apple Shed, it will most likely spread like the noxious weed it is. Reasonable people will also keep in mind that the medical marijuana businesses are still hoping to get ‘Retail Marijuana’ approved. They want to be ready to strike and reap the harvest of green gold should this happen.

At a Penrose community meeting on October 27, 2014, Chris Haight said, “I’m not a grower.” The Apple Shed was bought with the intention of “Flipping It.” Actually, people were coming in asking us if we would use the property for pot. “Then,” he said, “We decided to try it.” Mr. Haight was then informed that ‘MIP’s’ should only be done in industrial zone settings, like at the airport or the Cotter site. He was then put on notice that any attempt at a zone change for the property would be hotly contested by the public. During this same meeting Penrose Fire Chief Calvin Sundermann warned of possible fire danger at local marijuana facilities. “Like I said,” he reminded the people present, “it burns like oil and it doesn’t like water.” This was reported in the October 31st edition of the *Sangre De Cristo Sentinel*.

Unless and until the States’ decision to allow marijuana is overturned, the citizens of Fremont County will have to remain ever vigilant. The victories achieved to this point are a testament to the tenacity of “We the People.” There is strength in numbers!

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all you who
labor and are
heavy laden, and
I will give you rest.**

Matthew 11:28,
NKJV

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“Takin’ It To The House...”

A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

From: Representative Jim Wilson
– HD 60

January 11, 2015

To paraphrase the world of baseball from back in 1888: “There is no joy in Mudville – the mighty Broncos have struck out”. The sun set on the Broncos’ dreams and the state went from United in Orange to being completely blue. The best efforts of John Elway and the Bronco organization to put together the best roster possible to make up for last year’s disappointment fell short on Sunday. The ripple effect of that shortfall will be felt for days and weeks to come. Ironically, there is a parallel to the Colorado Statehouse in this Bronco story...

In November of 2014, the voters put together the best 100 member “team” (35 in the Senate and 65 in the House) for the 70th General Assembly of Colorado. Because of the dissatisfaction with the last session, many changes were made in personnel and leadership at the

Capitol. The voters expect us to make a difference in 2015-16 for the people of Colorado. On January 7th, the Honorable Nancy E. Rice (Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court) administered the oath of office to those members of the Assembly. Every member swore to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Colorado. The expectations are high for this team to pull together and accomplish more than it did in the previous “season”. To quote a famous American, we need to “Git ‘Er Done!”

The process used to make changes at the Capitol is through legislation. Each member is allowed to submit 5 bills (more are allowed if you are in the majority) to repeal current laws or initiate new ones. The first three bill titles have to be submitted before the session begins and the last two titles have to be submitted by January 13th. The bills I have submitted for this session include:

- Full funding for kindergarten – this bill would fully fund kindergarten. Currently our local schools only receive 58% funding for each kindergarten student. Our local districts have to pull money from other sources if they want to provide full day kindergarten classes to their parents.
- Impeding Traffic – this bill would require that a vehicle traveling at least 5 mph below the speed limit with 4 or more vehicles behind it would be required to pull over and let the impeded vehicles pass. Farm vehicles with slow moving vehicle signage would be exempt.
- Registration of Vehicles – this bill would reduce the \$100 fee that is assessed for late registration. Vehicles that are not in constant use should not be penalized for late registration.
- Colorado Student Leaders Institute – this bill would create

the CSLI to assist some of the state’s best and brightest students to reach higher. Two students from each of the 64 counties in the state would be allowed to participate. Students in similar programs in other states have a 90% graduation rate from college!

- Rural Flexibility – this bill would allow rural and small districts that are exhibiting success to be exempt from mundane reporting to the state on their progress.

The new team is in place – the game is on. We, as elected officials, have to take the field and do the job we were elected to do. Our “fans” expect nothing less...



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