

A Night of Science and Fun at CCCS!



Left: Lane Geroux and Corey Lewenkamp prepare their hovercrafts as the elementary students hear about the evening's plans.



Above: Corey Lewenkamp demonstrates the fun of a hovercraft.

Right: Madeleine Woods and Kayli Short share their creation of "Ublech" (cornstarch and water), a non-Newtonian fluid, a fluid whose viscosity is variable based on stress.



Right: Anatomy/Physiology: demonstration and explanation of skeletal and muscular functions, circulatory, respiratory, and digestive systems, nervous system, and sensory perception by Amy Selden and brother Danny.



Above: Robotics demonstration: Computer-controlled wheeled robots engaged in a "battle" by middle school student Tyler Ferron and Ms. Betsey Banks, supervisor of the Robotics Club



Left: Clouds and Rain: demonstration of how clouds saturate and produce rain, using shaving cream for clouds, colored water for rain, and eyedroppers by Cyndia Corella and Madison Henrich



Above: Light: demonstration of various colored filters, polarized lenses, and fiber optics teaching diffraction gradients by Michael Franta and Denver Mullet.

For an hour-and-a-half on Thursday after school, 4:00-5:30, more than 50 elementary students and a number of parents were taught some lessons in science by 6 teams of mostly high school students, each with their own demonstration station. The younger students were divided into groups, from kindergarten through 5th grade. The groups then moved from station to station around the room, whenever the signal sounded that it was time to make the change. The high school students showed a great deal of creativity and (who knows?) perhaps the teaching skill of some future teachers, as they captured the attention of and delighted the younger children. The time flew by, and the elementary children, and the reporters, too, certainly learned a lot. Prizes were given to the children who completed all 6 stations. The high school students are members of the National Honor Society, co-sponsored by high school science teacher Michelle Selle, and Lissa Miller, both overseeing the evening's program.

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*This is the day
the LORD
has made;
let us rejoice
and be glad in it.*

Psalm 118:24,
NIV

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

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

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board



FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS RUNNING AMUCK

On Tuesday of this week around 30-40 citizens, mostly liberal progressives, showed up to complain about the County Commissioners (BOCC) awarding the publication rights of the County Legal and Public Notices to this newspaper. Immediately after the decision was made on Tuesday, January 13, an email campaign and internet petition was started to barrage the Commissioners with demands to reverse the decision they made. The BOCC on a 2-0 vote (Bob Kattnig abstained) awarded the *Sentinel* the publication rights as the county's paper of record based on sealed bids received from the town's two newspapers. The BOCC then explained that their decision was based on saving the county taxpayers money by choosing the low bid between the two qualified and eligible newspapers. Because many of the citizens sending the emails, and who were at the meeting, say they don't like this paper's conservative views, they didn't believe that the BOCC should use "their" tax money to support it. We can only surmise that they believe the BOCC should only support a business that they prefer. We are not sure this is a relevant criticism. The state and federal government, under Liberal Progressive control, spends our tax money on thousands of programs

and businesses we don't agree with. That's how the system works. Wonder if they don't agree with that either. In this case, however, our elected representatives made a very logical and sound decision to save county money which can now be used for other purposes. The *Wet Mountain Tribune* (WMT) has charged the county the maximum amount allowed by law for many years. There was a monopoly, of course, and the taxpayers suffered. Now there is competition and because of how the free market process works the citizens of this county will receive a service for less money. That process works well for us all. The fact that one doesn't like what is printed in one or the other newspapers is irrelevant. We know of many local citizens who have complained they didn't like what the other paper printed, or even more important, what they didn't print. But now the citizens have a choice. It's the First Amendment at its best. We read *The Pueblo Chieftain* every day. We don't like or agree with everything we read in that paper. So what? One can choose to read an article or a personal opinion or not. That's freedom of choice. This paper provides important information to the community whether all agree with it or not. If one doesn't agree one can write

a letter and oppose or rebut anything one doesn't like. The free exchange of ideas is what is important. This paper is as important to many conservatives in this community as the *WMT* is important to others. The relevant point, however, is that both are readily available to anyone that wants to read the public or legal notices, or about local, state or national events, or about the school sports programs, etc., etc. One doesn't have to agree with everything in either paper. Many of the emails opposing the *Sentinel's* selection speak to a concern that the *WMT* has paid employees and this decision may hurt them and the *WMT*. Of course these are not relevant issues for the BOCC. The *Sentinel* also has paid employees and therefore the very same concerns. It is not the BOCC's responsibility to support one business over any other similar one in this community.

Since there were many that wanted to speak at the Tuesday meeting the commissioners set up a special meeting later this month. The few that spoke mostly expressed their personal opinions. One however leveled a false charge that we believe deserves comment. Jim Little, the owner and editor of the *WMT*, accused the *Sentinel* of failing to comply with a new state requirement to post all notices on the state website. He

was wrong. This was not entirely surprising as Mr. Little, his reporters, and his local lawyer get many things wrong. His real intent, in our view, was to besmirch this newspaper in public. The *Sentinel* posted the public notices, as required, on Friday, January 16th, properly and with the assistance of the Colorado Press Association. As this is a new requirement we wanted to make very sure we were in full compliance. You can go to www.publicnoticecolorado.com and see for yourself. If you follow the simple steps you will find the notices there. It was wrong of Mr. Little to make such a false statement and we believe it was done with the clear intent to embarrass and discredit this paper. It was also wrong of Mr. Little to hire a lawyer to write a letter to the Commissioners in order to tarnish his competition, (the *Sentinel*). That same lawyer orally repeated his incorrect and misleading statements at the BOCC meeting on January 13th. These acts are wrong, childish, and unprofessional. Not unexpected though from the most intolerant of all Americans – the liberal progressives.

Commissioners Attebery and Shy made a good, sound, and fiscally responsible decision. Emotions and ideology are not relevant here. With the only two eligible and qualified

entities bidding, prices and costs are the only relevant issues. The *WMT* chose to continue bidding the maximum amount allowed even though they knew there was now, for the first time in Custer County's history, a choice to be made between competing bids. We hope the commissioners will remain strong and stand by their decision. All decision-makers know you can't please everyone no matter what you decide to do. We elect representatives to manage and govern. However, because there were concerns by some citizens, the BOCC decided to hold a special meeting on Thursday, January 29th, at 9:00 am to hear the voices of ALL the citizens that might want to speak on this issue, not just the vocal opposition that was quickly organized to show up on Tuesday. We encourage all concerned citizens to show up and voice their support for the recent publication decision. Regardless, the BOCC is under no obligation to change a good decision. We applaud our elected leaders for their willingness to listen to the community's varied opinions regarding their decision. However, we hope that they can and will separate the emotion and personal feelings from the relevant facts. We see no legal reason the decision needs to be changed.

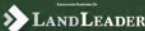
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Weighing In on Custer County's Public Notices...

It's a Good Day for Taxpayers

Any time government finds ways to save taxpayers money is a good day. Recently, CC BOCC voted to use the *Sentinel* to publish its public notices. The why of this decision is simple...it saves the taxpaying members of the community money, tens of thousands per year. Many hard-working taxpaying residents of the two towns no doubt hope that their policy makers will look long and hard at what is being spent on public notices.

Since the decision, the email waves have been smoking mostly from those in the community who would like the BOCC to stay with the incumbent *Tribune*. The reason that they give is that the loss of these taxpayer funds will cause the *Tribune* financial stress. One emailer suggests that the switch "could even create it's [the Trib's] clo-

sure." My guess is that this is hyperbole, but it is not the job of the BOCC to overpay for services just to ensure the survival of a local business. After all, the *Sentinel*, the low cost bidder, is a local business, too.

Ever since the federal government intervened to "save" General Motors and Chrysler, I have taken the time to review all of these "too-big-to-fail" bailout proposals. This famous bailout resulted in all bond holders of both companies were stiffed. That's right, these obligations were dismissed. The government took a major position in the common stock and the United Auto Workers Union was given, repeat given, a large portion of stock. This action was "sold" as a remedy caused by industry over regulation and gross mismanagement. No government entity, even one

in rural America, should be expected to bailout businesses that are mismanaged.

Most people in America are not following the crises that the nation's print media are experiencing. Many have gone belly up. Anyone remember the *Rocky Mountain News*? Even that great family favorite, Reader's Digest, has filed for bankruptcy in 2009 and again in 2013. For many reasons, print media entities may not survive. The *Tribune's* owners should evaluate their business model and stop depending on overcharging the very community it claims to serve. Competition in America is good for all. It provides choices, keeps prices down, and weeds out the weaker businesses.

I give a big "Well Done!" to the BOCC.

Joe Cascarelli,
Westcliffe,

We Stand with You, Commissioners!

Have you ever seen kid laying on the floor of a grocery store and screaming his lungs out just because he did not get what he wanted? Now picture liberals in this town after the *Sentinel* was named to be the paper of record. Very similar picture isn't it?

Some of you may have seen posts on the community's Facebook group regarding how the decision to name the *Sentinel* as paper of record, was unethical and how it was made behind peoples backs. Now how is it unethical to name the *Sentinel*, who offered the same service at only a third of *Tribune's* offer, as paper of record? Furthermore, our very own Paul Sage stated in that post "The decision to make the *Sentinel* the county paper of record WAS made at a public meeting, as previously posted in the *Tribune* when it was the paper of record". No, how was that behind anyone's back? Soon after this, the post was removed, now call me a tinfoil hat or just a person who knows how the liberal mind works, but when they see that they are not going to win an argument, they remove all the evidence. Out of sight, out of mind!

It seems the *Tribune* and liberals in town are upset that the *Sentinel* won a bid fair and square. Our Commissioners were thoughtful and took finances into consideration, and as a taxpayer, I thank them for doing so! Now the *Tribune* and liberals are undermining our Commissioners, their ethics and capability to make the best decision for the taxpayers by having a petition to restore the *Tribune* as the paper of record. This is a low blow even from them. Can't they just suck it up and admit that best decision was made, do they really need to embarrass themselves even more?

I wish all, ALL, of you would send an email to our commissioners and thank them for making the fiscally responsible decision and show that you stand with them and their decision! You can email them to these email addresses. kit@custercountygov.com; lynn@custercountygov.com; bob@custercountygov.com. Or write letters and mail them letter to Custer County Commissioners, P.O.Box 150, Westcliffe, CO 81252

Tira Doran,
Rural Custer County

Congratulations to the Sentinel!

Congratulations to the *Sentinel* for being awarded the Custer County legal postings for 2015! For those who refuse to buy the other county paper due to that paper's own narrow focused, political views and refusal to print anything to the editor or articles that are opposed to their views proves just that! There isn't a paper anywhere in the world that isn't agenda-driven and meets everyone's political or spiritual viewpoints on all issues. If everyone was pleased with the one monopolizing paper in the county, then there wouldn't be a need for the *Sentinel* as a second paper! The other paper has a large staff for a small community paper, and giving the *Sentinel* a chance for one year as a small business is in my opinion - about time! I am thankful my tax money is being given to a small business that provides the opportunity for growth and isn't stifling

as the other paper tends to be. It is also financially responsible for the county to look for ways to cut costs, and awarding this contract to the *Sentinel* has done just that, another reason to be thankful as a taxpayer - even if saving money was the only reason.

Some may look at the *Sentinel* as a political minority; that however, doesn't seem to be the case as many from ALL parties read the *Sentinel*, as it isn't the "Tea Party Paper" as the other paper's attempt to belittle it, name calling, and labeling it. Granted the *Sentinel* has Tea Party supporters, Democratic, Republican, Libertarian, and Constitutionlists supporters, including others without "labels". Thankfully, our community has a choice of papers to read and not forced to read only one monopolizing paper that waters down information with intentional

holes in the information the populace needs to know, including voting information on key issues. Many people read both papers to get all the information they are looking for, so kudos to the *Sentinel* for being awarded this, even if only for one year - at least it gives you a chance! I applaud the Commissioners in this decision; both as fiscally responsible to the taxpayers, and as support for new small businesses (including those forced to have volunteers for tight financial budgets), and for supporting the *Sentinel* to be expanded into the county areas now not serviced by any paper. This shows that you do support the "little guy" for a change. Maybe now you can afford to have more than just a few employees!

Siding along with many other county residents
L. Reid
Rural Custer County

They think Freedom is a Gift from God

Dear Editor,

FYI, I sent the following letter to each of our county commissioners.

I am writing to ask that you reconsider the decision to make the *Sangre de Cristo Sentinel* the newspaper of record for Custer County.

The *Sentinel* does not serve the whole community as a source of unbiased community news. Lots of folks find it insulting and many have no interest in it. It is inappropriate for the county to support it with our tax dollars. It is by its own definition a religious and political publication, the masthead states that the publishers **"...believe that freedom is a gift from God and not granted to us by politicians or governments"**. It is filled with editorial copy; the January 2, 2015 issue contained about fifteen editorial articles and about thirteen community news items. Even the community news items were filled with judgmental (editorial?) statements supporting its own political and religious views. Further, one of the local editorial articles was filled with insults and name

calling (idiots, sickos, shameless twits, enviro-wackos, etc.). Those who wish to support this enterprise are welcome to do so; it is wrong for the county to support it and to require those who are insulted by it to have to do so as well.

The *Sentinel's* readership is a fraction of the *Tribune's*. Even with cheaper prices, it is not the most economical way to reach the bulk of Custer County's landowners, voters, and other interested parties. The *Tribune* provides us with local news and limits editorials to clear editorial pieces and the opinions page. It is more than a little stinky to coerce our community into using the *Sentinel* as the newspaper of record. By "more than a little stinky" I mean it appears to be a decision based on something other than the best interest of the whole community. Please reconsider.

Thank you so very much for the time and energy that you give our community. We count on you to make good decisions for us.

Lyn Crenshaw
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Proper operation can be verified by:

1. Turn the water on; once flowing turn the hydrant off.
2. Place the palm of your hand over the outlet or hose adaptor.

You should feel suction or vacuum created by the water draining down the pipe. If not the hydrant needs to

be adjusted. The internal rod operated by the handle needs to be adjusted so it moves farther down the standpipe. Some models use a simple setscrew and others a double nut setup. When properly setup the handle should "snap" shut using more pressure to close the handle at the end of the stroke. Re-check the hydrant as before.

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Code Red: The Sentinel Needs Your Help!

Westcliffe Liberals Try to Steal the Sentinel's Legally Won County Notice Bid Special Commissioners Meeting: 9 a.m., Thursday, January 29

Editor/GG: Dozens of Westcliffe liberals unexpectedly showed up at last Tuesday's Custer County Commissioners' meeting to protest the *Sentinel* winning the bidding contest to publish the County's legal notices for 2015. Seemingly astounded that the Commissioners would give the contract to the LOW BIDDER, they yelled at the Commissioners that the decision was somehow "unfair" and that it actually should be overturned! It was quite the tantrum.

The Story: The other newspaper in town, the *Wet Mountain Tribune*, has been the only paper in town, since, forever. No competition. The *Tribune* has used this monopoly position to charge the County the MAXIMUM LEGAL RATE allowed to print the County's legal notices. This rip-off has gone on for decades and has cost the County thousands of dollars over the years. This is a lot of taxpayer money, folks.

The *Sentinel*, the most successful new weekly newspaper in Colorado in decades, had fulfilled all the requirements to be a Colorado "legal" newspaper, so we decided to bid in the County's 2015 legal notices open bid process. It was part of our original business plan. A few months ago, the Commissioners announced they were accepting bids for 2015. In December the *Sentinel* and the *Tribune* both submitted sealed bids. When developing our bid, we called around to some other newspapers in Colorado. The rates

being charged by these other papers were way below the legal maximum (which is 44 cents per line). Their bids were from the mid teens to low thirty cents per line. It seems nobody was charging their county the maximum amount. How interesting.

When the bids were opened here in Custer County, it turned out the *Tribune*, in a truly arrogant manner, and knowing that there was another bidder, still bid the legal maximum - 44 cents!!! The *Sentinel* bid a reasonable 16 cents. In line with what other papers in the state are charging. Folks, being in the newspaper business now for about 18 months, a bid of 16 cents is profitable for any paper. Charging the taxpayers 44 cents simply is obscene and uncalled for.

So, in their regular January meeting, the Commissioners made the no-brainer decision to award the 2015 contract to the *Sentinel* (with Lynn Attebery and Kit Shy voting "yes", and Bob Kattnig "abstaining" (???)). The owners of the *Sentinel* were at the meeting, but the *Tribune's* owner was a no-show, instead he hired a local lawyer to stand up and disparage the *Sentinel*. Perry Mason it wasn't.

The *Sentinel* started publishing the notices last week. We will be printing them in a much more reader-friendly print format (often with larger print) that will allow the citizens to actually read them. At no extra cost to the County. This is

what a newspaper that values *service over profit* does.

Now, the Westcliffe liberals want the Commissioners to rescind the legally awarded contract and give it to the high-bidder. Oh, yes, the wonder of liberalism. The Commissioners have scheduled a special meeting for Thursday, January 29, 9 a.m., at the County Courthouse, to hear the views of the citizens of Custer County. Fellow Patriots, **WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Please show up and support the *Sentinel* and the traditional American values it represents. Commissioners Attebery and Shy made the correct business decision. We need to let them know that we support them. Don't let a small minority of leftists defile the open bidding process and common sense. Let the Commissioners know that the VAST MAJORITY of Custer County citizens want due process and common sense to prevail, and our taxpayer money spent wisely. Competition is the American way. The Commissioners' email addresses are: Kit Shy - kit@custercountygov.com; Lynn Attebery, lynn@custercountygov.com and Bob Kattnig, bob@custercountygov.com.

(Note: The leftists are screaming that the *Tribune* will go out of business if they don't get the contract. Popycock. It is a very small percentage of the *Tribune's* revenues. We're not talking mega dollars here, with or without the contract, both papers will survive. Which is good. More free speech the better.)

State Health Department to Promote Marijuana Use

by Paul Sage

The latest step off the common sense cliff for the state of Colorado is the decision by the Colorado Department of Health and Environment to spend \$5.7 million of your tax dollars for an advertising campaign to educate the public on the joys of getting stoned responsibly in Colorado.

According to a *Colorado Springs Gazette* editorial from January 6th, which has been picked up by news organizations all over the world, "State officials said the first se-

help them do it responsibly and to help the state increase its tax take of the sale of the weed, which has so far been disappointingly below projections, and doesn't even touch the hidden added law enforcement, health care, and general social costs associated with a stoned citizenry.

Previous wastes of your tax dollars on marijuana advertising in the state made fun of stoned homeowners trying to hang a flat screen TV or light a grill with no gas attached. The most fa-

This is from the state government that says it can't afford to give you a TABOR mandated refund because it needs the money too bad.

ries of print, radio, and TV ads target tourists. They announced plans to direct future ads at pregnant mothers, teens, parents, and Hispanics."

Larry Wolk, the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Health and Environment, made clear in the press release that the "pot marketing campaign is not about aversion," according to the *Gazette*. In other words, it's not to discourage pregnant mothers and kids from blazing the Hickendoobie, but to

mous failure of tax funded pot advertising was the giant rat cages taken to schools and other teen hangouts to tell kids not to become lab rats by using the weed no one really knows what will do to them. They became popular places for stoned kids to have their pictures taken with a joint or a bong.

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CCCS C-1 2014 ACT Scores:

Poor Results: All Scores Below State and National Averages

by George Gramlich,
Analysis and Commentary

The ACT (an abbreviation of “American College Testing”) is a standardized test that seniors take that measures the students readiness for college. It is the most widely used test for this purpose in the U.S.A. The test is comprised of four sections - Math, English, Reading, and Science. The ACT also provides a “Composite” score of all four tests.

[O]ur students were below the College Readiness Benchmark Scores in three out of the four categories, and the misses in the three were substantial!

The results allow us to compare our school with other schools in our state, other states, and also

against the state and national averages.

Perhaps the most important measuring tool the ACT provides us with is the “College Readiness Benchmark Scores” by test category. This comparison tells us in no uncertain terms if our students are prepared to do college level work. From the ACT website (www.act.org): “Only the ACT reports College Readiness Benchmark Scores. A benchmark score is the minimum score needed on an ACT subject-area test to indicate a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in the corresponding credit-bearing college courses, which include English Composition, Algebra, Social Science, and Biology. These scores were empirically derived based on the actual performance of students in college.”

The 2014 ACT test score results for CCCS C-1 last year were, by any measure, poor. (Note: The individual scale for each test is 1 to 36. So, a variation of just one point is a major difference in performance. Keep that in mind when viewing the results in this chart.)

Our students were below the Colorado state average and the national average in EVERY test category! Even worse, our stu-

dents were below the College Readiness Benchmark Scores in three out of the four categories, and the misses in the three were substantial!

for the Common Core Kool-Aid drinkers). And what is truly disturbing, is the huge misses versus the College Readiness Benchmark scores: Almost 3 points in

wit, the superintendent’s answer to a concerned citizen’s question about the school’s poor test results at last week’s School Board meeting), it might be a tough road for the School Board, Superintendent and Principals to rectify this (and folks, performance issues like this, in any business or organization, is almost always a LEADERSHIP PROBLEM).

The CSAP and ACT scores both point to the same conclusion: dramatic improvement is needed and needed right away. We can’t, as a community, allow another class of our children to graduate with

this level of academic achievement. (One note of good news: the new Colorado teacher evaluation system is in place this year which, in essence, allows ineffective tenured teachers to let be let go (finally!) but that all depends on how a school administration uses the process). Hopefully, with our new School Board members on-board, a willingness to address this situation will develop, a plan formed (using strong leadership), and action taken that will result in our kids getting an improved academic environment. As our liberal friends say, “No child left behind”. Mediocrity in America used to be defined as failure. The time to act is NOW.

2014 ACT Scores and Benchmark Comparison				
Test Category	CCCS C-1	Colorado	National	College Readiness Benchmark
English	18.7	20.1	20.3	18
Math	19.3	20.4	20.9	22
Reading	20.0	20.9	21.3	22
Science	19.4	20.6	20.8	23
Composite	19.4	20.6	21.0	NA

The chart above gives the sad story. The data was obtained from the Colorado Department of Education and ACT, Inc.

You can’t spin these scores as anything but unacceptable. And remember a single point in the score is a major difference. Note that in every category, CCCS C-1 is below the Colorado average and sadly, Colorado is below the national average (16th from the bottom out of 50 states)! Bad by ANY measure. Folks, “Average” is a “C” in the real world. Colorado is below the national average and we are way below the Colorado average, that is a “C-” or “D” in anybody’s book (except maybe

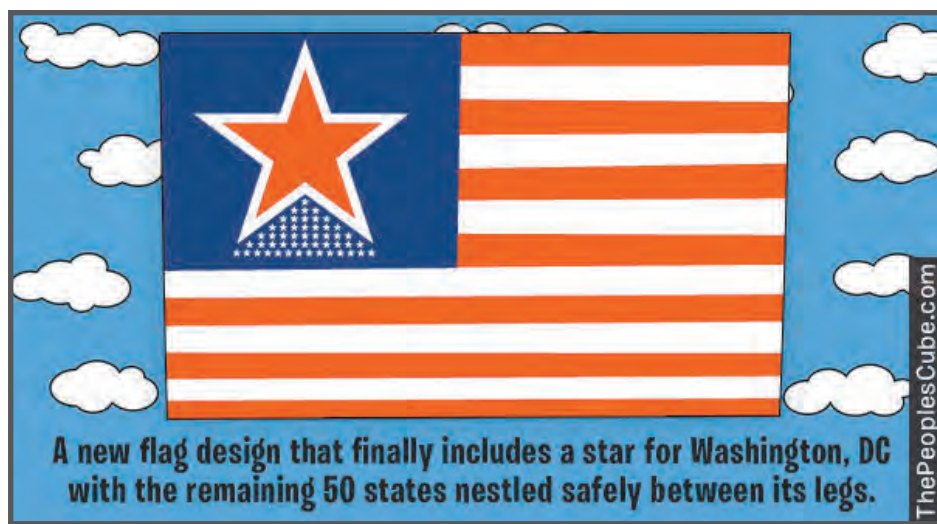
Math, 2 points in Reading, and an almost unbelievable 3.6 points in Science!

These scores confirm our analysis in our last article (“Colorado School Grades, the Sentinel Issue 26, January 2, 2015) concerning the state-administered CSAP test: academically CCCS C-1 is a “C” school in need of dramatic improvement.

Before you can fix a problem like this, you need to realize, understand, and ACCEPT that you do have a problem. Based on the school administration’s apparent refusal to accept that they have a problem of this magnitude (to



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Tribune Fans Upset Over Losing County's Public Notices

Commentary
by Paul Sage,

At the regular meeting of the Custer County Board of County Commissioners on January 20th, a group of citizens showed up to voice their opinions on the commissioners choice to award the county legal notice publishing contract to the *Sentinel*. It appeared that the biggest part of this crowd was made up of people opposed to the change.

The move comes a week after the commissioners awarded the 2015 contract to the *Sentinel* based on the fact that they bid the service at a third of the cost the *Tribune* bid. This cost was more in line with what other papers in similar markets charged for the service. The *Tribune*, which previously had a monopoly on publishing in the county, has always charged the maximum legally allowable rate.

Employees and friends of the *Tribune* could be heard crying foul throughout the week in the valley. The Custer County Facebook page and a cheesy, advertising-driven petition page reverberated with panic

about how no one will be able to get their notices now and the *Tribune* will be financially damaged or shut down as a result.

Clearly none of these employees, friends, or concerned citizens read the notice of the previous meeting, which was at that time still published in the *Tribune*; or showed up at that public meeting to share their concerns. Even the editor of the *Tribune*, who has done much to incite the unrest in the county, was a no-show for the public hearing. Instead he sent a local attorney to plead his case. That case was not that they could do a better job for three times the money, but that it has always been done that way, so should continue.

Contrary to some people's claims of receiving no notice of the bid process or of the public hearing to decide on the bids, the *Tribune* did indeed submit its inflated bid at the appropriate time and sent its attorney on the appropriate day for the public hearing to decide the issue. At that hearing anyone wanting to comment was allowed to do so, and then a contract was issued to the

Sentinel based on the much lower cost to the county for the same service.

None of the concerned citizens who showed up in force at the January 20th meeting were present for the public hearing. The intent here appeared to be to bully the commissioners into submission on an issue

ment from such a large crowd determined that, according to standard procedure, the subject would be taken up as an agenda item at a future meeting. One of the dissatisfied attendees questioned this with "Will there be no action taken on the publication matter until March?" Chairman Shy responded, "I believe the ac-

The intent here appeared to be to bully the commissioners into submission on an issue they neglected to address at the appropriate time.

they neglected to address at the appropriate time. They showed up with no regard for protocol or order and the group was so noisy talking amongst themselves that it was at times difficult to follow any of the conversation.

Early in the meeting Chairman of the Board Kit Shy, assessing that there would be no time for public com-

tion has already been taken, ma'am." She retorted with "Well, I think that this room's full because people want that reconsidered – PROMPTLY." Chairman Shy responded calmly again that "I believe we'll look at it on an agenda item. It's been addressed in the course of our beginning of the year appointments. We appointed all those

things at that time."

Historically speaking, this is precisely how it was handled last year and presumably for many previous years. This reporter was also at the meeting in 2014 when, also in a largely unattended public hearing like the one last week, the publishing contract was awarded to the *Tribune*, as the only publication qualified to provide the service at the time. The *Sentinel* has since become a qualified publication and bid the service at a substantial savings to the taxpayers of the county. They were, therefore, selected by the commissioners charged with responsibly spending those tax dollars.

Similarly, when bids are considered for something like road base or asphalt, the primary consideration is getting the best deal for the taxpayers. Questions of who the bidders are whether or not they eat fish on Friday, or how much of this material they have produced in the past are not discussed or important. A standard is set, which qualified bidders guarantee to meet, and a contract is issued to the lowest bidder

to provide the material. Sometimes several bidders leave the meetings unhappy about not receiving the contract.

At the January 20th meeting, Commissioner Katnig, reading the impatience and urgency felt to address this issue by those present, urged the calling of a special meeting next week to do so. Commissioners Attebery and Shy agreed. Originally planned for Wednesday, January 28th, it was finally scheduled for Thursday, January 29th, at 9:00 am in the court room. Though the issue has already been addressed and the contract awarded, this will provide an opportunity for citizens to voice their concerns and learn how the process works so they can participate in the future.

Town or other local entities interested in saving on legal publication costs for their taxpayers can also request competitive bids from both newspapers to reduce their costs, or independently choose who they will. Due to now competitive marketplace, costs for this service are going down to a more reasonable level in this area.

“Property is the fruit of labor...property is desirable...is a positive good in the world. That some should be rich shows that others may become rich and hence is just encouragement to industry and enterprise. Let him not who is houseless pull down the house of another, but let him work diligently to build one for himself, thus by example assuring that his own shall be safe from violence when built.”

~ Abraham Lincoln

“Takin’ It To The House...” A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

From: Representative Jim Wilson – HD 60
January 18, 2015

All the pomp, circumstance, speeches, and hoopla are behind us and the task of legislating on behalf of the people is about to begin in earnest for the 70th General Assembly. However, drama and subplots continue to weave their way through the fabric of the Chambers. Our Republican Caucus learned last week that our Assistant Minority Leader (Rep. Libby Szabo, R-Arvada) was stepping down to accept a position as a JeffCo County Commissioner. Her departure sets up a struggle for her vacated position between Rep. Polly Lawrence, R-Littleton (currently the Minority Whip) and Rep. Clarice Navarro, R-Pueblo (and maybe others – who knows...). Now the plot thickens -- with Rep. Lawrence running for Assistant Minority Leader, the Whip position becomes open. To date, Rep. Tim Dore (R-Elizabeth) and Rep. Dan Nordberg (R-Colorado Springs) have thrown their hats into the ring. Just when we thought the campaigning was over...

The other side of the aisle is not without its own po-

litical maneuvering as the session opens. Strategies are already underway to recapture seats lost in the 2014 election. As an example, former Rep. Jenice May (D-Aurora) lost to Rep. JoAnn Windholz (R-Commerce City) by just over 100 votes. Miraculously, Former Rep. May is back on the House floor for the session as an “advisor” to House Speaker Hullinghorst (D-Boulder)! An interesting strategy to strengthen former Rep. May’s resume for a possible run at Rep. Windholz’s seat in 2016. And the beat goes on...

Brace yourself to be bombarded by a flood of acronyms this session. One of the “biggies” will be TABOR – the Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights. In 1992, Colorado voters approved a measure which amended Art. X of the CO Constitution that restricts revenues for all levels of government (state, local and schools). Under TABOR, government entities cannot raise taxes without voter approval and cannot spend revenues collected under existing tax rates without voter approval if revenues grow faster than the rate of inflation and population growth. The state of CO is rapidly approaching the

TABOR revenue limit. Once the limit is reached, TABOR requires that the excess revenues collected from taxes be refunded back to the taxpayers. More money that the government could spend – Surprise...there’s going to be a battle!

The D’s have made it clear that they would like to keep the money to spend where they feel it would be best. The R’s have made it equally as clear that they want to give the money back to the taxpayers in accordance with how the people voted in 1992. And, if there is a specific need for increased revenue, go back to the voters with specific tax requests. Supporters of TABOR argue that the money is ours, give it back! Opponents of TABOR argue that the refund would only buy a tank of gas, so the government should just keep it. According to the state economists, even after all the mandated refunds,



there would be in excess of \$800 million in revenues available for new spending. Watch for the TABOR skirmishes as the session hits full steam!

Every program and project at the state level requires dollars. All dollars come from the taxpayers. It all comes down to dollars, and the 2015 battle is on. Stay tuned as we press ahead... During the “battle”, you can contact us at 303-866-2747 or e-mail us at wilsonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.house@state.co.us.

Yours for HD 60 -- Representative Jim Wilson

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Llamas Shot in Fremont County

*Analysis & Commentary
By Tira "Tee" Doran*

On Sunday, the 4th of January, the Fremont County Sheriff's Office got an unusual call. Two llamas were shot at the Royal Gorge Gun Club located in the 1300 block of Red Canyon Road, Cañon City. Deputies arrived around 3:30 p.m., and they found a brown llama, Jokers Wild, with two entry wounds on its hind quarter. Shortly thereafter, the llama died from its wounds at the Rose Vet Clinic. The deputies were able to contact the owners, Judy and Loren Stevens, while they were at the vet with another llama, Azul, also with a gunshot wound to its hind quarter. This llama, now after two weeks, is still alive, but cannot use his leg and his prognosis is not good. These llamas not only carry cash value but are also loved pets.

This makes me angry! Who in their right mind shoots llamas? Not only is this person or persons a disgrace, but are terrible shots, too! You need three shots for two llamas and you can't even decently end their suffering? Do not get me wrong, I am a hunter, and I have the utmost respect for animals! You, whoever you are, do not!

I know many of you are responsible gun owners and understand that this could have not been an accident. Anyone who understands anything about gun handling and safety knows not to fire if you do not know what you are aiming at, and never point their weapon at any living creature if not harvesting it legally. The deputies believe that both llamas were shot deliberately, and are currently investigating this as a deliberate act of animal cruelty. So I am not the only one to come to this conclusion.

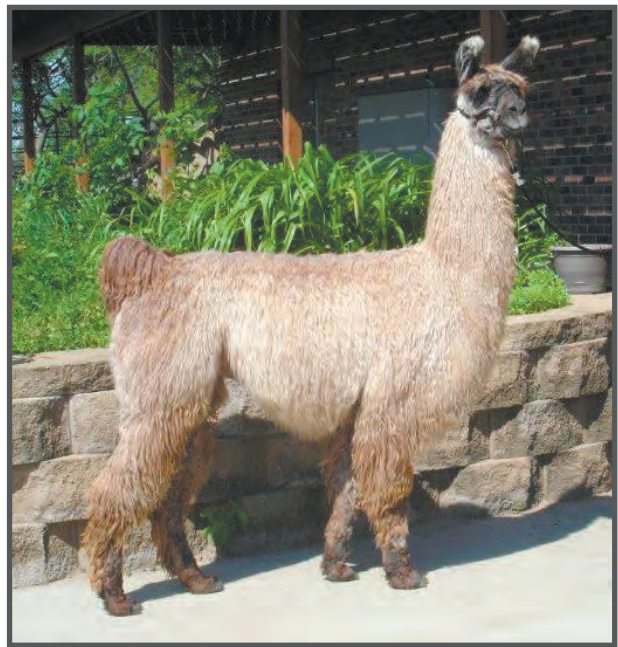
In the name of fairness, I met with the owner of the llamas and heard their side of the incident. I also tried to reach the Royal Gorge Gun Club owner, Mark Bunch, for a statement, but my calls went unanswered. As a result, the only view I can express from him is his open letter that is available to view on their website.

He states that "...these llamas were on our property illegally", but the llamas' owner states that their neighbor has grazing rights for the property and have



Axul is being treated for his injuries.

Courtesy photo



Jokers Wild was killed following a gunshot wound on January 4th.

Courtesy photo

allowed the llamas, and alpacas, to graze there. If the club owner felt that the llamas were there illegally, why did he not bother to contact the owner and ask them to remove the animals?

In his letter, he made a statement that there were shots fired around 10 p.m. somewhere near the Gun Club's property the night before the incident, and made the claim that this could have been the shots that killed and injured the llamas in question. However, the owner of the llamas stated that the llamas came home for the night so they were not at the property during that time. The llamas were on the land only during the daytime.

As every story always has two sides, I contacted the investigating officer and obtained her latest updates regarding the investigation. She stated that based

on the injuries of the llama who died, the estimated time of the shooting occurred an hour or two before the llama's death, which would align with the owner's statement regarding the timeframe. Even though the incident occurred at the Gun Club's property, it does not necessarily indicate that the shooter was a club member. The deputy also stated that Gun Club owner, Mr. Bunch, has been cooperative with the investigation, and they have received tips of the possible shooter. The investigative division is currently looking into the leads.

If you have any information about this incident, please call Fremont County Sheriffs dispatch at 719-784-3411 or Fremont County Crimestoppers at 719-275-STOP (7867). Your information could earn you a cash reward.

Republican Central Committee Meeting

The Custer County Republican Central Committee is holding its first meeting of 2015 on Tuesday, January 27th, beginning at 4:15 p.m. in the Custer County Resource Center/Annex adjacent to the county courthouse.

All current members and other interested folks are invited to attend. On the agenda is the election of officers among other business.

The current slate of officers are Chairman Sharon Berry, Vice Chairman Mike Hess, Treasurer Lynn Butler and Secretary Nora Drenner.

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OSQ Trunk Show

The Olde Schoolhouse Quilters held a trunk show on Tuesday, January 13th. They asked Naomi O’Neill from Pueblo to bring her creations to the Valley Bible Church to share her work. She brought about fifty quilts, wall hangings, table runners, and other works.

Naomi started quilting in the late 1980’s and her work is breathtaking. It has even been published in several quilt magazines.

It was a real honor to see all Naomi’s lovely work. This 86-years-young women is just wonderful, and everyone enjoyed this show. She is pictured above with one of her beautiful quilts.

Sentinel photos by Carol Clemenson



Langston Concrete Winner in ‘Crews that Rock’ 2015

“World of Concrete is like the super bowl for concrete construction workers”, says Zac Langston of Langston concrete.

Their annual event is held in Las Vegas, Nevada. At this convention they host a competition called, “Crews That Rock”, where companies from around the world can submit their projects to compete with other companies’ projects.

This year Langston Concrete completed the concrete work on the rebuilding at the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park. Langston submitted the details of their project to “Crews that Rock 2015’. Out of the 20 submissions in their category they won first place.

Congratulations to Langston Concrete for an excellent job done on the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park and for winning world-wide recognition. Keep up the good work!

Courtesy photo

Bobcat Youth Basketball

by Kristen Foster

The Bobcat Youth Basketball League kicked off their season this past Saturday in the Bobcats’ East Gym. In the Junior Division, the Broncos beat the Blue Jays with a score of 24-6. Christopher Mullett led the Broncos with 12 points, Brooke Bomgardner and Isaac Smerchek added 4, while Andrew Flynn and Michael Cessnun each had two. Great defense was played by Colt Moulton and Viola Gurule. For the Blue Jays, Josh Worfford led the team with 4 points and Raina Rusch added two. Amazing defense was played by Graycee Cravens and Harry Kroeker.

Also in the Junior Division, the Hawks took down the Lions with a score of 14-4. Samantha Gray led the Hawks with 10 points and Matthew Ensy and Grant Rusk each added two. Outstanding defense was played by Lexi Wetendorf and Zach Smerchek. For the Lions, Paige Lorenzen and Mia Sayhouse each had two. Great defense was played by Ainsley Selle and Ariana Eicher.

In the Senior Divison, the Heat beat the Thunder with a score of 24-11. Garrett Stepanich, Jackson Mullett, and Samantha Gray each had 6 points, while Bubba Widger and Brooke Flynn each added two points. Amazing defense was played by Adri-



Three of the Custer County Youth Basketball teams.

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

an Crawford and Weston Jones. For the Thunder, Ben Penkoff led the team with 6 points, Chad Lewis had a half time buzzer beat 3 pointer and Eryn Lemoine added two points. Outstanding defense was played by Sheyenne Shy and Bailey Sluder.

Games are played every Saturday in the East Gym starting at 9 a.m. Come out and root on our little Bobcat basketballers. The Junior Division will play a half time scrimmage at both the Girls and Boys Varsity games this Saturday in the East Gym. Come out and support all our BOBCATS!



Grace Watkins recently completed competition at the 2015 National Western Livestock Show in Denver. With over 500 lambs competing, Grace was able to place all three of her lambs in the Top 12 of the Market Lamb Show. Her results: Class 3 Light Weight Junior Market Lambs Blackface (105-119 lbs.) - 11th place, Class 6 Light Weight Junior Market Lambs - Blackface (130-132 lbs.) - 7th place and Class 26 Junior Market Lambs - Speckled Face (110-145 lbs.) - 8th place. As always, Grace thanks the good folks of Custer County, our local 4H program, and County Extension Office for all of the prayers and support!

Great job, Grace!

Courtesy photo by Nancy Watkins

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Tigers Overpower Lady Bobcats

by Jim Silver

The Bobcats traveled 15 miles to the south to take on the Del Norte Tigers last Friday, January 16th. “A tough game” sums up the 32 minutes of playing time, as the team lost 54-24. The Tigers employed a full-court press throughout the game, and consequent turn-overs by the Bobcats were costly. The Tigers outscored the Bobcats in 3 of the 4 quarters, but Custer County got their game together to match their opponents point-for-point in the third quarter.

McKensie Penkoff led her team in scoring with 8, followed by Taylor Staton and

then Elizabeth Mullet. Penkoff led also in rebounds with 7, just one more than Mullet. The Bobcats showed some quick hands on defense with a couple steals each by Serenity Ham, Nicole Lorenzen, and Latisha Schlabach.

“They beat us pretty bad, but we are getting better,” said Head Coach Gary Fischer. “The girls never gave up. They’re playing with a lot of heart. We’ll go back to practice on Monday and get back at it.” A visit to the court on a weekday after school is an opportunity to see good things happening with this team. The coaches are running the girls hard and even

spending some time with the weights to make them stronger under the boards, Coach Fischer pointed out. Volunteer Coach Thomas Mullet, a CC graduate of a couple years ago, is passing on some of his ball-handling skills to the guards. It all goes together.

By the time this issue of the *Sentinel* is read, the basketball team will be playing their second conference game against South Park, on Friday, January 23rd. The next day, Saturday the 24th, the Bobcats will play Sargent at home with the JV game starting at 3 p.m. Another away game follows on January 31st in Center. GO BOBCATS!

Bobcats Outscored by Del Norte Tigers

by Jim Silver

The boys basketball team played a non-conference game on the road on Saturday, January 17, traveling to Del Norte. It was a tough outing for the Bobcats, but as Head Coach Jim Bistodeau put it afterward, “Experience is happening right now,” for his team of young players. The Bobcats fell to the Tigers by the score of 77-35. Custer County nearly matched Del Norte in scoring in the 4th period--13-14, but the damage had been done. Rowley scored 10 points in the game for the Bobcats, the team high. He hit 4 of 5 from the free-throw line, as did Cody Lyons. Fouls didn’t figure signifi-

cantly for either team, but it is good to see an improved free-throw average for the Bobcats—67% from the line.

The Bobcats are working hard through the week in practice, and the coaches have been aided lately by some high-level competition on the court with some returning alumni still in town. This past week Thomas Mullet, Lane Byerly, Brian O’Conner, and Nate Shreve were sharpening both offensive and defensive skills of the younger Bobcats, and there’s no substitute for that kind of experience from “former-player-coaches.” The pressure of the game is what Coach Jim Bisto-

deau wants his players to get more adept at handling: “so that we don’t allow the pressure of the game to take us to where we’re not able to respond. The effort is there; the execution just needs to improve,” said the Coach.

The schedule for the next several weeks is: South Park (league) on Friday, January 23rd, away game. Sargent on Saturday the 24th, at home, with JV scheduled for 3:00.

On Saturday, January 31st, the Bobcats travel to Center. The Bobcats play Crested Butte at home on Friday, February 6, games starting at 3:00.

Wrestlers Post 8 Wins 8 Losses in Salida

by Michelle Pedigo

After one of the shortest away-game bus rides of the year, the Bobcat grapplers joined fourteen other teams in Salida last Saturday. Although only one-half of the team was actually able to compete, three of the five Bobcats placed in their weight class, and the team placed ninth overall.

Once again, 170-pounder Kody Aldrich found himself contending for a 1st place, champion win, but he just couldn’t hold on against Jake Jolly of Del Norte. Aldrich took 2nd place, while fellow senior and teammate Weldon Rusher, 145-pounder, pinned two opponents, dropped by tech fall in his third match, but then came back to capture 3rd place by making quick work of pinning Dalton Mickey from Ignacio.

Practices and tournament experiences are paying off for Dylan Schoch, 113-pounder, who found himself posting his second win of the season against Blake Gash of Cedaredge, and earning 6th place. Cody Koble, 152 pounds, and Ian Aldrich, 132 pounds, came home with 1-2 records on the day.

The season is winding down with only two tournaments remaining before Regionals, where the State qualifiers will be determined. But there’s still a lot of exciting action ahead as competitions are heating up, and now is the time all the effort in practices and tournament matches really make a difference in the results. So be sure to stay up to date with all the details. Coming up, the Screaming Eagle tournament in Paonia, Saturday 1/24.



Bobcat Menu • Jan. 26 - Jan. 29, 2015

Monday breakfast
Cheese Quesadilla
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Chicken over Rice
W.W. Roll
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Tuesday breakfast
Scrambled Eggs
W. W. Toast
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Cheese Pizza
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Wednesday breakfast
Egg, Cheese Sandwich
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Hamburger
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Thursday breakfast
Sausage Gravy
Biscuits
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Italian Dunkers
Bread Sticks
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

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

KIDS

Friday, January 23, 2015

Elizabeth Blackwell: First U.S. Woman Medical Doctor Graduated January 23, 1849

Elizabeth Blackwell was born on February 3, 1821, near Bristol, England and moved with her family to New York when she was eleven. Elizabeth didn’t grow up with the desire to be a doctor. She was into her twenties when her decision was influenced by a seriously ill friend. This woman, dying a painful death, told Elizabeth that she wished for a woman doctor, who she felt could have made her treatment more comfortable. Elizabeth resisted the idea at first, but the challenge appealed to her, and she felt women would be better doctors because of their “motherly” nature.

In our time, becoming a doctor can be the dream and ambition of any boy or girl who is willing to work hard in school to get the good grades necessary for qualifying for medical school. This was not so for Elizabeth. At first, she studied on her own using the libraries of practicing doctors. She taught school and music to earn the \$3,000 necessary for medical school. In 1847, after many rejections, she applied to and was accepted to Geneva Medical College in upstate New York. When the students of the all male school and townspeople discovered the school had admitted a woman, they were horrified! She had few friends, but she held firm, and graduated January 23, 1849, first in her class.

In 1853 Elizabeth founded a clinic for poor women and children in New York City, and this was expanded to include a women’s college for training nurses and doctors in 1868—the first of its kind in America. Elizabeth Blackwell eventually returned to England and died there on May 31, 1910.

Source: www.bibliography.com and wikipedia.com

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FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	REVENUES- CURRENT TAX	DELINQUENT TAX & INTEREST	SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP	RECEIPTS & MISCELLANEOUS	DISBURSEMENTS- WARRANTS PAID	TREASURERS FEES	TRANSFERS & MISC.	ENDING BALANCE
COUNTY GENERAL FUND	254,238.36	79,330.49	3,431.05	66,372.52	1,104,481.18	-1,470,401.37	-3,731.56		33,720.67
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND	1,627,282.32	38,716.69	1,674.49	32,392.65	689,122.35	-1,254,565.94	-8,115.78		1,126,506.78
CONTINGENT	63,341.39								63,341.39
SELF INSURANCE FUND	94,402.73	11,615.01	502.36	9,717.80		-1,617.25	-546.35		114,074.30
TRAFFIC FINES	0.00				1,747.50				1,747.50
HUMAN SERVICES	215,988.14	11,615.01	502.36	9,717.80	174,870.39	-194,509.47			218,184.23
AIRPORT	14,659.51				24,767.21	-40,026.15	-210.69	1,500.00	689.88
LODGING/TOURISM	20,777.99				21,444.94	-6,548.29	-396.82		35,277.82
ADVANCE TAX	65.79								65.79
PUBLIC TRUSTEE	15,795.44				12,703.18			-14,992.24	13,506.38
LIEU OF TAX	1,109,479.87							-320,000.00	789,479.87
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	269,698.91				200,171.26	-127,365.60			342,504.57
SALES TAX	489.87								489.87
SANITATION DISTRICT	22,139.60	5,117.89	217.89	2,864.12			-244.98	-30,094.52	0.00
FIRE DISTRICT	48,744.61	28,248.74	1,197.57	23,066.35			-1,329.02	-99,928.25	0.00
UPPER ARKANSAS WATER CONS. DIST.	6,486.73	3,701.10	160.00	3,096.59			-174.09	-13,270.33	0.00
SILVER CLIFF	11,927.50	4,262.28	173.33	1,588.28	1,461.00		-95.53	-19,316.86	0.00
WESTCLIFFE	30,849.22	3,941.27	180.14	3,612.25	1,622.00		-87.83	-40,117.05	0.00
C-1 SCHOOL DIST. GENERAL FUND	33,804.27	174,460.64	7,537.29	144,186.33	180.46		-411.20	-345,402.22	14,355.57
C-1 SCHOOL DIST. CAP. RES.	0.00								0.00
C-1 SCHOOL DIST. B & I	6,167.80	31,153.67	1,346.00	25,747.55	50,663.88			-112,515.41	2,563.49
RE2J GENERAL FUND	673.58	2,527.06	115.17	3,462.75	5.28		-5.29	-6,434.12	344.43
RE2J CAP. RES.	0.00								0.00
RE2J BOND & INT	447.00	1,641.50	74.81	2,249.28				-4,188.86	223.73
RYE FIRE PROTECTION	3,613.59	2,438.40	165.48	2,064.95			-121.63	-8,160.79	0.00
COUNTY SCHOOL	0.00				185.74			-185.74	0.00
EMERGENCY SERVICES	292,547.58	15,486.68	669.79	12,957.08	66,260.16	-148,871.91			239,049.38
REDEMPTIONS	3,460.28				91,174.05			-91,174.05	3,460.28
M. V. L.	0.00				336,337.76	-336,337.76			0.00
CONSERVATION TRUST	15,175.85				14,376.46			-2,500.00	27,052.31
VARIOUS/AUTO TAX	0.00				91,584.50			-91,584.50	0.00
GRAZING	0.00								0.00
TREASURER'S FEES	0.00				11,467.08			-11,467.08	0.00
WEST CUSTER CO HOSP DIST.	62,268.05	36,086.45	1,529.74	29,466.27			-1,697.77	-127,652.74	0.00
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND	1,750.54								1,750.54
WEST CUSTER CO LIBRARY DISTRICT	25,209.92	14,609.60	619.37	11,929.44			-687.33	-51,681.00	0.00
CLERKS FEES	153,407.43				945,214.89			-923,561.63	175,060.69
EMERGENCY RESERVE FUND	117,300.00								117,300.00
HEALTH INSURANCE FUND	3,241.81				300,854.90			-300,788.82	3,307.89
GRAND TOTALS	4,525,435.68	464,952.48	20,096.84	384,492.01	4,140,696.17	-3,580,243.74	-17,855.87	-2,613,516.21	3,324,057.36
I, VIRGINIA TRUJILLO, County Treasurer in and for Custer County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Colorado, do hereby certify that the above is a true statement of condition of the various funds as they appear from the records in my office at the close of business, December 31, 2014				Bank Balance	\$ 281,506.85				
				Cash	5,237.20				
				Investments	3,036,813.31				
				Petty Cash	500.00				
				Total	\$3,324,057.36				
Virginia Trujillo Custer County Treasurer									

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Custer County Board of Commissioners and Planning Commission will hold a public Hearing on February 3, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. Custer County Courtroom. The following will be considered.

1. Hearing for Black Hills Energy electrical substation/ Special Use Permit and Creation Undersized lot for an electrical substation, County Road 255, Custer County Colorado.

The agenda is posted on the bulletin board located in the hall of the Custer County Courthouse. Copies of the agenda are available in the Custer County Planning and Zoning office.

Anyone wishing to comment may do so at the Hearing or by mail to Custer County Planning and Zoning office,

P.O. Box 203 Westcliffe CO 81252; by fax 719-783-9907 or by e-mail Jackie@custer-countygov.com

Ordered published by Vic Barnes, Chairman Custer County Planning Commission
Publish January 23 & January 30, 2015

First published on January 23, 2015

PUBLIC NOTICE

Round Mountain Water and Sanitation District, located in Westcliffe, Colorado has a vacancy for the position of District Manager. Job requirements: 5 years' experience in Business Management and/ or experience in municipal water and wastewater utility operations preferred. Must be community and economic development minded and have extraordinary customer

service skills. Must have experience in working with Budgets/Audits, Finances, Capital Improvements, and Personnel Matters. A complete job description can be found on the Round Mountain Water and Sanitation District's Website at www.rmwsd.com. Salary and benefits depending on experience. Equal Opportunity Employer. Interested persons should send a resume to RM-WSD, PO Box 86, Westcliffe, CO 81252. Deadline for applications is Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting
Agenda**

**THURSDAY,
JANUARY 29, 2015**

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

Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Audience introduction
Approval of minutes
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
2015 County Legal Publication Discussion

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New/Old Business
- Review Vouchers and Sign Checks
- Office of Emergency Management Report
- American Legion
- Veterans Service Officer
- Veterans Service Office Assistant

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Classifieds & Public Notices

For Sale

FSBO 5 acres north of Oak Creek Grade General Store. Call or see Jack or Audrey at 783-2245

Help Wanted

Mullett Excavating is looking for a heavy equipment/diesel mechanic for about 2 months work. Call at 783-2056 to discuss details and your experience or drop off your resume (320 CR 241).

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LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICE

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).

First Published on: January 9, 2015
Second Publication on: January 16, 2015
Third Publication on: January 23, 2015

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 sdcsentinel@gmail.com

Local Mountain News & Notices

Events Calendar

Friday, January 23
Registration deadline to Extension Office for Youth Fest camp; Call (719) 783-2514 or www.custercountygov.com/ext

Tuesday, January 27
4:15 p.m.: Republican Central Committee mtg in the Custer County Resource Annex adjacent to courthouse; Election of officers; For info call Sheron Berry, 783-2337

Thursday, January 29
8 a.m.: Spelling Bee in school Great Room
9 a.m. Special Meeting of County Commissioners at Courthouse

Recurring Events and Business Hours

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

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

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

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

Tuesday
12 - 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

First Tuesday of the Month:
6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes - American Legion
Post 170 monthly meeting

5 - 7 p.m.: Family Literacy Night in the elementary school.

Friday, January 30
10 a.m.: BOCC at courthouse

Saturday, January 31
5 - 9 p.m.: Guide Dogs for our Heroes Banquet at The Abbey Event Center in Canon City; For tickets, 719-285-8425; \$35/person or \$300 for table of 10. Dinner and silent auction. Cash bar. Live music by Nostalgics.

6:45 p.m. Post 170 **Auxiliary** monthly meeting (March-October) at the Saddle Club.

Tuesday through Friday
10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.: Library open in downtown Westcliffe; 783-9138

Wednesday
9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Line dancers meet at the Methodist Church. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370
6 p.m.: Closed Big Book study Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172, or Lisa at (719) 783-0809
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Custer County Community Band practice in band room at high school

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

Bobcats Sport Schedule

VARSITY BASKETBALL

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

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

Saturday, January 31
4 p.m.: Center AWAY

WRESTLING

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

Saturday, January 31
9 a.m.: Valley Classic at Center

Sangre Shooting Sports Club Annual Meeting

President Grant Lewinski opened the Sangre Shooting Sports Club's (SSSC) annual meeting to an almost full house last Saturday at the Cliff Lanes Community Room. The SSSC had a very busy 2014 with multiple range improvements and programs being instituted and completed including: a new Range Safety Orientation program for new members; a successful men's retreat at Horn Creek (Mike Allen, host); another good range clean up; new shooting tables at the 25 yard range; several free Sight-In days; and the 25 yard berm height was increased by six feet.

Of special note, after many years of service, Stan Smith has resigned from the SSSC Board. Our thanks for his efforts over the years.



The Board of Directors for the Sangre Shooting Sports Club: left to right: Chris Uberroth, John Swartley, Russ Payne, Grant Lewinski, Mike Allen, Regis Frank, Don Bishop, and Peggi Collins.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

New items for 2105 include a possible Appleseed Project weekend (which is a very, very popular national level rifle marksmanship event). Mike Allen is spearheading that effort. Also, the range perimeter fencing

will be completed this year. There are two openings on the Board of Directors - if interested please apply. New members are always welcome. SSSC website: www.sangreshooting.com. Email: sssc8@live.com.

Obituary: Charles Gregg Hall

Charles Gregg Hall, 69, passed away unexpectedly January 19, 2015 in Cotopaxi, Colorado. The son of James Rigby and Elisabeth Rae (Renouf) Hall, he was born December 29, 1945 in Ease Liverpool, Ohio.

Charles worked and retired from 20 years of law enforcement in Florida. At that time he moved to Alabama and started driving semi-trucks hauling hazardous materials. During the 10 years that he drove, he and Anna moved to Colorado where they recently were residing. Charles was an active member of the Cody Park Community Church off Copper Gulch in Cotopaxi. He was also very involved in the community and was a supportive volunteer for the

Amish Community in Westcliffe and Cotopaxi area.

Mr. Hall is survived by his wife, Anna; children, Lydia (Benjamin) Lee, Timothy Hall, and Grace (Brian) Gibbs; twelve grandchildren, Andrea, Nori, Evie, Greg, and Priscilla Lee, Micah, Austin, Sandy and Timmy Hall; and Aaron, Jordan and Charity Absher and one brother, James R. Hall, Jr. he was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 24, 2015 at Cody Park Community Church. Arrangements are under the care of Wilson Funeral Home in Cañon City.



Two Studebakers at the Oak Creek Grade General Store

Copper Gulch resident, Galen Studebaker, perches next to one of his family's original pre-1900 Studebaker wagon horse drawn wagons. The lower frame and running gear is an original Studebaker from their Indiana factory. The top is custom built by Jack Slater, owner of the Oak Creek Grade General Store. Galen is the direct descendent of Peter Studebaker, one of the founders of the Studebaker manufacturing plant that was located in South Bend, Indiana. The Studebaker family started with horse drawn wagons and parts and moved into the automobile industry in the early 1900's.

Photo by George Gramlich



Local Welder Creates Stealth Camper

This is called the Land Jet and is a one of a kind recreational trailer modeled after the Stealth 117 Nighthawk Fighter. It is the brainchild of Jon Bohach built in conjunction with Steve Janssen at Rocky Mountain Welding & Fabrication. Future plans are to create a full & complete off the grid system, harnessing wind, water and solar power. It's proven to be an eye catcher where ever it goes.

Courtesy Photo by Brenda Janssen

Custer County Bobcats Girls Basketball



Back row from left Assistant Coach Laura Kinsey, Taylor Staton, Athena Wisecup, McKensie Penkoff, Nicole Lorenzen, Megan Frahm, Elizabeth Mullet, Darby Ross, and Head Coach Gary Fischer. Front row from left Sarah Gerringer (injured), Ashley Gillum, Latisha Schlabach, Serenity Ham, and Manager Zake Fischer. Hailie Lemons was not available for the photo.



Girls Varsity Roster		
#	Name	Grade
10	Taylor Staton	Junior
11	Serenity Ham	Sophomore
20	Athena Wisecup	Sophomore
21	Darby Ross	Freshman
22	Ashley Gillum	Sophomore
23	Latisha Schlabach	Sophomore
30	McKensie Penkoff	Freshman
33	Megan Frahm	Freshman
40	Elizabeth Mullet	Freshman
44	Nicole Lorenzen	Junior
50	Hailie Lemons	Freshman
	Sarah Gerringer	Junior/ Injured

Schedule				
Date	Opponent	Site	GJV	GV
January 23	South Park	Away	3:00	4:00
January 24	Sargent	Home	3:00	4:00
January 31	Center	Away	3:00	4:00
February 6	Crested Butte	Home	3:00	4:00
February 12	Cotopaxi	Away	3:00	4:00
February 13	Sanford	Away	3:00	4:00
February 20	South Park	Home	3:00	4:00
February 21	Antonito	Away	3:00	4:00

Coaches		Manager
Head Coach	Gary Fischer	Zake Fischer
Assistant Coach	Laura Kinsey	



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.
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890 Fields Ave.
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Fellowship of Christian Huskies

by Edward Whitcraft,
RGTP

Back in November of 2011 Pastor Randy Pfaff of The Cowboy Church at the Crossroads was instrumental in starting a student club at Florence High School called Fellowship of Christian Huskies. This club does a variety of activities to include movies, concerts, lunch time Bible study with pizza, candy, and water being provided so students won't miss lunch and daily prayer around the flagpole every day school is in session. Pastor Randy, as he likes to

school and praying with Pastor Randy and three other adults. My thought was what a way to start the day—with prayer. No one is forced to go to the flagpole or to go to the Bible study—it's a volunteer student club—which happens to be Christian.

For some reason this year resistance to this club or the folks who sponsor the club has been addressed to the high school administration and RE-2 School District. It appears the biggest issue is not really the club but more about Pastor Randy being at every event,

admission he spends a lot of time there. Also Pastor Randy's church is the financial providers for this club and have been since its inception. In addition to the club they also provide scholarships for graduating seniors.

Since the complaint has been made the RE-2 School District has asked Pastor Randy to not be a participant in the lunch time Bible study or any other activities inside the school. He said he can still be involved with the flagpole prayer time but that he should allow others to do the praying. The school also asked that no one from his church be involved with activities inside the school building. So on Wednesday the Cowboy Church provides the pizza but someone from the district picks it up and delivers to the study area. It appears at this time that while the Cowboy Church is sponsoring the Fellowship of Christian Huskies Club they are restricted from participating in some of the activities.

Pastor Randy's concern is adult supervision for all activities to ensure the main purpose of the club is rep-



Pastor Randy, Brian S Schipper, and Ed Whitcraft

Sentinel photo by John Penezic, Jr.

resented and achieved. He did tell me this morning that several teachers are sponsors of the club and he also has several students that are trained to serve as student leaders. I can understand that he would like a member of his own organization to be active also. Pastor Randy is looking at his options at this writing and speaking with advisors as to how to deal with this situation. This morning I spoke with Florence High School Principal Brian Schipper and he said that the events would continue for the club.

Article I of the Bill of Rights clearly states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or

prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." It appears that a small minority is once again trying to infringe upon the rights of others by restricting what can and cannot be done in this club and who can and cannot participate. Ladies and gentlemen of Fremont County, this has to be addressed. We cannot stand by and let our Constitutional rights be stripped from us one by one if that is, in fact, what is being done.

The Sentinel will certainly attempt to get the other side of the story so all the facts might be presented and addressed in a fair manner. Pastor Randy thinks this will be an agenda item at the next school board meeting.

Florence Moms Consider Formation of A New Florence Charter Middle School

by Barbara Penezic

Four local women have a vision of a new middle school for their community. Florence is a small, Colorado community that has faced many big city issues in recent years. They have been forced to deal with the 'Transgender Issue' and are currently being asked to ban 'Clergy' from the Christian Huskies indoor activities. Difficult issues for any school board to address and issue's that clear-

ly do not sit well with our Fremont County population. Police Chief De Laurentis reported that a pound of marijuana was brought to the middle school in October of 2014.

It should be noted, however, that the moms do not feel the Florence Middle School is unsafe and the marijuana problem is not the reason they are interested in forming the new charter school. According to Erin Davidson, there are a lot of things

the group is looking for, "We want smaller class sizes; we want curriculum that is flexible. There are charter schools that are based around a farm, arts, and all sorts of things." Ms. Davidson gave a presentation and handed out survey sheets designed to get input from the attendees. We want to ascertain what kind of curricula and extra curriculum the public is interested in.

Davidson suggested they might put English and Social Studies together. "Those classes can really come together in really interesting ways," she said. The school may have a project-based curriculum; we hope that the students would have the ability to pick out a project they find interesting and then learn different subjects within

that project. The group wants this to be a community-based school that would assist the town in a number of ways. "Maybe it would be working with the vets home. It would be awesome if we had some kids who went up there and talked with these guys," she speculated.

It would be beneficial for the school to have an emphasis on foreign language. "Spanish being kind of our main language, mainly because we are in Colorado and probably the second most spoken language in Colorado is Spanish. So we want to put an emphasis on Spanish and then have some Latin in there as well." Erin said. Many middle school students do not know basic crafts. Davidson said, "We also hope to do some-

thing with life skills. A lot of kids, even high school kids who go on to college, don't know how to do laundry, they don't know how to sew." Technology could be used at the school every day. "We're not really sure what the technology aspect would be, but that is one of the things we definitely want." The charter school may also have after school and summer programs, an extended school year, parent volunteers, a strict dress code, and a waiting list.

The attendees left the meeting hopeful and eager to participate in the formation of a new charter middle school for Florence. The meeting was very informa-

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Rather Than Men

The federal government has become too big and too powerful bringing into jeopardy the freedoms of every man, woman, and child in the United States. While this statement is nothing new to informed conservatives trying to fight the good fight against the revocation of inalienable rights, it is good to spend a bit of time on why this is happening. It begs the question of how government agencies act with force beyond what the law provides. The answer is found in what is called Administrative Law--the body of law that governs the activities of agencies that establish regulations and rules to govern. In essence, these agencies assume the authority to legislate without Congress. This is a threat to your very existence.

We often wonder how things get so out of hand--how your religious free speech, for example, can be curbed by agencies who will not allow the presentation of the Ten Commandments, or a business making its own determination whether to do business with people it doesn't want to do business with. Or how about the IRS or the DEA having the authority to confiscate your property, seize your bank accounts, essentially prevent you from the constitutional right of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness without due process? Another would be the legal assumption that you have no right to privacy while driving on public roads. All these things are a result of unconstitutional agencies taking legislative license.

In September, Columbia Law School's Philip Hamburger wrote an article entitled, "The History and

Danger of Administrative Law." He says, "That danger is absolutism: extra-legal, supra-legal, and consolidated power... The Constitution carefully barred this threat...we should no longer settle for some vague notion of "rule of law," understood as something that allows the delegation of legislative and judicial powers to administrative agencies. We should demand rule through law and rule under law. Even more fundamentally, we need to reclaim the vocabulary of law: Rather than speak of administrative law, we should speak of administrative power--indeed, of absolute power or more concretely of extra-legal, supra-legal, and consolidated power. Then we at least can begin to recognize the danger."

This administration has taken administrative law to levels never seen before--unilaterally determining regulations on socialist healthcare; government control of the internet; spying on Americans; practicing soft tyranny with impunity. It's as if this government is daring anyone to stand up to its unbiblical and often evil intent, just so it has the opportunity to show its absolute power. This, if left unchecked, will eventually lead to citizens such as you and me being faced with moral choices to follow our faith and be heavily persecuted for it, or to bow down to this socialist/communist version of a replacement for God. As Peter and the Apostles said in Acts 5:29, "We ought to obey God rather than men." I know what me and my house will do.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
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Obama Declares War On "Extremism"

Are You an "Extremist"?

by Michael Snyder,
The Economic Collapse Blog, via
ZeroHedge.com

(Editor/GG: Oh, ohhhh! I ran out of fingers and toes counting. I must be a bad boy. This IS "liberal" America, folks. Scratch a liberal, and you will find a fascist. Note: as noted below, if you go to the web address, he backs up each item with documentation.)

Do you know what an "extremist" is? In the wake of the horrible terror attacks on the offices of *Charlie Hebdo* in France, **Barack Obama is speaking very boldly about the need to win the war against "extremists"**, and he has announced plans to host a major global summit on "extremism" next month. And on the surface that sounds great. **But precisely how are we supposed to determine whether someone is an "extremist" or not? What criteria should we use?**

As you will see below, your definition of an "extremist" may be far, far different from the definition that Barack Obama is using. When you do a Google search, you will find that an "extremist" is defined as "a person who holds extreme or fanatical **political or religious views**, especially one who resorts to or advocates extreme action." According to Wikipedia, "extremism" is "**an ideology (particularly in politics or religion), considered to be far outside the mainstream attitudes of a society** or to violate common moral standards. Extremism can take many forms, including **political, religious and economic.**" Please notice that neither of those definitions uses the word violence. In this day and age, you can be considered an "extremist" simply based on what you believe, and as you will see later in this article there are now tens of millions of Americans that are considered to be "extremists" and "potential terrorists" according to official U.S. government documents.

This list will really give you a good idea of what Barack Obama means when he uses the word "extremist".

When you use the word "extremist", you may have in your mind a picture of ISIS fighters or the terrorists from the *Charlie Hebdo* massacre.

But for elitists such as Barack Obama, the word "extremist" has a much broader meaning. In recent years, it has become a code word for those that do not have an "enlightened" view of the world. If your views on politics, religion, or social issues are extremely different from the liberal, progressive views of "the mainstream" (as defined by the main-

stream media and by "mainstream" politicians such as Barack Obama), then they consider you to be an extremist.

1. Those that talk about "individual liberties"

Now, much of the focus in law enforcement training materials is on "domestic extremists". We are being told that "domestic extremism" is just as great a threat to our national security as terror groups overseas are.

But exactly who are these "domestic extremists"?

Well, the truth is that **you** may be one of them.

I want to share with you a list that I have shared in a couple of previous articles. It is a list of 72 types of Americans that are considered to be "extremists" or "potential terrorists" in official U.S. government documents. This list will really give you a good idea of what Barack Obama means when he uses the word "extremist". [On the website] each of these 72 items is linked, so if you would like to go see the original source document for yourself, visit the link given at the end of this article. As you can see, this list potentially includes most of the country...

1. Those that talk about "individual liberties"
2. Those that advocate for states' rights
3. Those that want "to make the world a better place"
4. "The colonists who sought to free themselves from British rule"
5. Those that are interested in "defeating the Communists"
6. Those that believe "that the interests of one's own nation are separate from the interests of other nations or the common interest of all nations"
7. Anyone that holds a "political ideology that considers the state to be unnecessary, harmful, or undesirable"
8. Anyone that possesses an "intolerance toward other religions"
9. Those that "take action to fight against the exploitation of the environment and/or animals"
10. "Anti-Gay"
11. "Anti-Immigrant"
12. "Anti-Muslim"
13. "The Patriot Movement"
14. "Opposition to equal rights for gays and lesbians"
15. Members of the Family Research Council

16. Members of the American Family Association

17. Those that believe that Mexico, Canada, and the United States "are secretly planning to merge into a European Union-like entity that will be known as the 'North American Union'"

18. Members of the American Border Patrol/American Patrol

19. Members of the Federation for American Immigration Reform

20. Members of the Tennessee Freedom Coalition

21. Members of the Christian Action Network

42. Citizens that have "bumper stickers" that are patriotic or anti-U.N.

22. Anyone that is "opposed to the New World Order"

23. Anyone that is engaged in "conspiracy theorizing"

24. Anyone that is opposed to Agenda 21

25. Anyone that is concerned about FEMA camps

26. Anyone that "fears impending gun control or weapons confiscations"

27. The militia movement

28. The sovereign citizen movement

29. Those that "don't think they

66. Those that talk about "the New World Order" in a "derogatory" manner

should have to pay taxes"

30. Anyone that "complains about bias"

31. Anyone that "believes in government conspiracies to the point of paranoia"

32. Anyone that "is frustrated with

The LORD lives!

Praise be to my Rock!

Psalm 18:46,NIV

Egyptian President Has More Guts to Speak Out About Radical Islam Than Obama

by Allen West,
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(Editor/GG: Remember when the Muslim Brotherhood (ie, the bad guys) took over Egypt a few years ago. Obama went there and kissed their butts. And when they were thrown out recently by the secular Egyptian military, he cut off a lot of the U.S. aid to them? Common Core question for our liberal friends: Obama + Islam = ?)

Last night, I watched the movie “Fury” which depicts the brutality of fighting total war in close combat in the armor and infantry against the enemy — the final days of World War II against Germany. I found it rather strange and somehow timely to watch this film after what happened this past week in France. Sometime, someplace, there will have to be a leader who steps forth and understands the concept of civilizational warfare. There has to be one who can define and face the enemy and inspire a nation to seek victory. We are looking for such a leader in the West, but perhaps someone will come from another place to inspire us.

[H]ere is the one leader in the Muslim world who has the courage not only to confront the enemy, but also its ideology.

“Living in a nation of 87 million persons, where an estimated 90 percent are Muslim, President

el-Sisi is certain that the Muslim Brotherhood is not a secular organization, or a force for good and so his government holds hundreds of members of that organization in prison, where many face death sentences, including former President Mohammed Morsi. To see what President el-Sisi confronts now, peruse the still-operating English language website of the brotherhood.”

It is truly fascinating that here is the one leader in the Muslim world who has the courage not only to confront the enemy, but also its ideology. After all, it was el-Sisi who has taken on the Muslim Brotherhood and Islamists in Egypt, the Sinai and in neighboring Libya.

The former general has also stood against the Islamic terror group Hamas. But what confounds me is not his actions —truly heroic — but the actions of our own president, Barack Hussein Obama. It was Obama who in 2009 went to the University of Cairo and delivered a speech where he requested Muslim Brotherhood members should appear front and center. It was Obama who applauded the

ascension of Mohammad Morsi as Egypt’s president. And it has been Obama who has seemingly turned his back on Egypt since its ouster of the Muslim Brotherhood. There’s that nagging question of allegiance again.

When it came down to choosing between Hamas, Turkey, and Qatar as opposed to Israel and Egypt — under el-Sisi — our president chose the former, not the latter. And now, it is el-Sisi who is calling out the Islamists and the clerics, mullahs, imams who are causing strife globally.

As Charles writes, “President el-Sisi plays for his life against determined internal and external opposition while President Obama merely preens before friendly partisan crowds. Recently this year, the fully engaged leader of Egypt began a drive to reform Islam from within. His address to religious authorities at Al-Azhar University in Cairo on Jan. 1 is a stunning “must-read” and “must-share” development that only now is getting the attention it so richly deserves. Wednesday, President el-Sisi put in a public appearance at a Christ-

mas Mass in Cairo — an historic first in Egypt’s modern history.” Funny, here in America we’re struggling in some places just to say Merry Christmas.

There couldn’t be any bigger contrast in leadership at a critical time such as this.

From the events this week in Paris, we must learn that we cannot shy away from defining this enemy. The cultural jihadist apologists must no longer be given a platform. It is unbelievable that anyone would refer to the Islamic terrorists who wrought savage carnage this week as “activists.”

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi has shown us that we must fight the ideology which fuels the jihad. We cannot win this battle by denying who the enemy is — and if it takes the Egyptian president to show us the way — well, Molon Labe!

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The True State of the Economy

by Karl Denninger,
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Yes, we hear jobs are plentiful (so says the Obama administration).

Yes, we hear the economy has mended (so says all the people driving around in new F-150 gas guzzlers).

Yes, we hear housing is recovering (so says the NAR and the rest of the pump monkeys in housing).

Yes, we hear it’s all going to be ok (so says the stock market near all-time highs).

Ok, if that’s true, then how about this?

Approximately 62% of Americans have no emergency savings for things such as a \$1,000 emergency room visit or a \$500 car repair, according to a new survey of 1,000 adults by personal finance website Bankrate.com. Faced with an emergency, they say they would raise the money by reducing spending elsewhere (26%), borrowing from family and/or friends (16%) or using credit cards (12%).

So, basically, if nothing ever goes wrong most of America will be just fine.

Yeah, right -- like that’s ever been a reasonable expectation.

Folks, only about one-third of so-called millennials and about 45% of senior citizens can cover one unexpected expense such as their car breaking down and needing \$500 worth of repairs or a water heater leaking in their house.

Let me point out that these sorts of expenses are routine through your life. In fact, during my lifetime it is rare when at least one unexpected “surprise” of a financial sort does not occur on a yearly basis.

\$500 is a pretty small one too, although if you’re an apartment dweller

er you might get away with that being the upper limit of expectations. If you own a house? There is not a prayer of that being reasonable; \$2-5,000 surprises happen all the time and \$10,000 ones are not unheard of, even with relatively modest homes. Heck, a need to replace the washing machine can hit the thousand dollar mark particularly if you need someone to come install it for you!

The article, in point of fact, cites the Affordable Care Act (that is, “Bro-surance”) as a positive. Trust me, if you have a Bronze plan and actually get sick you won’t think so -- the usual deductible for those plans is around \$6,000! Don’t got it? Too bad, so sad -- that’s why you needed an emergency fund!

What’s worse -- far worse -- is that every organ of the media and government is screaming at you to make this situation worse rather than better: Go shop, go buy more iJunk, go get a new car, go to college -- and all of it on credit!

Well?

Americans, as a group, learned exactly nothing by being bailed out with funemployment and skyrocketing food stamps instead of being forced to reckon with their profligate and reckless abuse of credit during the 2000s.

[I]f you have a Bronze plan and actually get sick you won’t think so -- the usual deductible for those plans is around \$6,000!

When the next financial dislocation comes and jobs are once again lost by the million+ a month, and it will happen as The Fed and Government have only created the illusion of prosperity, the public will find itself in worse condition than it was in 2008!

Here it comes!

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Alan West’s “Absurdity of the Year” 2015 Contest Results: Surprise! Pelosi is Number 1

by Allen West,
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Thanks to everyone who voted for the Absurdity of the Year. Here’s how you ranked the headlines.

Congrats, Nan. We can’t wait to hear what you’ll say in 2015!

16. Kanye West says celebrities are treated like blacks in the 60s

15. Army LTC may be forced to retire for preventing photos of lesbian couple kissing

14. Eric Holder’s Department of Justice investigates a parade float

13. Gwyneth Paltrow compares Twitter to war

12. Animal rights group sought “personhood” for chimpanzees

11. Convicted cop killer gives college commencement speech

10. Iran executed a woman for killing her rapist

9. Your tax dollars funded Swedish massages for rabbits (which were killed afterwards)

8. Debbie Wasserman Schultz equates conservative policies to domestic violence

7. Michael Brown’s mom tried to take her son’s case to the UN Committee on Torture

6. Openly gay Houston mayor demanded pastors turn over their sermons

5. Army deserter Bowe Bergdahl could be eligible for \$350,000 in back pay, tax free

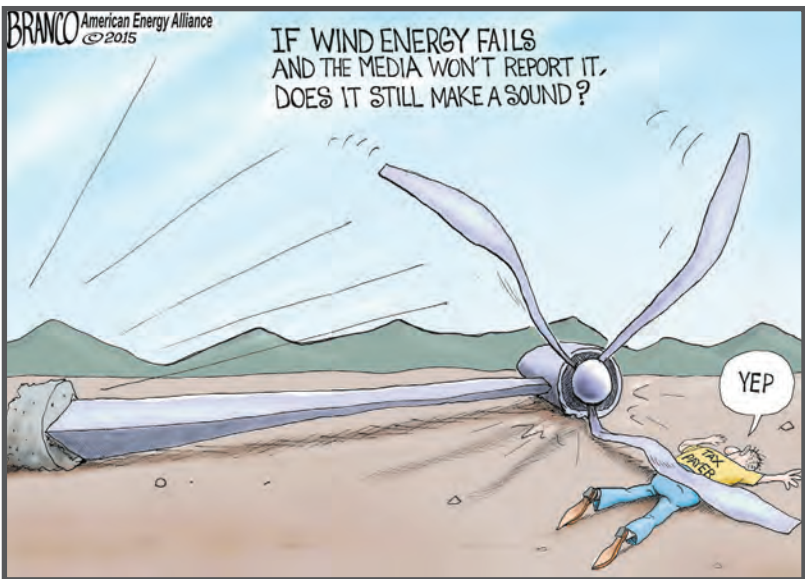
4. Feds paid \$182,129,786 to house illegals for 4 months

3. John Kerry says the Bible commands us to fight climate change, particularly in Muslim countries

2. Military troops are getting pink slips while in combat

1. Nancy Pelosi says Hamas is a humanitarian organization

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What Is Ignorance, Tolerance and Corruption Breeding in America?

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“Instead of sitting down satisfied with the efforts we have already made, which is the wish of our enemies, the necessity of the times, more than ever, calls for our utmost circumspection, deliberation, fortitude, and perseverance.”

—Samuel Adams

Friends, can you imagine our forefathers George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, etc., sitting across the table from the likes of Barack Hussein Obama, Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi, John Kerry, etc.? They would be speaking two different languages, would they not? The forefathers advocated freedom by establishing the rights that God gave. On the other side of the table, we have the devil and his lawless minions distorting every word that our forefathers intended in an attempt to bring a people into bondage by enslaving them through slow and incremental encroachments. Our forefathers would call for a reformation with a call back to the Christian religion and morality, which are the essential pillars of American society! They would say that this is not the government that they established nor are the current representatives those who will keep a people free and prosperous. They would ask, “Why do the people of America suffer these abuses?” While the founding documents are still with us, the authors are not. So, I will put myself in their place and ask the question, why is it that you suffer these abuses, and what is it that ignorance, tolerance, and corruption breed? First, the modern-day politician is the fruit of immoral, irresponsible and cowardly pulpits in American churches. If it is not the heretic Joel Osteen wholeheartedly affirming that Barack Hussein Obama is a Christian, then it’s Billy Graham’s grandson, Tullian Tchividjian, claiming that the pulpit is no place to speak on social issues. Incredible! (Luke

3:19) Those are some inside the Church. But what about those outside the Church?

The fruit of the godless is even more rotten. Just this week, we heard from anti-christ columnist Valerie Tarico who wrote, “Why rape is so intrinsic to religion.” Tarico gratuitously and despicably asserts that God raped Mary. She then pays lip service to a number of mythological stories involving Zeus, Jupiter, Buddha, and others before finally zeroing in on the true targets of her sniping: Christ, Mary, and God the Father.

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In December of last year, anti-theist Preston Smith gave an utterly moronic invocation at a city council meeting in Lake Worth, Florida. This was hands down one of the most twisted invocations I had ever heard or seen. With his incredibly effeminate voice, he offered lip service to Satan, Allah, Buddah, Zeus, and even Jesus, but he didn’t want to hear about damnation or judgment.

In direct contrast, our forefathers established the longest standing Constitution in modern history. They knew who their source was and where they needed to go to get the job done. So they went to their knees (Deuteronomy 8:18). Reverend Jacob Duche offered the following prayer. It was the first prayer of the Continental Congress at Carpenter’s Hall in

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

O Lord our Heavenly Father, high and mighty King of kings, and Lord of lords, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers on earth and reignest with power supreme and uncontrolled over all the Kingdoms, Empires and Governments; look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, on these our American States, who have fled to Thee from the rod of the oppressor and thrown themselves on Thy gracious protection, desiring to be henceforth dependent only on Thee. To Thee have they appealed for the righteousness of their cause; to Thee do they now look up for that countenance and support, which Thou alone canst give. Take them, therefore, Heavenly Father, under Thy nurturing care; give them wisdom in Council and valor in the field; defeat the malicious designs of our cruel adversaries; convince them of the unrighteousness of their Cause and if they persist in their sanguinary purposes, of own unerring justice, sounding in their hearts, constrain them to drop the weapons of war from their unnerved hands in the day of battle!

Be Thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the councils of this honorable assembly; enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation. That the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that order, harmony, and peace may be effectually restored, and truth and justice, religion and piety, prevail and flourish amongst the people. Preserve the health of their bodies and vigor of their minds; shower down on them and the millions they here represent, such temporal blessings as Thou seest expedient for them in this world and crown them with everlasting glory in the world to come. All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Savior. Amen.

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Virginia Woman Admits \$7.2 Million Child-Credit Tax Scam Illegal Immigrants Get \$4.2 BILLION!

by Kenric Ward,
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More than a year after Watchdog reported the IRS sent thousands of refunds to the tiny town of Parksley, Virginia, a woman has pleaded guilty to conspiracy and mail fraud.

Linda Avila admitted to obtaining more than \$7.2 million in refunds by exploiting the federal government’s child tax credit program.

Avila filed more than 1,700 tax returns with stolen identifications used by illegal immigrants, mainly from Mexico.

The Virginian-Pilot reported that Avila, 50, operated a landscaping and cleaning business in Parksley.

Investigators found copies of refund checks in amounts from \$4,000 to more than \$7,000. The tax returns frequently cited foreign dependents, which increased the refund amounts.

Avila had the refunds mailed to various post office boxes on the Eastern Shore and in Delaware, according to court records.

The workers cashed the checks and turned over most of the money to Avila, keeping a small fee for themselves.

Avila, who remains free pending sentencing in U.S. District Court on February 17, could not be reached for comment.

Avila’s case is just the tip of the iceberg.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said the IRS mailed \$4.2 billion in child-credit checks to undocumented immigrants around the country. He accused the tax agency of misconstruing Congress’ intent that only U.S. citizens would be eligible for the child credit.

J. Russell George, Treasury inspector general for tax administration, estimated last May the IRS allowed more than \$13 billion in tax credits through a related earned-income program.

Watchdog reported in June 2013 that disbursements via the Additional Child Tax Credit program have grown rapidly with the IRS’ increased issuance of Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers as substitutes for Social Security numbers.

ITIN holders are not required to prove legal residency, and ITIN applications are running at the rate of 1 million a year.

Under the Obama administration’s new, loosened immigration rules, holding a Social Security card or an ITIN number would become a distinction without a difference.

Please see: watchdog.org/184589/child-credit-tax-scam/

Virginia School Board Forces Home Schoolers to “Justify Religious Beliefs” in Public Hearing

by Kyle Olson,
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(Editor/GG: Outraged? Don’t be. This is the natural evolution of a secular education establishment that views Christianity as a rival in its quest to brainwash our children. It started with banning prayer in school, and now they are deciding what parents can teach their kids IN THEIR OWN HOME! Get involved folks locally. Bring God back into the lives of our children. Update: The outrage generated by this has caused the school board to reverse course, but they are not done yet.)

GOOCHLAND COUNTY, Va.

A Virginia school board has passed a policy allowing the government education system to demand prospective home schoolers to appear before the board to explain their religious beliefs.

A policy of the Goochland County “requires children ages 14 and up who want to be home schooled to provide a statement about their religious beliefs to the school system.” CBS 6 reports.

As a part of that rule, the board “reserves the right” to hold a hearing that includes the parent and/or the student.

Kevin and Katrina Hoeft, Goochland County parents, decided not to send their children to the government school system for religious reasons.

“We believe the public schools have really departed from teaching kids about the role of God in life, Kevin Hoeft says.

“For a 14-year-old to be threatened to have to come before the school board to explain or justify his or her religious beliefs?” the father wonders.

The news station says the board “thought they were doing the right thing” by following other school boards in the state.

School board chairman Michael Payne says that the system’s legal advisor tells them the policy is “legally sound.”

Payne says the board will take the issue up at its Tuesday meeting and “welcomes comments from the public.”

The Home School Legal Defense Association intends to give them just that.

[The policy] requires children ages 14 and up who want to be home schooled to provide a statement about their religious beliefs to the school system.

“Even if you do not desire to speak, please attend! A big turnout will show the board that this is an issue of the highest importance,” the group writes in an alert to its members.

HSLDA asserts the board’s policy violates state law.

According to its alert:

Most 14-year-olds haven’t yet developed an adult-level faith. They are still receiving religious training from their parents.

The Virginia religious exemption statute gives families a right to an exemption from school attendance based on the religious training the parents are providing to the child—regardless of what the child believes. The Goochland policy violates this right.

The school board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at the Goochland Administrative Building, in the main board room on the first floor, at 1800 Sandy Hook Road (near the intersection of Sandy Hook Road and Route 6).

HSLDA is encouraging the public to attend and speak about the policy.

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Preacher Bought Rifles and Armed Citizens for Four Years

by William Federer,
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He was the most popular preacher in America in the middle 1800s. His sister, Harriett Beecher Stowe, wrote the anti-slavery novel, *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* in 1852. He purchased the chains that held John Brown in prison, dragging them across the stage and stomping on them as he preached against slavery. He supported women voting and Chinese immigration. And he bought guns and shipped them to Kansas to fight slavery. His name was Henry Ward Beecher.

A graduate of Amherst College, Henry Ward Beecher had thousands attend his enormous Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, New York, including Abraham Lincoln, Walt Whitman, and Mark Twain.

el. Gutzon Borglum, creator of Mount Rushmore, sculpted a statue of him.

To highlight the evils of slavery, Henry Ward Beecher held simulated auctions in which his congregation donated money to buy freedom for real slaves. One young slave girl, Pinky, was actually liberated by Beecher’s congregation which collected her purchase price of \$900.

Prior to the Civil War, the Kansas-Nebraska Act let the issue of slavery be determined in the Kansas territory by popular sovereignty.

As pro-slavery Democrat “Border Ruffians” flooded in, it unleashed a wave of bloody violence and a Border War between raiding bands of Jayhawkers and Bushwackers. The territory was referred to as “Bleeding Kansas.”

licans in Kansas. These had the new 1850 patented innovations of breech-loading and self-priming, which offered quick loading, speed in firing, and accuracy in distance.

Recommending them as effective weapon to fight slavery, *The New York Tribune* printed February 8, 1856, that Henry Ward Beecher:

“...believed that the Sharps Rifle was a truly moral agency, and that there was more moral power in one of those instruments, so far as the slaveholders of Kansas were concerned, than in a hundred Bibles...You might just as well...read the Bible to Buffaloes as to those fellows who follow Atchison and Stringfellow; but they have a supreme respect for the logic that is embodied in a Sharps rifle. The Sharps Rifle soon became known as a ‘Beecher’s Bible.’”

As federal and state authorities forbade shipping arms to the region, rifles were packed in wooden crates marked as “Books.” When some pro-slavery Democrats intercepted a case and took the guns, Beecher began to personally pass out rifles to abolitionist settlers who were headed to Kansas.

When the Civil War started, Beecher raised and equipped a volunteer Union infantry regiment. He became largely responsible for pressuring Lincoln to issue the Emancipation Proc-

lamation. When Union forces retook Fort Sumter in 1865, President Abraham Lincoln selected Henry Ward Beecher to give the speech commemorating the event.

“While most nations trace their origin to barbarians, the foundations of our nation were laid by civilized men, by Christians.”

Immensely popular, Beecher has been viewed as second only to Lincoln in shaping post-war America’s public opinion. Henry Ward Beecher stated:

“I educated myself to speak...my moral convictions; and though, in later days, it has carried me through places where there were some batterings and bruising, yet I have been supremely grateful that I was led to adopt this course... ..I would rather speak the truth to ten men than blandishments and lying to a million. Try it, ye who think there is nothing in it! Try what it is to speak with God behind you,—to speak so as to be only the arrow in the bow which the Almighty draws.”

Henry Ward Beecher drew his convictions from his father, Lyman Beecher. Lyman Beecher died January 10, 1863. He was a renowned New England clergyman. In *The Spirit of the Pilgrims*, 1831, Lyman Beecher wrote:

“The Government of God is the only government which will hold society against depravity within and temptation without.”

Lyman Beecher was quoted in McGuffey’s Eclectic Sixth Reader, 1907:

“While most nations trace their origin to barbarians, the foundations of our nation were laid by civilized men, by Christians.”

In his *Plea for the West*, 1835, Lyman Beecher wrote:

“If this nation is, in the providence of God, destined to lead the way in the moral and political emancipation of the world, it is time she understood her high calling, and were harnessed for the work. For mighty causes, like floods from distant mountains, are rushing with accumulating power to their consummation of good or evil.”

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You might just as well...read the Bible to Buffaloes as to those fellows who follow Atchison and Stringfellow; but they have a supreme respect for the logic that is embodied in a Sharps rifle.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr., wrote a limerick about Henry Ward Beecher and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle mentioned him in a Sherlock Holmes mystery nov-

el. From 1854 to 1858, Beecher and his church bought hundreds of the new Sharps Rifles and shipped them to anti-slavery Free Soil supporters and Repub-

Food Stamp Beneficiaries Exceed 46,000,000 for 38 Straight Months

by Ali Meyer,
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(Editor/GG: Ahhh, Obola’s economic recovery. Just wonderful. Won’t see these numbers on CNN.)

The number of beneficiaries on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)—AKA food stamps--has topped 46,000,000 for 38 straight months, according to data released by the Department of Agriculture (USDA).

In October 2014, the latest month reported, there were 46,674,364 Americans on food stamps. Food stamp recipients have exceeded 46 million since September 2011.

The 46,674,364 on food stamps in October was an increase of 214,434 from the 46,459,930 on food stamps in September.

As of July, the national population was 318,857,056, the Census Bureau estimates. Thus, the 46,674,364 on food stamps equaled 14.6 percent of the population.

The number of households on food stamps increased from 22,749,951 in September to 22,867,248 in October, an increase of 117,297.

As of September, according to the Census Bureau, there were 115,831,000 households in the country. Thus, the 22,867,248 households on food stamps in October equaled 19.7 percent of the nation’s households.

The 46,674,364 people on food stamps in the United States also exceeded the total populations of Columbia (46,245,297), Kenya (46,245,297), Ukraine (44,291,413) and Argentina (43,024,374).

They were slightly fewer than the population of Spain (47,737,941).

Households on food stamps got an average benefit of \$261.44 during the month, and total benefits for the month cost taxpayers \$5,978,320,593.

In 1969, the average participation in the SNAP program stood at 2,878,000. In 2014, average participation grew to 46,536,000 showing an increase of 1516.96 percent.

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Time for Hollywood to Make a Mohammad Biography Picture

by Allen West,
Allen B. West

(Editor/GG: God Bless Alan West for this idea. Let’s see, who could play Mohammad in this movie? Oh, I know, and it would be a perfect transition for him when he is forcibly removed from office in two years, our own version of the enlightened one, Barry Hussein (“Obola”) Obama. Al Sharpton will demand that Obola get the Academy Award and New York Senator Chuck Schumer will play an old rag merchant Jew in the first massacre scene (can you see Chucky whining as Mohammad (i.e., Obola) approaches with a big, bloody sword look’n real hard at ol’ Chucky’s saggy, veiny neck!). (The real massacre scene is described below.) And the movie trailer, will, of course, have a scene where Mohammad (Obola) is playing golf in the sand dunes with his 9-year-old bride as his minions slaughter millions of innocents. Michelle Obama will play herself (satan - no changes needed there, folks). Ah, give me that old-time religion...)

There’s a lot of talk about freedom of speech, freedom of expression, and freedom of the press right now in light of what happened in Paris at the offices of Charlie Hebdo, but what will our response be in the West?

Shall we be so intimidated that we will cower away in fear as that which is intolerant forces us into their coerced definition of tolerance? You know what happens then: when tolerance becomes a one-way street it leads to cultural suicide.

We have the President of Turkey, Recip Erdogan basically saying, “You got what you deserved” — and our President, Barack Obama, refers to Erdogan as his friend. How many of you watched the movie, “Kingdom of Heaven?” Sure, many say, great movie but it was historically inaccurate in many ways — first of all, there was never an explanation as to why Pope Urban II called for The Crusades in 1095 — because of Christian pilgrims being attacked by Muslims.

Well, it’s time we find some courage to historically portray the truth, and my good friend Bill Siegel — who took me to my first ever NY Knicks game, and has a pretty well-known and exceptional fiancée named Monica Crowley — has penned a pretty good recommendation for Hollywood in the Washington Times.

Siegel thinks it’s about time Hollywood will depict the story of Mohammad’s life. According to Siegel:

What would an accurate and fair film of Mohammad’s life show?

One would see “Jihad” in action with Mohammad beheading 600-900 Jews of the Banu Quraizah tribe as their heads roll into trenches, taking women and children as slaves, leading more than 25 raids, taking 20% of the booty for himself and Allah, and reneging on treaties.

One would see him consummating one of his thirteen or more marriages with the 9-year-old Aisha and how the revelations he timely received from Allah conveniently grant his desires, including Allah’s arranging Mohammad’s adopted son to divorce his wife so that Mohammad could marry her.

One would see the early “tolerant” and “peaceful” revelations so often cited abrogated by later ones revealed when Mohammad had full power to dominate.

One would see him solicit an assassin to murder the poet who, much like Charlie Hebdo, insulted him, would see how he terrorized to weaken his enemy’s will so that little else was required to cause its ultimate submission to him, Allah, and Islam, and hear him utter at his life’s end, “I have been made victorious by terror.”

One would see him structure his community into a bigoted hierarchy in which Muslims lived

Hey, Do These Black Lives Matter?

Boko Haram Slaughters Thousands in Nigeria

by Allen West,
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(Editor/GG: Boko Haram is an islamist guerilla army that has slaughtered over ten thousand Christians in the last few years. They specialize in killing Christian children, women and old people. Seen any reports on CBS lately? So what does Obama do? Sends our military over to “help” (which means expose our troops) in the ebola epidemic. With no results at all. Obama’s anti-Christian and anti-western democratic beliefs are finally being totally exposed.)

Hey, what ever happened to that group who kidnapped all those girls in Nigeria — you know, heck... what was their name? I remember that hashtag thing, what was it? Doggone hard to believe... I thought I remembered it. Oh well, it seems so long ago. Who cares really, right?

The families of the thousands butchered probably do – but no one is organizing a march for them. I guess those black lives don’t matter, do they Al, Eric, or Barry?

DefenseOne.com reports, “On Friday, Amnesty International released a report about a recent series of attacks by Boko Haram that killed hundreds, if not thousands of people in Nigeria.

According to Daniel Eyre, the author of the Amnesty report, the terror group’s raids on Baga, a border town near Chad, may constitute the group’s “deadliest act” yet: If reports that the town was largely razed to the ground and that hundreds or even as many as 2,000 civilians were killed are true, this marks a disturbing and bloody escalation of Boko Haram’s ongoing onslaught against the civilian population.”

Yea, those guys, Boko Haram, and silly me, I thought we were going to git ‘em! After all, everyone was running around with that very threatening hashtag campaign which really skeered those rascal violent extremists who are Presbyterians, or are they Calvinists, nah, Lutherans? Just kidding, everyone knows they are funda-

mentalist Southern Baptists.

Ok, enough with the sarcasm. This is deadly serious. In the West, we hold rallies and organize social media campaigns while the enemy — who we’re afraid to define — continues to go about its savage ways.

“[M]ost victims are children, women, and elderly people who could not run fast enough when insurgents (this is why we will not win, we cannot even call them Islamic terrorists) drove into Baga.”

So while we run around with new banners and rallying cries — or in the case of President Obama and his administration don’t even show up – the horror continues without media coverage or outrage.

“Too many to count,” the Associated Press wrote of the bodies in Nigeria, adding that a district official “said most victims are children, women, and elderly people who could not run fast enough when insurgents (this is why we will not win, we cannot even call them Islamic terrorists) drove into Baga.”

“Other reports added that Boko Haram is thought to have “wiped out” another 16 towns outside of Baga, which the group reportedly emptied of its 10,000 residents. “A large number reportedly drowned as they crossed Lake Chad,” the BBC relayed. Following its takeover of Baga last week, Boko Haram has launched fresh attacks that have killed dozens, Reuters noted, adding that “the insurgency (they are Islamic terrorists doggone it) killed more than 10,000 people last year, according to a count by the Council on Foreign Relations

in November.”

I just have to ask, how long will Boko Haram stay in the news cycle this time before we just move along to the next news item? Who is going to come up with the strategy to kill Boko Haram? Heck, I can tell you who is not – US.

Who will develop a scheme to eradicate the scourge known as ISIS? Ain’t gonna be US. And that al-Qaida Islamic terrorist group we were told was decimated and on the run? Who’s gonna bring the pain? Not US.

It is truly unbelievable what’s happening — even here in Garland, Texas. This weekend there’s a conference on how to use “Islamophobia” to cause censorship and eliminate criticism of Islamists.

So the enemy just marches on killing innocents – as the report said, most of the deaths were women, children, and the elderly — those who weren’t fast enough to run away.

And we have individuals like our attorney general who just couldn’t make his mouth say radical Islam. Or White House spokesperson Josh Earnest who classifies the enemy as “extremists.” Some will say, what difference does it make? I’ll let Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi explain why recognition of the ideology is crucial.

If we continue to deny what fuels the enemy then we will never destroy this enemy. If we continue to allow this enemy into our countries forcing us to self-censor, if we continue to have cultural jihadist apologists who advocate for the enemy, there is no way we shall win.

When you ask me if we’ve turned a corner after the attacks in Paris, my response is no. Because in three months no one will remember *Charlie Hebdo* — as I don’t think it was that long after the hashtag campaign that we forgot who Boko Haram was. Heck, I bet that if you do a “man-on-the-street” and ask who is Boko Haram, some will think he’s the starting power forward for the Brooklyn Nets or maybe a safety for the Seattle Seahawks.

Anyone remember the Islamic terrorist group that fired rockets into Israel? Or how about the Islamic terrorist group that blew up the Beirut Barracks in 1983? Doggone, I hate losing to these barbaric jerks. Sadly, that’s what is happening and there are far too many of US who are enabling them — starting in the White House.

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The Average College Freshman Reads at 7th Grade Level

by Maggie Lit,
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The average U.S. college freshman reads at a seventh grade level, according to an educational assessment report.

“We are spending billions of dollars trying to send students to college and maintain them there when, on average, they read at about the grade 6 or 7 level, according to Renaissance Learning’s latest report on what American students in grades 9-12 read, whether assigned or chosen,” said education expert Dr. Sandra Stotsky.

Stotsky, a Professor Emerita at the University of Arkansas, served on the Common Core Validation Committee in 2009-10, during which she called the standards “inferior.” She claimed the Common Core left out the very standards needed to prepare students for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) careers.

“The average reading level for five of the top seven books assigned as summer reading by 341 colleges using Renaissance Learning’s

readability formula was rated 7.56 [meaning halfway through seventh grade],” Stotsky told Breitbart Texas.

The study also found that most high school graduates don’t do much with mathematics past eighth-grade compared to students in other high-achieving countries.

In addition, the lack of “difficulty and complexity” found in high school reading material is indicative of what colleges can assign to students once they enter higher education and professors aren’t requiring incoming students read at a college level.

“Nor are [colleges] sending a signal to the nation’s high schools that high school level reading is needed for college readiness,” said Stotsky. “Indeed, they seem to be suggesting that a middle school level of reading is satisfactory, even though most college textbooks and adult literary works written before 1970 require mature reading skills.”

Stotsky claims that reading development starts in elementary school and acknowledges the importance

of a student’s willingness to practice reading outside the classroom.

She adds that despite societal changes over the past 100 years, both male and female students have continued to read the same type of material as past generations. Girls tend to gravitate towards books about relationships and animals, while boys enjoy adventure stories, military exploits, superheroes, and historical nonfiction.

“For almost 100 years, there have been many surveys in this country of what children prefer to read. Despite changes in immigration patterns, family literacy, and cultural influences, what boys and girls like to read has been relatively stable,” said Stotsky.

According to Breitbart Texas, Stotsky is credited with creating the strongest set of k-12 academic standards in the country while working for the Massachusetts Department of Education, and is responsible for developing licensure tests for prospective teachers.

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“Hands Up, Don’t Shoot” Activist Guns Down Unarmed Man, and is Thankful for the Experience

by Bob Owens,
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(Editor/GG: This black preacher had the courage to challenge his beliefs. Read this folks and understand the position the police are in during these swift, violent encounters.)

In his Twitter profile, Reverend Jarrett Maupin describes himself as a “Progressive Baptist Preacher. Civil Rights Campaigner. Radical Political Activist.”

He’s led numerous civil rights protests in Arizona, including recent protests of the death of Romain Brisbon, a suspected drug dealer, at the hands of Phoenix police.

The details of Brisbon’s death aren’t surprising. Like the overwhelming majority of those killed by police officers, Brisbon was violently resisting arrest when the officer shot him:

The officer gave the suspect several commands to get on the ground but he refused to comply, yelling profanities at the officer, according to witnesses. A struggle ensued.

During the struggle, Brisbon put his left hand in his pocket and the officer grabbed onto the suspect’s hand, while repeatedly telling the suspect to keep his hand in his pocket, Crump said.

Reverend Maupin didn’t think justice was served when the non-compliant Brison ran from the officer, and then physically fought the officer’s efforts to take him into custody.

he’d had his hand on the butt of his gun from the start.

In the second scenario, where Maupin portrayed an officer arriving to break up a confrontation between two unarmed men, one of the two unarmed men started walking aggressively towards him, refusing commands to stop.

As the man continues walking toward him and closes to within feet of him, the civil rights activist who protested police officers for shooting the unarmed Brisbon, opened fire.

In the third scenario, Maupin was an arresting officer with a suspect on the ground that he was attempting to search, where the suspect refused to give him his hands. Maupin does not shoot. It is later revealed that the suspect has a large knife hidden in his waistband.

Up until the moment Reverend Maupin put on his holstered air-soft gun, he had a false preconceived notion of how police officers interactions with the public take place. He had a false understanding of just how fast a seemingly non-violent encounter can turn into a deadly-force situation,

and he didn’t understand that it is how the suspect chooses to respond to an officer’s command that drives the encounter.

His eyes have now been opened.

“I didn’t understand how important compliance was,” he stated. “But after going through this, yeah, my attitude has changed.”

“This is all unfolding in ten to fifteen seconds... people need to comply with the orders of law enforcement officers for their own safety.”

I’m sure many who watched the video want to triumphantly yell, “Hypocrite!” But there is no hypocrisy here. This was a teachable moment, and a man who was willing to learn had his eyes opened.

It’s simply too bad that more protesters and protest leaders are ignorant of how real-world scenarios play out.

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Pastor Shoots, Stops Attempted Murder in Florida Church

by Bob Owens,
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¹ Praise be to the Lord my Rock,
who trains my hands for war,
my fingers for battle.
² He is my loving God and my fortress,
my stronghold and my deliverer,
my shield, in whom I take refuge,
who subdues peoples under me.

—Psalm 144, Verses 1-2

A maintenance worker at a Florida church pulled a weapon and began shooting at the members of the church committee that was convened to terminate him, forcing the pastor of the church to pull his own weapon and return fire, wounding the attacker in what authorities consider a clear case of self-defense:

Deputies said an Osceola County church employee has been charged after he opened fire on a pastor, who then pulled out his own gun and shot the employee.

The exchange of gunfire happened at the Living Water Fellowship Church on Pleasant Hill Road around 8 a.m.

According to investigators, a meeting was taking place to terminate the employment of maintenance worker Benjamin Parangan, Jr. Deputies said Parangan, 47, pulled out a gun and fired several shots at Pastor Terry Howell.

Howell was not injured, but he returned fire with his own gun, striking Parangan. Parangan was taken to Osceola Regional Medical Center, where he is in stable condition.

Parangan has been charged with aggravated assault with intent to kill and will be taken to jail once he is released from the hospital. It is also worth noting that Living Water has a child care program on site, and that by accurately shooting Parangan and keeping him from firing any more

shots, Pastor Howell reduced the threat to children and child care providers on site.

Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths all recognize that murder (unlawful killing of the innocent and the just) is to be avoided, but all recognize a right to both individual self-defense, defense of others, and defense of cultures and societies (“jus bellum iustum,” or just war theory).

Historically speaking, churches and other religious institutions have often been the targets of common criminals and mass killers both worldwide and in the United States, as have been their pastoral staff. Different denominations have differing views on firearms, and these policies can vary down to individual parishes or congregations.

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New York Claims 278 Gun Owners Are “Mentally Unstable” - Could Lose Their Weapons

by Tim Brown,
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Under New York’s SAFE Act, the state has now identified 278 licensed gun owners who may lose their guns due to the state deeming them “mentally unstable.”

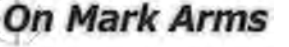
Governor Andrew Cuomo pushed legislators to pass the SAFE Act in the wake of the Sandy Hook shooting in 2012. Many protested the proposed legislation by burning gun registration forms and one man in particular, Aaron Weiss, an American veteran who served in Iraq, declared, “My rights trump your dead. I earned it in blood!” Even sheriffs filed a lawsuit against the law.

Last week, *The Syracuse Post-Standard* reported that the State of New York has collected 38,718 names of persons who are believed to be “at-risk patients” for owning guns. This information comes from mental health providers. Among those, 737 of those identified are from Central New York.

However, less than one percent of those identified have a gun permit. So what happens when a person has been deemed too “mentally unstable” to possess a firearm?

“Once we get that notification we immediately sus-

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ANTI-GUN

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pend the permit in order to protect the public,” said Onondaga County Court Judge Joseph Fahey.

Even more telling is that Fahey told the *Post-Standard* that judges issue the orders without ever viewing the mental health report. So what exactly identifies a person as “too mentally unstable?” We aren’t told, and apparently judges don’t care and neither do the sheriffs. They all just assume they are “protecting the public,” though they don’t have any evidence that what they are doing is lawful.

Once the court issues the order, a deputy delivers it to the permit holder and confiscates their permit and their gun, which are then stored in a secured vault. The citizen may then challenge the order or the judge may allow them to sell their weapon to a gun dealer.

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According to the report, the state doesn’t know how many permits were suspended or guns confiscated after the identification of those they claim as “mentally unstable.” The reason for this is due to local officials not being required to tell the state what actions they take. Additionally, permit holders who have been identified may not even know their names are in the database because the mental health providers are not required to obtain consent

from the individual before making a report to the state.

In perfect sync, *The New York Times* also published an editorial piece claiming that a comprehensive 114-page study by Connecticut’s Office of the Child Advocate indicates, “The conclusion that access to guns drives shooting episodes far more than the presence of mental illness is inescapable. Those countries that have tight gun controls in general experience less overall gun violence and have fewer episodes per capita of mass shootings.”

What those reports don’t tell you about is the increase in violent crime as a result of gun confiscation. Furthermore, they don’t tell you about the FBI’s latest findings where more guns are being sold and crime is decreasing.

So, there is a state law with requirements, but local officials don’t actually answer to those requirements? Furthermore, now that the cat is out of the bag that these patients could possibly lose their gun permits, as well as their guns, do people think they will be more inclined to continue seeking mental health help?

“It only takes one individual to wreak mayhem and tragedy if they have access to a firearm,” said Leah Gunn (yes, that’s her name) Barrett, executive director of New Yorkers Against Gun Violence.

“These are individuals who, under no circumstances, should have guns,” she said.

I attempted to get an answer from Ms. Barrett as to how she could make such a statement. I left a message asking, “How can you claim these individuals should not have guns under any circumstances? Did you read their mental health reports?” As of the time of publication, Ms. Barrett has not returned my phone call.

Jed Wolkenbreit, an attorney for the New York State Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors, said that hospitals file most of the

reports due to people showing up in emergency rooms with mental health issues and according to the SAFE Act, patients are to be reported who are “...likely to engage in conduct that would result in serious harm to self or others.”

[T]hey don’t tell you about the FBI’s latest findings where more guns are being sold and crime is decreasing.

Roger Ambrose, director of community services for Jefferson County, said that the reports he reviews indicate the majority of people are suicidal, while a smaller number are homicidal.

I think it a dangerous thing for government to be the determiners of who is and who is not mentally stable. After all, many of us have questioned the mental faculties of the man in the Oval Office, along with many other liberals. Should any of them be allowed to carry a gun?

As for me, I consider the right to keep and bear arms a duty that we should be engaged in and I think neither the federal government nor the state government has any business dealing with these issues. If family wants to be engaged in this issue for those they love, so be it, but government has no place in this matter. In the end, mental health screening is a good way to decrease liberty, but a poor way to increase security.

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tive said the mother of a Penrose student, “I would be eager to put my child on the waiting list. I really like that the school would have community involvement and perhaps open the opportunity for students to visit with vets!” Nancy Phillips added, “Life skills are truly lacking. Not something that every child is taught at home these days. I would like to see every kid have the opportunity to learn basics, you know, at least how to cook a meal, mend torn jeans, and by all means, be able to wash their clothes.”

The group spoke at the Florence School Board meeting and made known their desire to create a new charter middle school in the Fremont RE-2 School District. They also invited the Board to attend a meeting that will provide further details about the project. Tommy Covington, school board member, told the group, “We do appreciate you being here.” Anyone who has ever addressed a local school meeting will certainly recognize this standard, non-committal response. The hope is, however, that once the necessary information has been

gathered the board will become a partner in this quest to offer optional avenues for the education of our students.

More assistance will be needed to start the school. Erin Davidson said, “We could use the help of an attorney, accountant, realtor, and anyone else who wants to become an advocate for this school.” Dr. Shirley Squire, a founding parent of Cañon City’s Mountain View Core Knowledge Charter school said it took the better part of two years before they could open the doors in the fall of 1996. It is obviously a challenging process. There are numerous state laws and regulations but with community assistance the obstacles can be overcome. The next scheduled meeting of the Florence School Board will be on February 9th at 7p.m. Meeting location is 403 West 5th Street in Florence. This is a meeting you are encouraged to attend. Make your wishes known concerning the education of our children. Make a statement in support of the formation of a new charter middle school, The Christian Huskies Fellowship, or any issue that troubles you about your area schools.

*Be informed,
Get involved!*

MOHAMMAD

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according to one set of rules while certain others (Christians and Jews primarily) were granted protection so long as they submitted to the shamefully humiliating lesser status requirements of being a Dhimmi. All others were forced to convert or die.

Do I think Hollywood will heed the recommendation and the offered storyline? Nope, they ain’t got the hutzpah, but this is a superb piece Bill wrote in *The Washington Times* — and he ain’t skeered of no “Fatwa.” Maybe someone, somewhere will find the courage to do a film based on Bill’s concept. It’s also reflected in the book by Robert Spencer, *The Truth About Muhammad*.

I for one am sick and tired of listening to all the excuses and wrong explanations using revisionist history. It’s time people came to understand the first Mecca phase, Medina phase, the second Mecca phase, and then the Islamic conquest phase — which has been resurrected thanks to Jimmy Carter allowing the Ayatollah Khomeini to rise to power.

So read, my friend and brother, Bill Siegel’s astute and exceptional piece – it’s the historical and irrefutable truth about Muhammad. However, will it ever be told on the big screen? Or have the Islamic jihadists and totalitarians won causing us to self-censor because we’re afraid of being called Islamophobes?

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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.



When Is War Justified?

The recent jihadist murders in Paris may have served as a wake-up call to European countries that their good god, good devil, good everybody politically correct attitude is about to bite them in the posterior backside. The question that remains...“is the horse already out of the barn?” In the days since the attack, many in the Western press have engaged in a discussion about free speech, but in our estimation, a larger issue begs examination which is quite simply “when is war justified?” Since World War II, this nation has struggled with this dilemma ever lacking a concrete solution. Until this controversy is decided, the topic will be probed, poked, prodded, cussed, and discussed with little being resolved. Only when the subjectivity of politics is replaced with an authority higher than human opinion will any nation embrace a national will to win a covert war against terrorism.

Even though the Bible primarily deals with Israel, that union serves as a prototype for God’s attitude toward all nations. It is the tragic nature and history of mankind to have enemies—“When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident,” (Psalm 27:2-3). Thirteen months after the Exodus, God authorized Israel to draft and train a military for national defense. The need for this was quickly realized when the Amale-

kites, acting as terrorists, picked off the faint, weary, and feeble of Israel’s population. God licensed all-out destruction for this army of vagabonds who exercised no discrimination or mercy, (Deuteronomy 25:17-19). Years later, King Saul was commanded to exercise due recompense upon Amalek. The Lord takes a dim view of terrorism and has a long memory of regarding it. Should we regard it with any less disdain?

When an enemy seeks to oppress by the destruction of basic rights, military conflict may provide the only solution. “And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets,” (Numbers 10:9). In this case, a serious threat of oppression may be sufficient reason to muster the troops. Does anyone actually believe that the installation of Islamic law would expand opportunities?

Numbers 31 records the mandate to the Israelites to declare war upon the Midianites. The reason given was the effort of internal sabotage on the part of Balaam, the false prophet. His approach was to bushwhack Israel by counseling them to embrace the enemy in dialogue and relationships. Scriptural rationale submits that this kind of activity is a definite benchmark against the enemy.

When a society occupies a definite higher ground morally, they may be given divine instructions to mobilize. (Deuteronomy 4:31-38; 20:10-18) About now I can almost hear our leftist friends screaming that we have

no right to be the moral police of the world. But can even the most liberal pundit turn a blind eye and conscience to murder, genocide, rape, pillaging, and mayhem that leaves people in hopeless conditions? Weapons of mass destruction or not, Saddam Hussein gassed thousands of Kurds. Was it not moral to tear down the gates of Nazi death camps? Some scenarios are so clear that only Congress would miss the obvious.

When the Philistines were challenging ancient Israel with the voice of a giant, young David went on the attack and cut Goliath bin Laden’s head off with his own sword. (1 Samuel 17) God’s people were at the crossroads of a basic decision—fight or be subjugated into dismal servitude.

Any of these five circumstances has constituted an authentic case for bombs and bullets to be employed. The evidence is fairly apparent that all of these attending factors are present when addressing the perpetrators of Sept. 11th. While our elected officials continue to play one-upmanship, the enemy gains strength. A Christian country should always prefer peace to hostility, but it is extremely naïve to think that everyone shares that position. War is never easy, and many will do all they can to avoid it, which is generally commendable, but never to the peril of themselves and their fellow citizens. The decision that our legislators need to arrive at is quite simple: if we are at war, let’s act like it; if not, call the troops home.

A Sheepdog Barks!

I’ve decided to start my “Only In A Liberal Progressive America” (OIALPA) list again. The America (and the world) that the LPSDs have created is beyond mind-boggling, bizarre, and almost completely incomprehensible. I’m convinced our Founding Fathers would not recognize the America they created if they were alive today. I saw a sign the other day that said we now have the government our Founding Fathers tried to prevent. Sadly true! Why and how has this happened? I’m not sure anyone can absolutely pinpoint one or two specific reasons but after careful sheepdog consideration of the last 50-70 years I have easily attributed ALL our problems to the Communist-Socialist-Liberal-Progressive sequential thought process

gressive America” (OIALPA). These anecdotes will serve to remind and alarm us to the dangers of Liberal-Progressive rule and ideology that is destroying the America that many of us grew up in and that our Founding Fathers intended to pass on. Considered individually these kinds of things may not seem like much. Considered together, and in the context of the LPSD’s overall plan to implode America, these might keep you awake at night.

OIALPA: Buffalo, NY. The teachers union contract, with the public school districts, provides them with Botox and elective cosmetic surgery. From 2008 through 2014 the taxpayers of Buffalo have paid over \$37 Million for this kind of baloney. Please spare me the rebuttal that

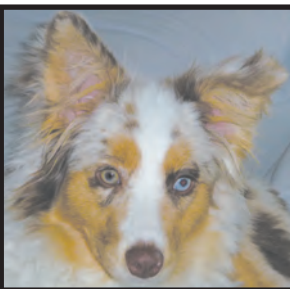
“...government employees should realize that the process of collective bargaining cannot be transplanted into the public service. It’s bargaining, not against a corporation, but against the taxpayers of America.”

that has occurred during that period. In 1958, a retired FBI agent, W. Cleon Skousen, wrote a book titled, “The Naked Communist”. He had tracked, watched, and studied the communists that were trying to impose their thinking and their will on America and its government. The American Communist Party had 45 strategic goals that they started to implement in order to slowly, but surely, take over America. The effort by the communists eventually failed. OR DID IT? You can read the 45 action points in this paper on page 23. I am totally convinced the Democrat Party grabbed this “manifesto” and has run with it. And they have been very successful. As you read them you’ll notice how many sound familiar to what’s going on. If you recall, Obama’s teacher and mentor that his liberal grandparents arranged for him to have during his formative years was Frank Marshall Davis, a member of the American Communist Party. It doesn’t take a genius to figure this all out. However, these ideas are not limited to Obama. They can easily be linked to ALL the LPSDs that have been elected, past and present. As you read them make note of how many have been accomplished, or are in the process of being accomplished, by the Democrats over the last 50+ years. But I digress. Let us get back to the bizarre and destructive LPSD America. I want to point out examples of what I’m talking about and I will identify them as “Only In A Liberal Pro-

“some of those surgeries were really important and necessary.” I’m sure some of the “nose jobs” and “eye bags” removals helped the teachers do their jobs. Oh, wait, maybe not! The public school record in Buffalo is that only 12.2% of students tested proficient or better in English and only 13.1% tested proficient or better in math. The union was asked to renegotiate this entitlement out of the contract and they wouldn’t even take it to their membership for a vote. The CFO for the Buffalo Public Schools “spilled the beans” about this and opined that maybe it was just possible that the \$37 Million could have been better spent? I’m sure all those teachers that helped spend that \$37 Million have the “kids” in mind first. WOOF!

BTW – Here’s what the liberal icon FDR said about public employee unions: “...government employees should realize that the process of collective bargaining cannot be transplanted into the public service. It’s bargaining, not against a corporation, but against the taxpayers of America.” DOUBLE WOOF!

OIALPA: Washington, D.C. And speaking of government unions, the National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU) is funded to the tune of \$156 Million for government employees to perform union tasks while at work. The LPSDs love this kind of waste and abuse because it’s not their money, is it? How does this sort of thing happen in the first place? Where are the Republicans? Oh, wait, they are right there



and afraid of their own shadows! All budgets have been bipartisan, haven’t they? WOOF!

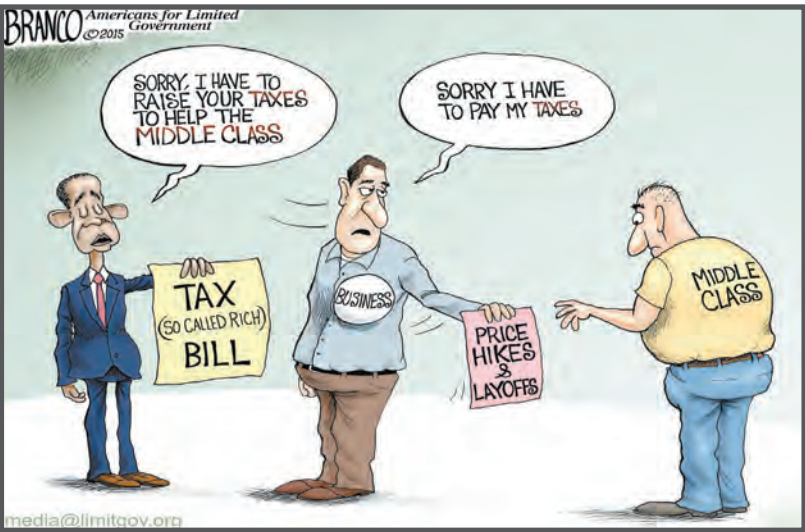
OIALPA: Duke University. The call to Muslim prayers will be played over loudspeakers for ALL to hear every Friday at 1:00 pm. How nice! When asked why they would do this the Associate Dean of the Chapel, Christy Sapp, said, “This opportunity represents a larger commitment to religious pluralism that is at the heart of Duke’s mission. It connects the University to national trends in religious accommodations.” WHAT? I’m not even sure what that means – more liberal gobbledygook (aka linguistic gymnastics) to me. National trend? OMG! Religious Accommodation? Seen any Christians accommodated lately? This University denied a pro-life speaker on campus recently. This is some Liberal-Progressive thinking at its best. WOOF! Late Breaking News: Duke canceled this insanity when Alumni threatened to stop contributing. However, their LPSD-thinking remains.

OIALPA: During the recent Rose Parade in Los Angeles the announcers made a big deal about one of the floats that had to get an approval from the Department of Homeland Security to participate. Why you might ask? Well, I’m gonna tell you. It was a large Hippopotamus that occasionally opened its mouth releasing about 100 balloons “into the atmosphere” symbolizing air bubbles. I’m not kidding. Thank goodness our Homeland Security Department is on the job protecting America and Americans from balloons in the atmosphere and illegal aliens crossing our borders. Oh, wait! WOOF!

OIALPA: Notre Dame University. The Director of Multicultural Studies, Iris Outlaw (that’s her name really) will teach a course on “White Privilege.” REALLY? I hope there is a lot of course discussion about quotas and affirmative action. I will no longer “root” for the “Fightin’ Irish.” WOOF!

Stay tuned, there are thousands more. If you know a good OIALPA story please send it to me at the paper. I’ll use them in future columns. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



Introducing W. Cleon Skousen

W. Cleon Skousen (1913-2006) was a conservative constitutionalist and author. He was an FBI Special Agent and the Police Chief of Salt Lake City, UT. Skousen was a controversial author and speaker, extremely anti-communist and opposed all federal regulatory agencies and argued for the abolition of everything from the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He also wanted to repeal the

minimum wage, eliminate unions, nullify anti-discrimination laws, sell off public lands and national parks, end the direct election of senators, eliminate the federal income tax and estate taxes, remove the walls separating church and state, and end the Federal Reserve System. His book, *The Naked Communist*, was first published in 1958 and exposed the dangers of the Communists trying to destroy America from within. In his book he printed the strategic

Communist Goals of that time to accomplish that task. We are alarmed at how many of them seem to be the current goals (bolded below) of the Liberal Progressives and the Democrat Party in America today. Please review them and judge for yourself. We believe they have already accomplished many of them.

Are These Communist Goals Now Current Liberal-Progressive Goals?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• U.S. acceptance of co-existence as the only alternative to atomic war.• U.S. willingness to capitulate in preference to engaging in atomic war.• Develop the illusion that total disarmament by the United States would be a demonstration of moral strength.• Permit Free Trade between all nations regardless of communist affiliation and regardless of whether or not items could be used for war.• Extension of long term loans to Russia and Soviet Satellites.• Provide American aid to all nations regardless of communist domination.• Grant recognition of Red China. Admission of Red China to U.N.• Set up East & West Germany as two separate states in spite of Khrushchev's promise in 1955 to settle the German question by free elections under the supervision of the U.N.• Prolong the conferences to ban atomic tests because the U.S. has agreed to suspend tests | <ul style="list-style-type: none">as long as negotiations are in progress.• Allow all Soviet Satellites individual representation in the U.N.• Promote the U.N. as the only hope for Mankind.• Resist any attempt to outlaw the Communist Party.• Do away with all loyalty oaths.• Continue to give Russia access to the U.S. Patent Office.• Capture one or both of the political parties in the U.S.• Use technical decisions of the courts to weaken basic American institutions by claiming their activities violate civil rights.• Get control of the schools. Use them as transmission belts for socialism and current communist propaganda.• Soften the curriculum. Get control of teacher's associations. Put the party line in text books.• Gain control of all student newspapers. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use student riots to foment public protests against programs or organizations which are under communist attack.• Infiltrate the Press. Get control of book review assignments, editorial writing, policy-making positions.• Gain control of key positions in Radio, TV, and Motion Pictures.• Continue discrediting American culture by degrading all forms of artistic expression. (An American communist cell was told to eliminate all good sculpture from parks and buildings and substitute "shapeless, awkward, and meaningless forms.")• Control art critics and directors of art museums. (Our plan is to promote ugliness, repulsive, meaningless art)• Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them "censorship" and a violation of free speech and free press.• Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in | <ul style="list-style-type: none">books, magazines, TV, radio, & motion pictures.• Present homosexuality, degeneracy, and promiscuity as "normal, natural, and healthy."• Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with "social" religion. Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity which does not need a religious crutch.• Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expression in the schools on the ground that it violates the principle of "separation of church and state."• Discredit the American Constitution by calling it inadequate, old fashioned, out of step with modern needs, a hindrance to cooperation between nations on a world-wide basis.• Discredit the American Founding Fathers. Present them as selfish aristocrats who had no concern for the "common man."• Belittle all forms of American culture and | <ul style="list-style-type: none">discourage the teaching of American history on the grounds it was only a minor part of the big picture.• Support any socialist movement to give centralized control over any part of the culture-education, social programs, welfare programs, mental health clinics, etc.• Eliminate all laws or procedures which interfere with the operation of the communist apparatus.• Eliminate the House Committee on Un-American Activities.• Discredit and eventually dismantle the FBI.• Infiltrate and gain control of more Unions.• Infiltrate and gain control of Big Business.• Transfer some of the powers of arrest from the police to social agencies. Treat all behavioral problems as psychiatric disorders which no one but psychiatrists can understand or treat.• Dominate the psychiatric profession and use mental health laws as a means of gain- | <ul style="list-style-type: none">ing coercive control over those who oppose Communist goals.• Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce.• Emphasize the need to raise children away from the negative influence of the parents. Attribute prejudices, mental blocks, and retarding to suppressive influence of parents.• Create the impression that violence and insurrection are legitimate aspects of American tradition; that students and special-interest groups should rise up and use "united force" to solve economic, political, or social problems.• Overthrow all colonial governments before native populations are ready for self-government.• Internationalize the Panama Canal.• Repeal the Connally Reservation so the U.S. cannot prevent the World Court from seizing jurisdiction over domestic problems. Give the World Court jurisdiction over nations and individuals alike. |
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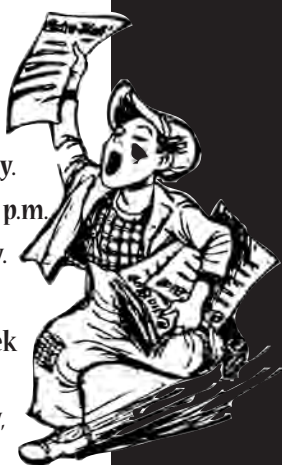
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mainstream ideologies”

33. Anyone that “visits extremist websites/blogs”

34. Anyone that “establishes website/blog to display extremist views”

35. Anyone that “attends rallies for extremist causes”

36. Anyone that “exhibits extreme religious intolerance”

37. Anyone that “is personally connected with a grievance”

38. Anyone that “suddenly acquires weapons”

39. Anyone that “organizes protests inspired by extremist ideology”

61. Those that “believe in the right to bear arms”

40. “Militia or unorganized militia”

41. “General right-wing extremist”

42. Citizens that have “bumper stickers” that are patriotic or anti-U.N.

43. Those that refer to an “Army of God”

44. Those that are “fiercely nationalistic (as opposed to universal and international in orientation)”

45. Those that are “anti-global”

46. Those that are “suspicious of centralized federal authority”

47. Those that are “reverent of individual liberty”

48. Those that “believe in conspiracy theories”

49. Those that have “a belief that one’s personal and/or national ‘way of life’ is under attack”

50. Those that possess “a belief in the need to be prepared for an attack either by participating in paramilitary preparations and training or survivalism”

51. Those that would “impose strict religious tenets or laws on society (fundamentalists)”

52. Those that would “insert religion into the political sphere”

53. Anyone that would “seek to politicize religion”

54. Those that have “supported political movements for autonomy”

55. Anyone that is “anti-abortion”

56. Anyone that is “anti-Catholic”

57. Anyone that is “anti-nuclear”

58. “Rightwing extremists”

59. “Returning veterans”

60. Those concerned about “illegal immigration”

61. Those that “believe in the right to bear arms”

62. Anyone that is engaged in “ammunition stockpiling”

63. Anyone that exhibits “fear of

13. “The Patriot Movement”

Communist regimes”

64. “Anti-abortion activists”

65. Those that are against illegal immigration

66. Those that talk about “the New World Order” in a “derogatory” manner

67. Those that have a negative view of the United Nations

68. Those that are opposed “to the collection of federal income taxes”

69. Those that supported former presidential candidates Ron Paul, Chuck Baldwin, and Bob Barr

70. Those that display the Gadsden Flag (“Don’t Tread On Me”)

71. Those that believe in “end times” prophecies

72. Evangelical Christians

Do you fit into any of those categories?

Personally, I fit into a couple

dozen of them.

That is why alarm bells should go off whenever Barack Obama speaks of the need to crack down on “extremism”.

If Barack Obama wants to denounce Islamic terror, he should do so. But because of his extreme political correctness, he goes out of his way to avoid any connection between Islam and terror. Instead, he speaks of the need to recognize “Islam’s role in advancing justice, progress, tolerance, and the dignity of all human beings” and he insists that “the future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam.”

Meanwhile, our liberties and freedoms are being eroded a little bit more with each passing day. In the name of fighting “terrorism” or “extremism”, our government is constructing a Big Brother police state control grid all around us.

The country that our forefathers founded is dying.

Now, individuals and organizations that attempt to restore the values that our founders once believed in so strongly are regarded as dangerous “extremists” that need to be watched carefully.

Sadly, most Americans don’t even realize what is happening to this nation. As long as they are fed a constant diet of mindless entertainment, most Americans are perfectly content to let “the experts” do their thinking for them.

We are steamrolling toward oblivion, and most of the country is dead asleep.

So is there any hope for us?

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