



Clinic Director Claims Hospital District Service Plan Changed by Default

Analysis and Commentary
by Paul Sage

The issue of the clearly outdated, not previously modified, and not followed service plan of the West Custer County Hospital District recently returned to the forefront of conversation, first in the February district board meeting and then in a March issue of the *Tribune*.

The issue revolves around district employee clinic Director Delwin Lester making accusations against the board of county commissioners for not acting on a document apparently submitted to the commissioners for consideration last June. The document in question appears to be a half-hearted effort by the district board to absolve itself of responsibility for not fulfilling the plan that by filing this amendment they seem to

recognize being bound by.

Various members of the district board, most of which have since quit, and Mr. Lester, have repeatedly denied that they are bound by this “archaic” service plan approved by the county, the district court, and the voting public, though history reflects no previous attempt to change or modify the plan. At the same time, history clearly shows their choices to change licensing types and otherwise deviate from the plan in various ways by choice or perceived necessity.

In the recent *Tribune* article, not attributed to any writer, it is stated that “according to Lester, the plan is already registered with the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)”. However, an email from DOLA Public Information Officer Linda Rice states, “The last recorded service plan we

have for the West Custer County Hospital District is 1988.”

Having received a heads-up that Mr. Lester was representing the district as having modified its service plan, Ms. Rice from DOLA pointed out that “if there is a modification, it is incumbent on the district to file a copy of that plan with DOLA.” In fact, as the sole repository of such plans, with no enforcement ability, the submission of such a revised plan should probably take place only after it is approved by all the parties involved anyway.

While there was never any public notice, as required, of the submission of such a document to the county commissioners for consideration, both Mr. Lester and Ms. Rice quote an interpretation of the applicable statute (Colorado Revised Statute 32-1-207) as having

a provision requiring the county commissioners to act on such submission of a revision of the service plan within 45 days or risk it becoming law automatically.

This section of the statute has been revised numerous times since the 80s. The most recent revision from 2014 appears to contain no such specific time line provision for any kind of automatic acceptance of service plan changes.

An attorney general’s opinion also used in the recent article by Mr. Lester to bolster his argument appears to be an opinion by former Attorney General J.D. MacFarlane on an old version of the statute written by him on April 24, 1981, seven years before the West Custer County Hospital District was even formed and referring to the statutes as then written.

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190,000 Colorado Health Polices Canceled by Obamacare

Analysis and Commentary
by George Gramlich,

Colorado Insurance Commissioner Marguerite Salazar announced last week that 190,000 more Coloradan health insurance policies will be canceled this year as they don’t comply with Affordable Care Act (ACA, or Obamacare) as reported by 9News in Denver (see www.9news.com). These are policies that individuals chose to have and are now being cancelled by the Colorado Division of Insurance.

This action will force most of these citizens to use the scandal and bug-ridden, state-run Connect for Health Colorado (CHC) to find coverage. The regulation defined plans (“bronze”, “silver”, etc.) offered by CHC either have extremely high deductibles for the lower cost plans which put a heavy burden on the low-income recipients or have a much higher premium cost than private insurers for the higher end plans.

And as reported by 9News, “I think it’s horrible,” said Senate President Bill Cadman, “They disregard an opportunity to protect Coloradans.” “I would have expected a waiver to be granted so those people’s needs would be put first, not supporting the failed policy of this administration.

9News also reported that Representative Mike Coffman (R-Colorado) stated, “President Obama lied to the American people when he said ‘if you like your plan you can keep your plan’ and now Coloradan families are being forced to bear the burden of that lie.”

More than 340,000 Colorado citizens have had their health insurance plans cancelled since the inception of Obamacare in 2013.

Senator Cory Gardner (R - Colorado) issued a statement that included the following:

“I am utterly appalled by this announcement. After all of the glitches, the increased costs and premiums, and the plan cancellations that Coloradans have already endured, the idea that the Division of Insurance would choose to cancel the health-care plans of hundreds of thousands more people is unconscionable.”

“Once again, Coloradans are suffering from the effects of President Obama’s ill-conceived healthcare law. I continue to support fully repealing this law and replacing it with common-sense, market-driven

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with you
wherever you go.
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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board



UNPRECEDENTED? NO! NECESSARY? YES!

With all the weeping and wailing going on about the “unprecedented” and traitorous letter from 47 Republican senators to the leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran, we thought a little perspective was in order. First, the letter did not, as Obama and others have said, encourage the Iranians to deal with Congress and not the President of the United States. It rightly pointed out to the Iranians that the president was not able to agree to a binding agreement all by himself. That process would take the consent of the U.S. Senate or the consent of both houses of our congress depending on what type of agreement it was. It was important for the Iranians to know full well that anything done with the president alone could be null and void in January 2017. Setting the facts straight was definitely necessary.

Secondly, why would the United States want to enter into any non-binding agreement? That would be foolish considering what is at stake here. The Obama administration is so desperate to achieve a deal of any kind, even a bad deal, that they have begun to parse words to meet their needs. Secretary of State John Kerry in Senate testimony last week said. “We have always been clear from the beginning. This is a non-binding “plan.” He almost said agreement but caught himself. These carefully chosen words are necessary so Obama and Kerry can take this “plan” to the United Nations alone without the consent of the U.S. Congress. Many would consider that wrong and against the best interests of the American people. Webster defines treaty (tret’e) as a negotiation, or

any agreement or contract or a formal agreement between two or more nations, relative to peace, alliance trade, etc. Let’s stop with the nonsense and word play. This is a treaty, should be a treaty and must be a treaty for the long-standing safety and security of the

mean almost anything. Its legality has never been tested. If it did apply in this case, it would have also applied in many other instances when Democrats acted similarly. According to the Breitbart website there are at least seven cases. We’ll be brief. Senators

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United States and Israel. It must be binding, enforceable, and verifiable. Anything less is a bad deal for us and a good deal for the Iranians. PERIOD! What the 47 Republican senators did was make that perfectly clear to the Iranians. Iran hasn’t, in the past, honored international agreements or international laws and will not in this case either. The alternative to a bad deal is not necessarily war, but an international package of meaningful and forceful sanctions. Anything less than forbidding the Iranians to enrich uranium and develop a nuclear weapon is unacceptable. The Obama administration is willing to accept that. We should not, and neither should the representatives we elected.

Finally, a little perspective about all this “unprecedented” talk and complaining. Democrats say the Republicans violated the Logan Act. The Logan Act has never been used and is so generic in language that it could be interpreted to

John Sparkman (D-AL) and George McGovern (D-SD) visited Cuba in 1975 but said they did not act on behalf of the U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA) secretly dealt with the Soviet Union to undermine President Reagan’s foreign policy in 1983. In 1984, House Speaker Jim Wright (D-TX) and nine other Dem-

ocrats sent a letter to the Nicaraguan military dictator Ortega Saavedra praising him. In 1987, Speaker Wright also worked out a deal to bring Ortega to the U.S. to visit with lawmakers on a cease-fire proposal with the White House being left out entirely. Senators John Kerry (D-MA) and Tom Harkins (D-IA) got involved in 1985 in the Nicaraguan-Sandinista conflict and tried to negotiate a foreign policy, cease-fire arrangement which was the responsibility of the president. Representatives Jim McDermott (D-WA), David Bonior (D-MI), and Mike Thompson (D-CA) visited Baghdad in 2002 and met with Saddam Hussein’s regime about the impending war and said openly they were acting on the behalf of the U.S. government. It was not with President Bush’s blessing. Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) took a trip in 2002 to Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Syria and told them that Bush was going to war in Iraq, which gave Saddam Hussein 14 months warning to prepare. And in April 2007, House Speaker

Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) went to Syria and visited with the Syrian dictator Bashar Assad when the Bush Administration was pursuing pressure against him. She was accompanied by Representatives Henry Waxman (D-CA), Tom Lantos (D-CA), Louise Slaughter (D-NY), Nick Rahall (D-WV), and Keith Ellison (D-MN). So, enough with the claim of “unprecedented” interfering in the foreign policy duties of the president. If VP Joe Biden wants to do what is right to the institution he reveres, then he should insist on Senate consent. We guess that the media has just seen fit to not remind the Democrats and the American public about these “unprecedented” actions. The eye of the beholder, yes? If you want more of the details you can go to breitbart.com. Thank you, Senators, for bringing this private agreement with the world’s greatest supporter of terrorism to the public’s awareness.

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by Jeremy Carr

The Reality of Gratitude and Helping our Veterans

George Gramlich has written a sincere heart-felt article that appeared on the front page of the *Sentinel* last week. Face it, our country has failed our GIs - especially those with injured and crippled bodies and wounded minds. We need to squarely face this. If there was ever a generation who should be grateful for the sacrifices of our men and women in uniform, it is ours. Frankly, I'm sick and tired of giving a pass to those who elected the current crop of incompetent and the ungrateful politicians. Joseph de Maistre, 18th century lawyer, diplomat, writer and philosopher-reminds us that, "Every country has the government it deserves."

"I have never met a soldier who started a war." Politicians start wars and the voters of the countries involved voted for the politicians who chose to start the wars. For the record, I'm not against war. I believe von Clausewitz when he says that "war is an extension of politics." Soldiers just pay the price for war; they always have and always will. The sad aspect of this reality is that the same politicians who start wars should feel a responsibility to support soldiers who return home when peace is established. For some reason, those that we citizens send to Washington, D.C. don't seem to accept that responsibility for the members of the military. Recent VA scandals should remind all of us that it is easy to forget about the wounded soldier, those who may need years of medical help.

To stay elected, politicians must "bring home the pork" often in the form of construction projects for "bridges to nowhere." The country has plenty of money for people who

do not want to work. America has plenty of money to help countries and peoples who support our enemies. There seems to be plenty of funds to provide politicians with lavish transportation to political events designed to keep them in office. But, when it comes to the families of the soldiers and the soldiers themselves, who volunteer for service, there is no money. When it comes to the medical care for those with the most horrible battle injuries, there is no money. VA policy makers manage to attend their conventions, redecorate their offices, and pay bonuses to those who fail to achieve organizational objectives. These things are known to the public and to the politicians that they elect. Yet, we voters continue to send the same tired, old, professional politicians with no feelings of obligation for the best and bravest of us.

So, the poor treatment and ingratitude of so many Americans cause suffering and strife for those who willingly defend America. The Roman orator, Cicero, was correct when he said, "Gratitude is not only the greatest of all virtues, but the parent of all others." It is time to show some gratitude for our fallen veterans. With 4,000 citizens in Custer County, if the price of a pack of cigarettes, \$5, were donated by every man, woman, and child in the county, the community could send \$20,000 to help our finest. This would be the expression of gratitude and bring needed help to those who need it most, the brave GIs who protect us around the world. It is the very least we can do.

Joe Cascarelli
Westcliffe, CO

PREPPER'S CORNER



An Old Cup of Giddy up Joe

Every morning it's the same ol', same ol'; you get up, get dressed, pour yourself a cup of coffee, and go about your day. BUT, what happens to your day when there is no coffee? Better yet, what happens to my day when you haven't had your coffee? Mom says there is going to be a LOT more scary people out there, kinda like the Zombie apocalypse and that's just the ones who don't have their morning coffee.

In a nut shell, there are NO full on WooW-hooooo!!!!!! caffeine substitutes, that I know of or could locate. But, I can give you information on what is available. There isn't much to making your own coffee from the plants in your own backyard, it just takes a pinch of knowhow, a cup of can-do, and a nip of necessity.

I have mentioned each of these in previous articles and I thought you might like one compiled resource to have on hand. Below is a list of common plants in Fremont and Custer counties that can be used to take the sting out of not having your Columbian coffee.

Acorns (Gambles oak, *Quercus gambelii*)

1. Be sure to leech the acorns before using them. One way to leech acorns is place the shelled or unshelled (either way works, shelled is faster) acorns in a bag or container that water can flow freely through and place them in swift running water for a few hours; or you can boil the shelled acorns for 15 minutes, or unshelled for 20-25 minutes.
2. Shell and crush the acorn meat.
3. Dry in the sun or in your oven at 350° until... well...dry
4. Once the crushed acorn meat is dry, grind it to a powder, and roast 'em in your oven on low until they are light, medium, or dark brown. It is your coffee, make it however you like.

Sunflower seed hulls (*Helianthus.spp*).

1. Collect fresh sunflower seeds. If you are growing them yourself, tie cheese cloth or a similar fabric over mature flower heads to prevent birds from eating the seeds and to aid harvesting. Cut wild sunflowers and hang the heads upside down to dry. Be sure to leave two or more feet of stem if you do this. That will allow immature seeds to grow more.
2. Separate hulls from nut meats. An easy way to do this is to lightly crush the seeds and dump them into a bowl of water, the nutmeats will sink to the bottom while the hulls will rise to the surface.

3. Grind and then roast, or roast then grind (see acorns)

Dandelion roots (*Taraxacum Officinale*)

1. Wash and rinse the roots.
2. Chop the roots into small, half-inch bits
3. Grind and then roast, or roast then grind (see acorns)

Chicory roots (*Cichorium intybus*)

1. Same as dandelion instructions

Salsify/Yellow Salsify/Yellow goat's beard (*Tragopogon dubius*)

1. Same as dandelion instructions

So, whenever you have to get-up-and-go save the world, whether it's from the Liberals or the zombies, I know there will be at least one person sitting in their kitchen first thing in the morning shaking from the coffee DTs who will say, "now where is that article on coffee substitutes? I know I have it here somewhere!"

Disclaimer: This article was brought to you by people who don't want to encounter you without that first cup of coffee. As always, never substitute someone else's opinion for your own good judgment and taste. Do your own research to keep yourself and your family safe.



Acorn



Sunflower seed & meat



Dandelion w/root



Chicory flower & root



Salsify roots

Sources: <http://www.eattheweeds.com/edible-flowers-part-seventeen> and <http://www.motherearthnews.com/real-food/recipes-with-sunflower-seeds-zmaz76soztak.aspx>

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Community Foundation Focus Group

The mission of the Wet Mountain Community Foundation, Inc., is to wisely invest, build assets, and distribute its income and dedicated funds for the public benefit of the Wet Mountain region, according to the evolving needs of the community and the interests of donors, while striving to provide philanthropic leadership.

Questions they asked at the meeting last week at the community room at Rangers Roast.

1) What brought you and keeps you in the Wet Mountain Valley? In addition, please share what you believe are the core factors that “life” to our community and make it a special place to live.

2) What is unique and valuable about the Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation?

3) Where could the Foundation further expand its impact?

4) How can the Foundation better help local non-profits prepare for their futures?

5) How can the Foundation expand community and donations beyond the annual Spirit Campaign?

6) Do you have any additional thoughts or comments?

Many folks came up with a lot of the same answers. Answer-1-Natural beauty, plenty

of local resources, people are wonderful, close community, good place to raise a family, rural/small town feel, people work together, and the ranching in the valley. It Feels like home.

Answer 2 – Fostering volunteers in the community, helps the non-profit be a business like, financial support, provides a platform for recognition and advertising. Provides state funding and spreads resources. People give and receive from donating. It feels good to help. Answer 3- Be more exposed and share with the community what they are doing. Provide guidance to the non-profit on accountability. Build a volunteer base by using a website as an information hub.

Answer 4- Business training for non-profits, and guild lines to better run a non-profit. Help with advertising/publicity/media use. Put updates about the foundation in the papers, build higher public notices. Let the folk know that the Community Foundation works all year not just for a few months like the Spirit Campaign. Non-profits could post needs on WMVCF website.

Answer 5 – Money goals, let the market decide the future percent of matching funds, increase or decrease the number of non-profits. Have an annual crises fund. Build small business contributions/out-reach/ invest in your community’s future, media exposure for donors/non-profit. Raise awareness/ visibility.

Budget Busted: VA Hospital's Projected Cost Balloons to \$1.7 Billion

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Republican Rep. Mike Coffman yesterday slammed the Department of Veterans Affairs for its incompetence and mismanagement of the new VA Hospital in Aurora after learning that the new estimate for the hospital is now \$1.73 billion, based on estimates by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Citing a lack of leadership at the beleaguered VA, Coffman hilariously noted:

“The VA couldn’t lead starving troops to a chow hall when it comes to managing a construction project. The VA’s mismanagement of this project is beyond belief and brings into question the competence of their leadership at every level. However, as much as I’m angered by the mismanagement of this

project, as a combat veteran serving in Congress I still have an obligation to see that this project is completed and that everything that can be done will be done to bring down the cost.”

What kind of mismanagement, you ask? For starters, when the hospital was designed, the VA forgot to include medical equipment planners. Seems like that would be one of the first experts to call... when designing a hospital. That meant that when the hospital attempted to install large equipment like MRI machines, significant changes had to be made to the design. The other issue was that change orders took nearly a year to implement, according to the *Aurora Sentinel*.

Now that this issue has gained traction in the media and has become a sym-

bol of government run amok, even the Democratic members of the Colorado delegation are trampling each other to lambaste the VA. Let us remember that this issue was partially caused by Democratic Rep. Ed Perlmutter, who was MIA when the project fell apart, and that Democratic Sen. Michael Bennet was late to the party in calling for greater oversight of the project.

It’s well and good that everyone is now working together when it’s politically convenient, but where were these guys when Coffman was blowing the whistle last year?

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Ask a Pro: Job Coordination or Site Planning

Most contractors whether they be drillers, excavators, plumbers, electricians or generals are very good at locating the best and easiest location to do their job. They consider the location ease of access and observe the rules and codes for their profession. Occasionally this puts the next contractor at a disadvantage when he has to work around what was done by the other.

I have seen sites where the driller put the well in the only feasible location for a septic system. Electric lines cross where a water line has yet to be dug. A septic is installed conveniently close to the house leaving the well to be placed a long distance from the house away

from the best location for water. Most contractors work around these problems as if they are commonplace and they are! The problem is the homeowner pays for all the extras related to these debacles. Some projects have wasted in excess of 5 figures and the owner does not even realize why.

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Commissioners Role in RETAC Review

Report Advisory Only, Criticizes Clinic Management

Analysis and Commentary
by Paul Sage

The Custer County Board of County Commissioners made a request for the grant that funded last year's Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Council (RE-TAC) review of the county's emergency response capabilities.

After receiving a consensus from members of the various elements of Custer County Emergency Services that such a review would be helpful, the commissioners, in February of 2014, "requested grant funding from the Colorado Department of Health and Public Environment... to provide an assessment and review of the county's emergency and medical and trauma services system."

The county's role in this process was to request the funding and provide information, as appropriate, to the reviewers. The role of the county in the emergency medical system is limited to dispatch and as that of the ambulance licensing agency of the county, as the remainder of the emergency response service falls under either Wet Mountain Fire or the West Custer County Hospital District under the 1988 service plan approving the district.

The purpose of the RETAC review is to provide an outside professional

assessment of emergency services in the county and to "provide insight and information from which the Board of County Commissioners, the health care community and local EMS services can make the policy decisions necessary to support the development of improved services," according to a letter to the commissioners from Randy Kuykendall, the Director of Health Facilities and EMS Division of the Colorado Department of Health and Environment.

Somehow Delwin Lester, the local clinic director, had the impression that the BOCC was required by law "to take action," on this report, as reported in the *Tribune*. Mr. Lester is quoted in this article as saying "the commissioners need to vote on the recommendations, either approve them or not approve them." In fact, there is no such requirement and from the beginning it was made clear that the report was strictly advisory and all parties concerned could accept or reject any or all parts of it.

There were, in fact, no healthcare or EMS recommendations that the commissioners could follow through on, as the West Custer County Hospital District, a separate governmental entity, has complete control over these elements.

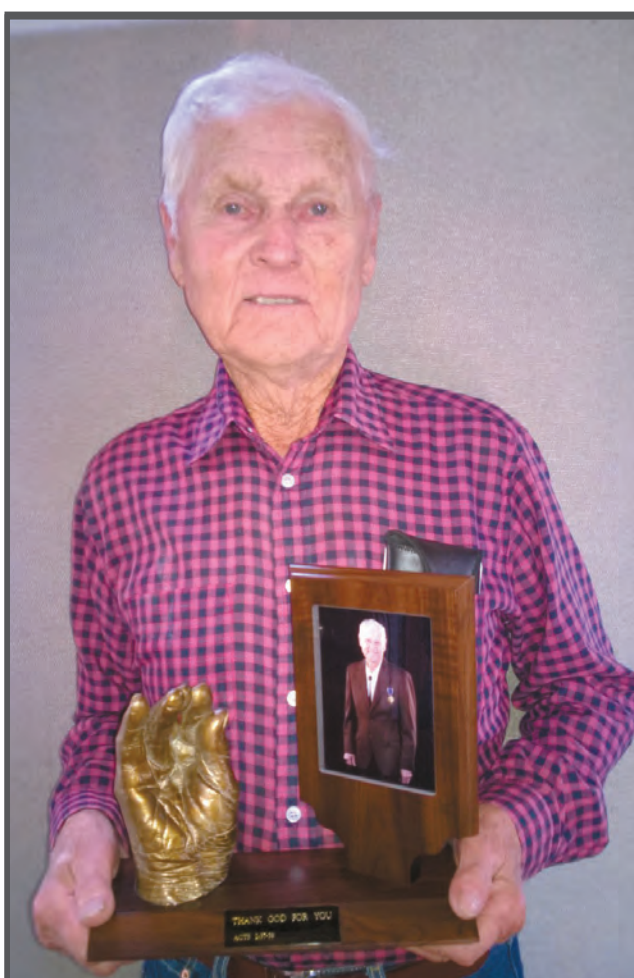
There was a recommendation that the county pursue

improved dispatch capabilities through a computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system, and Sheriff Byerly and the commissioners have already moved forward with implementation of this system. It should be complete in a month or so.

There were numerous recommendations for the improvement of the EMS and healthcare delivery systems in the county, as well as education and response, which will fall to decisions by the hospital district board.

By far the most consistent observation of an area in need of improvement was that of the clinic management. The comments were about "continual friction with the clinic management" (page 50), "displeasure with district leadership" (page 20), and "conflict with clinic administration" (page 20). Problems cited centered around "poor relationships between many other public service entities and the clinic" (page 39), and a general "poor working relationship" (page 20), between the management of the clinic and generally everyone else in the community.

The county commissioners have no role in this issue. Only the Hospital District Board has the authority to keep, improve, or get rid of the clinic management complained of overwhelmingly in the survey.



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with Charlie
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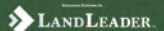




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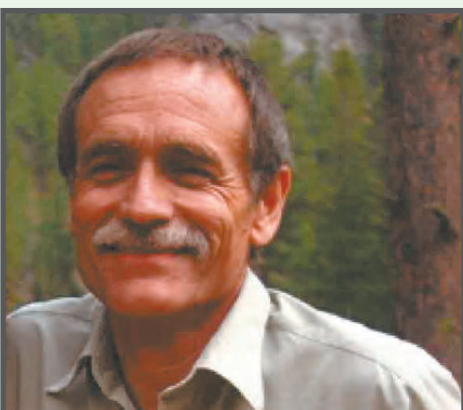
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U.S. Forest Service to Present Chief's Award on March 30th

The USFS is presenting a Chief's Award to a local resident, Mike Lloyd, a retired District Ranger on the Hell Canyon Ranger District in the Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota. This award is earned by volunteers who serve 1,000 hours of volunteer service on the Forest Service. It is only presented to an individual once in their lives. Mike dedicated his professional career to the Forest Service, and after retiring has continued to work on forest lands, predominately doing trail maintenance on the Black Hills National Forest, Rio Grande National Forest, and Pike/San Isabel National Forests. We'll present him a Chief's Award, recognizing his 3,000 hours of volunteering, signed by the U.S. Forest Service Chief Thomas Tidwell, on Monday, March 30th, at 9:00 a.m. at the Salida Ranger District office. This is a huge honor that



Mike Lloyd, recipient of the U.S. Forest Service Chief's Award

courtesy photo

we are pleased to acknowledge, and an opportunity to recognize the importance of volunteer service and their contributions to both the forest and to the public.

Easy Target: State Senate MagBan Repeal 21-13

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: Even some Senate democrats voted for the magazine ban repeal. It now goes to the democrat controlled Colorado House where the democrat Speaker killed a similar bill a month ago. We need to put pressure on the House Dems to pass this. It was the worst of the liberal anti-gun bills passed last year by our Constitution friendly liberals.)

This morning, the MagBan repeal, co-sponsored by Republican Senators Holbert and Cooke, passed the State Senate 21-13. While Republicans control the State Senate, it's by a slim one-vote majority giving Republicans 18 votes. The 21 votes come from all Republicans plus three Democratic defectors – Senators Donovan, Jahn, and Garcia – who each represent populations that were incensed by the high-capacity magazine ban in 2013. Sen. Johnston understandably did not vote as he had a death in his family.

Senate President Cadman spoke with “compassion, conviction, and common

sense” in defense of the bill and encapsulated the crux of the issue in the following tweet:

Ivan Moreno @IvanJourn: Senate President Cadman: ammo mag limits guarantee bad guys will always be better armed than the good guys. Vote on repeal bill soon #coleg

Of course, it's not the Senate that was a challenge, despite statewide-support for the repeal of the MagBan. It's the State House. As we reported last week, all eyes are now on Speaker Hulinghorst, surely no fan of this bill. Will she send it to her kill committee in the House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee, or will she allow it to reach the floor where it could pass? Will Senators Donovan, Jahn, and Garcia intercede on behalf of this bill for their constituents?

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The requirement is that first “the notice shall be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the district.” There is no evidence that this requirement to even begin the process was undertaken by the district.

After this requirement is met “the board may review the special district's planned action and may, in its own discretion and following notice by the board (another publishing requirement) require a public hearing prior to giving approval of the planned action, prior to which hearing the governing body of the special district shall provide such information

and data as the board reasonably requests. Failure to provide information as requested by the board is grounds for the board to delay the public hearing until the board receives the information. The board shall either approve or deny the proposed action within one hundred twenty days of the public hearing,” according to section 32-1-207(2)(b) of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

Mr. Lester and others associated with the District have on numerous occasions accused the board of inaction, “sitting on the fence,” and similar unfounded allegations. The Board has advised the Hospital District of its need to revise its service plan a number of times. They have advised the board to

get public input into such revisions, and to submit the appropriate revisions in the appropriate manner. This is an area of general consensus on the part of all parties involved. For an employee of the district to spread misinformation and unfounded allegations about the process is only a hindrance to the process.

The current board and those employees who are making a sincere effort to remedy past problems of the District and build the confidence of the community need to move on with the legitimate processes laid out in the laws governing their organization and resolve the problem of not operating under their service plan or creating a complete and realistic one they can operate under.

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legislation that could address the need for expanded health insurance coverage while keeping costs down.”

Serious warning signs are showing up that this artificial health insurance “market” created by soviet-style central planning will have a rough go of it as the *Denver Post* reported last week that newly formed Colorado HealthOP (a new health insurance co-op formed to supply the new regulated Obamacare market) suffered a net loss last year of \$23 million and had to borrow \$72 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to survive. What is particularly worrying about Colorado HealthOP is that, in an insurance company startup, the premiums usually far out weigh any claims expense as claims tend to lag behind the premium income. For them to suffer a large loss in the first year of operation indicates a business model that is not going to make it without tremendous premium increases in

the near future. So, be prepared for astronomical health insurance price increases in the near future, thanks to our liberal friends who crafted and passed Obamacare.

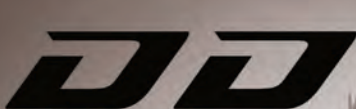
And that, folks, is exactly what Obamacare is all about - a government controlled market that forces the working people to pay obscenely high premiums in order for the poor to be covered by high deductible, low coverage policies. And note that many “poor” people are NOT signing up for Obamacare because of the cost and poor performing policies - they rather pay the penalty for no coverage at tax time. They understand economics better than the D.C. ruling class. And with lower and lower reimbursement rates, more and more doctors are dropping all medicare and medicaid patients and are not signing up as “network” physicians for these new health care companies. You ARE going to see “Cash Only” doctors in the near future. Bottom line, you will be forced to buy a horrible, high-cost health insurance policy and won't be able to find a doctor who will take it. Ah, the wonders of liberal economics.



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2 Corinthians 12:9, NKJV

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Mentors and Mentees Horsemanhood Program

The 2nd Sunday of each month at 1 p.m. youth mentees learn how to care for horses and how to ride from experienced mentors. This year Elin Granschow has teamed up with Carole McNitt as mentors for the program. They are going to teach from the Clinton Anderson's program.

Clinton Anderson has a program on RFDTV for intermediate mentees. He goes through the fundamentals of round penning exercises, desensitizing to the lead rope, desensitizing to the stick and string, yield, and hindquarters (stages 1 and 2).

This program will teach the mentees to become a real "Horseman" instead of just a person that rides horses. This ground work exercises are really valuable. If you want more information and/or want to join, please call Elin Granschow at 783-2222 or JD Teague at 371-0765.

This mentoring is held at the Saddle Club Arena.

Sentinel photo by Carol "Scoop" Clemenson

Colorado Creating Its Own Drug Cartels

Analysis and Commentary
by Paul Sage

As the marijuana industry grows in the state, Colorado communities are making moves to come up with ways to regulate the proliferation of pot shops in their communities. The City of Pueblo is one of the most recent to enter into the fray. While the county has had pot shops literally since the minute they became legal – most in the Pueblo West area – the city is only now entering the pot business.

Some of the proposed ways to regulate the proliferation of pot businesses are to only allow a certain number of the businesses in each city council district, and to require huge sums of money to insure their financial viability.

The City of Pueblo is looking to the city of Aurora for a model to copy for their local regulations. The Aurora regulatory program has been in place for some time. The effect of the limits on establishments, and the requirement that drug

dealers have \$400,000 in "available resources" (cash) in addition to the 200k the state already requires, is that all the Aurora pot shops are operated by "bigger established marijuana businesses that are based in the Denver area," according to the *Pueblo Chieftain*. Smaller entrepreneurs seeking to venture into the weed business are locked out of the process. In Mexico and South America we call these drug monopolies "cartels."

The well-financed and politically-connected Denver cartels rule the pot industry in Colorado. Part of the shell game is that these businesses that operate in municipalities that require local ownership may well be financed by the existing cartels.

Picture a "Starbucks" logo on every coffee shop in the state and you get a picture of how this model plays out. As an elected official considering these kinds of regulations, it would seem to simplify campaign finance as well. Much sim-

pler to receive one or two large campaign contributions, particularly if they could come from outside interests with a single agenda, than to have to bother with all those twenty dollar contributions from pesky little citizens with varying agendas you would be expected to cater to. This insures both successful businesses in your district and successful election campaigns.

Sal Pace, the father of legal weed in Pueblo County, and a county commissioner commenting on the city of Pueblo's current regulatory debate was quoted in the *Chieftain* as saying, "In the long run, do you want businesses that can demonstrate they are well-run and have the resources to be successful?" He continued, "As a commissioner, I don't want to see a series of stores opening, having problems, and having to close down." Free enterprise and capitalism has always been such a messy business. Much better to let the government who knows better make these decisions for us.

Benefit Ride & BBQ
Bishop Castle Creator
Jim Bishop is Fighting Cancer
Sunday, March 22nd
with all proceeds to the Bishop's Fund
Kickstands up at 10:45 AM
at Pikes Peak Harley Davidson
BBQ at noon
at Obies BBQ
Exit 74 South I-25, Colorado City

Babysitter Training Class to any youth ages 10-18 interested in becoming a trained babysitter.



Six Lessons cover:

- Character Concepts
- Ages and stages of child development
- Appropriate activities for children
- Food and nutrition
- How to handle emergencies
- First Aid and basic CPR concepts

Date: April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11

Time: 4:15pm to 5:45pm

Place: Custer County Annex

For questions or to register, Contact CSU Extension Agent Robin Young
783-2514 or Robin.young@colostate.edu



*But if we are to be told
by a foreign Power...
what we shall do, and
what we shall not do, we
have Independence yet to seek, and
have contended hitherto for very little.*

George Washington

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Sangre de Cristo Electric Announces 2015 Scholarship Winners

Dependents of Sangre de Cristo Electric members recently competed for scholarships provided by the rural electric cooperative and in conjunction with power suppliers’ Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association and Basin Electric Power Cooperative. Fifty-four applications were considered for one four-year scholarship at \$1,500 per year and eleven \$1,500 scholarships. In addition, one \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by Basin Electric and two \$1,000 scholarships sponsored jointly by Tri-State and Sangre were awarded.

A scholarship committee consisting of Sangre de Cristo Electric directors and employees tackled the difficult task of determining scholarship winners.

Kaylin Stoumbaugh of Buena Vista High School received the four-year scholarship of \$1,500 per year.

The eleven \$1,500 scholarships funded by Sangre de Cristo Electric went to:

- **Corey Lewenkamp** of Custer County High School
- **Cheyenne Hargrove** of Buena Vista High School
- **Dustin Linza** of Buena Vista High School
- **John Vallejos Lopez** of Buena Vista High School

- **Layne Geroux** of Custer County High School
- **Kyli Duke** of Buena Vista High School
- **Michael Wilcoxson** of Buena Vista High School
- **Sawyer Huffman** of Buena Vista High School
- **Ashley Blankenbeckler** of Buena Vista High School
- **Chase Kuennen** of Buena Vista High School
- **Henry Watson** of Custer County High School

The Scholarship Committee awarded the \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by Basin Electric to **Lauren Buss** of Cotopaxi High School.

The two \$1,000 scholarships sponsored jointly by Tri-State and Sangre de Cristo Electric were awarded to **Nehemiah Hein** of Cotopaxi High School and **Madeleine Woods** of Custer County High School.

Sangre de Cristo Electric is a non-profit, rural, electric cooperative that provides electric service to over 12,000 consumers in Lake, Chaffee, Fremont, Custer, and Sa-guache Counties.

Juniors Prepare for ACT Test

School may not have been in session but sev-
En juniors chose to come to the library on Fri-
day, March 13th, to prepare for the upcoming ACT
test that all CCHS juniors will take on April 28th.
The three-hour training included a presentation on
test-taking strategies by counselor Troy Bomgard-
ner in addition to practice tests and game-time with
flashcards. “There is no doubt that learning about
strategies and practicing the test will help improve
scores,” explained Bomgardner. “I was very proud
of these juniors who used part of their weekend to
prepare for this test.”

The ACT is one of the primary assessments that col-
leges use in evaluating a student’s application. Ju-
niors who would like more information on preparing
for the ACT test can contact Bomgardner for practice
tests and test taking strategies.

Jones Theater Reopens

March 27, 28, 29
with Academy Award
Winning Film
“The Imitation
Game”

After extensive renova-
tions including a floor
and new heating system
and the installation of a
hearing loop to assist those
who wear hearing aids to
better enjoy our produc-
tions, the Jones Theater in
Westcliffe, Colorado, will
hold a grand reopening
on the weekend of Friday,
March 27th, 28th, 29th, at
7:30 p.m. Complementary
popcorn will be available.

“The Imitation Game” is
the story of mathematician
Alan Turing who, during
World War II, tries to
crack the German ”Enig-
ma Code” with help from
fellow mathematicians.
Turing creates what was
acknowledged as the first
computer ever constructed
in order to crack the code.
Their success results in the
change of direction and the
final resolution of the war.
The screen play by Graham
Moore was honored by an
Academy Award and the
leading actors, Benedict
Cumberbatch and Keira
Knightley, were also nomi-
nated for awards as the best
leading actors.

The film will be presented
at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and
Saturday and a special mat-
inee performance on Sun-
day at 2:00 p.m. Come and
be the first to check out the
new “Assist to Hear” sys-
tem, including complemen-
tary earphones for those
who have difficulty hearing
but do not wear hearing
aids.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7
for seniors and students 16
and under, and \$5 for chil-
dren 12 and under. Further
information can be had by
going to our website www.
jonestheater.com or by call-
ing the theater at 719-783-
3004 or emailing wcpa@
jonestheater.com with your
suggestions for future mov-
ies.

Project Appleseed 2015 Tour



is coming to
Westcliffe, CO
Sangre Shooting Sports Club

Hwy 69, Westcliffe, CO (4 miles south of town)

Marksmanship and History Events
April 25-26

Events start at 08:30. Please arrive early to allow time for setup and sign in.

Heritage

- The Debt We Owe To Our Forefathers
- The Duty We Owe To Our Posterity
- The Story Of Our Nation’s Birth
- The Lessons of April 19, 1775

Marksmanship

- New Shooters - Learn fundamentals and make quick progress
- Experienced Shooters - learn new techniques
- Experts - polish skills and become an RWVA Instructor-in-Training
- Master the Riflemans Quarter Mile

Project Appleseed is a nationwide program that teaches rifle marksmanship skills that have been passed down from generation to generation and reconnects Americans with the people and events of colonial America. Participants are taught skills that allow a Ri-
fleman to be accurate out to 500 yards using a standard rifle with iron sights. This ability
is traditionally known as mastering the ‘Rifleman’s Quarter Mile’ and is an American
tradition that has been part of this nation from its very first days. So, join us and hear
some little-known Revolutionary War history, reaffirm your heritage, and make Ameri-
ca a better place.

Learn More, Find Directions and Register at:
<http://www.appleseedinfo.org/search-states-location.php?locationid=668>

For more information contact: CO State Coordinator CO@appleseedinfo.org

Local laws: It is the responsibility of attendees to know and comply with all Colorado and Fed-
eral Firearms Laws. Denver has an “Assault Weapons” Ban for rifles with mags over 20 rounds,
also mags over 20 rounds are banned. Although there are provisions for a non-resident passing
through, it is best to keep weapons cased and simply avoid stopping in Denver altogether. They will
arrest you and make you hire a lawyer to get your rifle back. There is no state “Assault Weapons”
Ban. Open carry is legal in Colorado except in some cities (don’t press your luck in cities; they’ll
find something else to charge you with). Concealed carry requires a permit. No loaded long arms
in vehicles - chamber must be empty (hunting law); handguns OK.

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I’m a great believer
in luck, and I find
the harder I work
the more I have of it.

~Thomas Jefferson

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National Honor Society Inductees

The National Honor Society induction was held at Custer County High School on March 12th.

Front row left to right (new inductees): Ashley Gillum, Serenity Ham, Hannah Moulton, Kirsten Benoit

Back row left to right (current members): Michael Franta, Amy Selden, Madison Henrich, Madeleine Woods, Corey Lewenkamp, Cynthia Corella, Kayli Short

GREAT job, Bobcats!

Courtesy photo

Bobcats Track

by Coach Jack Swartz

The Custer County Track and Field team traveled to Colorado Springs this past Saturday (3/14) to compete at the Harrison Panther Classic. This is the second week in a row the Bobcats have competed against top 4A and 5A schools continuing to make a name for themselves.

The girls were led by Katlyn Freeburg in the 300 meter hurdles placing 12th and 17th in the triple jump. Throwing well for the Lady Bobcats was Audrey Hellinger placing 25th in the shot put and 39th in the Discus. Also competing for the Lady Bobcats was Kirsten Benoit placing 59th in the 100 meter dash.

As for the boys, Corey Lewenkamp claimed another 1st place finish in the 3200 meter run, gapping the field after the first mile. Dillon Wommack continued his im-

pressive start to the season in the 300 meter hurdles placing 6th. Denver Mullet competed in the High Jump, matching a previous best of 5-08 and placing 12th overall. Setting new personal records for the boys team were Michael Franta in the 3200 meter run placing 17th and Casey Brandon in the 200 meter dash placing 50th.

The team will compete in Center on Friday, March 20th, getting their first look at 2A competition.

Bobcats Sport Schedule

TRACK

Friday, March 20

8 a.m.: Center Invitation at Center

Saturday, April 4

8:30 a.m.: Warren Mitchell Invitational at Limon

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No School!
Happy Spring Break!

'After Prom' Begins Fundraising; Talent Show Coming Soon!

For what is becoming a tradition for CCHS students, the After Prom party, is starting its fundraising campaign. The After Prom activity is sponsored by the CCHS STUCO and is a drug and alcohol-free party hosted by parents and teachers following the prom dance. This year, the activity will begin at Tony's Pizza then to Cliff Lanes Bowling and back to Tony's for breakfast.

The After Prom committee consists of parents, students, teachers, and involved community members. The goal of the committee is to raise \$5,000 that will be used towards purchasing prizes to give away to students who spend the entire evening at the After Prom party. Last year students won \$3,500 worth of prizes. "After prom is designed to provide fun activities and a safe place for the kids that keeps them from making poor choices 'after prom', said committee/community member Candi Sage. "The evening ends with breakfast and prizes that will enhance their college experience in a mean-

ingful way or practical prizes for everyday use."

A big part of the fundraising effort is the "Westcliffe's Got Talent" show that has

to the stage and it is just a really fun night. I encourage the entire community to come out and celebrate our local talent!"

"After prom is designed to provide fun activities and a safe place for the kids that keeps them from making poor choices 'after prom'."

Every donation helps to keep the youth of Custer County safe on Prom night.

become a fun tradition each spring. The show will be held on Thursday, April 7th, in the west gym of the school. It is open to the community. The audience helps decide the winner by buying tickets to vote for their favorite act. "The concept of the audience voting with their pocket book is a great way for us to raise money and celebrate our local talent," noted After Prom committee member Troy Bomgardner. "It is always exciting to see students bring their talent

The After Prom committee would encourage the community to consider donating \$10 or \$25 to the After Prom fundraising effort. Every donation helps to keep the youth of Custer County safe on Prom night. Checks can be written to CCHS After Prom and dropped by the school office on Monday-Thursday 8-4pm. Questions on ways to support the After Prom event or Westcliffe's Got Talent show can be directed to Troy Bomgardner at 783-4927.

KIDS

Friday, March 20, 2015

March: Women in History Month "Rosie the Riveter"

"Rosie" wasn't just one American woman but an icon that represented many American women who responded to Uncle Sam's call to service at the beginning of WWII. With men enlisting in the war effort at a rapid rate, our work force quickly diminished while the demand for factory goods and war items increased. Who would be "man" enough to step up and onto the factory assembly lines? An army of woman-power did. Mothers, daughters, wives, and even schoolgirls picked up the factory duties the men had left behind. They increased the workforce by 50%, numbering 18 million by 1944. They helped to build planes, bombs, tanks, and other weapons that would contribute to winning World War II.

Racial barriers were broken as various minorities went to work. Coming from all walks of life, there were those already working who switched to higher-paying defense jobs, those who had lost their jobs due to the Depression, and then, of course, there were the women who were homemakers. They responded to advertising slogans like, "If you have operated a mixer, you can operate a drill," or "Women, save your man," or "The more women at work, the sooner we win." They stepped up to the plate and learned to do jobs only men had done before. They became pilots, streetcar drivers, railroad workers, mailmen, operated heavy construction machinery, worked in lumber and steel mills, unloaded freight, and much more, setting the stage for a new image of women in society for upcoming generations.

The Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historical Park is located in Richmond, California, and honors the many American women who worked tirelessly during WWII.

Source: U.S.History.com



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**CRS §38-38-103
FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 01-15**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On January 14, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.

Original Grantor(s):
Jan Lee Parks and Glenda Gail Parks
Original Beneficiary(ies):
Western Financial Bank
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt:
Green Tree Servicing, LLC
Date of Deed of Trust:
May 26, 1998
County of Recording: Custer
Recording Date of Deed of Trust:
June 03, 1998
Recording Information:
(Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
178951 Book: 337 Page: 97
Original Principal Amount: \$55,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance
\$40,391.44

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
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THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 05/20/2015, at the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus at-

torneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

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Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee in and for the County of Custer, State of Colorado



By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee



The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

Borenstein & Associates, LLC 13111 E Briarwood Ave. # 340, Centennial, CO 80112 (303) 768-0200

Attorney File # 14-00476

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.



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Come and Worship



Christian Science
9:30 a.m. Worship
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Westcliffe

Church of Christ
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
1:30 p.m. Worship
Wed., 6 p.m.
818 Ohio Street
Silver Cliff
719/783-4601

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
10 a.m. Sacrament Mtg.
12:10 p.m. Sunday School
240 Ridgeline Drive
Westcliffe
719/783-9356
719/404-4585

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

Cody Park Community Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
1517 County Rd. 27A
Cotopaxi
719/942-3462
719/942-3526

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

First Baptist Church of Westcliffe
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
417 S. 6th Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2498

High Country Mennonite Church
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
110 Rosita Avenue
All Aboard Westcliffe Bldg.
Westcliffe
719/783-9045

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

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

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

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



*Don't love the world and what it offers.
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Not everything that the world offers-- physical gratification, greed, and extravagant lifestyles-- comes from the Father.
1 John 2:15 - 16 GW*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wild West Cowboy Church
3 p.m. Sunday School
4 p.m. Worship
Followed by Potluck
Tuesdays 6 p.m.: Bible Study
60260 Hwy. 69 North
Westcliffe
719/783-2676

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Benjamin Franklin

Local Mountain News & Notices

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Help Wanted

Custer County School District
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cants that possess a Colorado
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with a P (passenger) and S
(school bus) endorsement will
receive first priority. Training
will be available for interested
applicants that do not possess
the correct license endorse-
ment(s). Starting salary for
this position is \$12.74 per
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based on school bus driving
experience. This position also
provides a full district benefits
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surance. For more information
please contact Dave Bennett,
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719-660-5004 or 783-9779, or
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cation. Job Posting will close
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The deadline for
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Monday at 5 p.m. for
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SW-High Country Recycling

On-Location Paper Shred & Recycling Event

On Friday, April 17th, in conjunction with
Earth Day Week, Sustainable Ways-High
Country Recycling has arranged for Mobile Re-
cord Shredders to bring their monster shredder
truck to the Custer County School's west side
parking lot from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This is an opportunity to discard unwanted and
no longer needed papers and watch as they are
securely and confidentially shredded here.

There's no need to remove staples, paperclips,
spring-loaded binder clips, rubber bands, etc.

Checkbooks can be shredded whole.

Other paper products that can be shredded in-
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magazines, hanging file folders, accordion file
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Mobile Records Shredders are a full service docu-
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certified. Certificates of Destruction will be pro-
vided upon request.

Donation amounts of your choosing made out
to SW-High Country Recycling will be greatly
appreciated. All donations will be used to offset
Mobile Record Shredder's charges and are tax
deductible.

One more bit of advice – if you haven't instruct-
ed your bank and other financial institutions to
replace your paper statements with electronic
ones, now is a fine time to do so. This will not
only reduce the volume of paper produced, it will
also reduce the amount of paper you will have to
sort through next year.

For more information, email highcountryrecycling@gmail.com or go to www.mobilerecordshredders.com.



Sunday April 19, 2015

Veterans Park Canon City, Colorado

240 year anniversary of

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11:30 am to 3:00 pm



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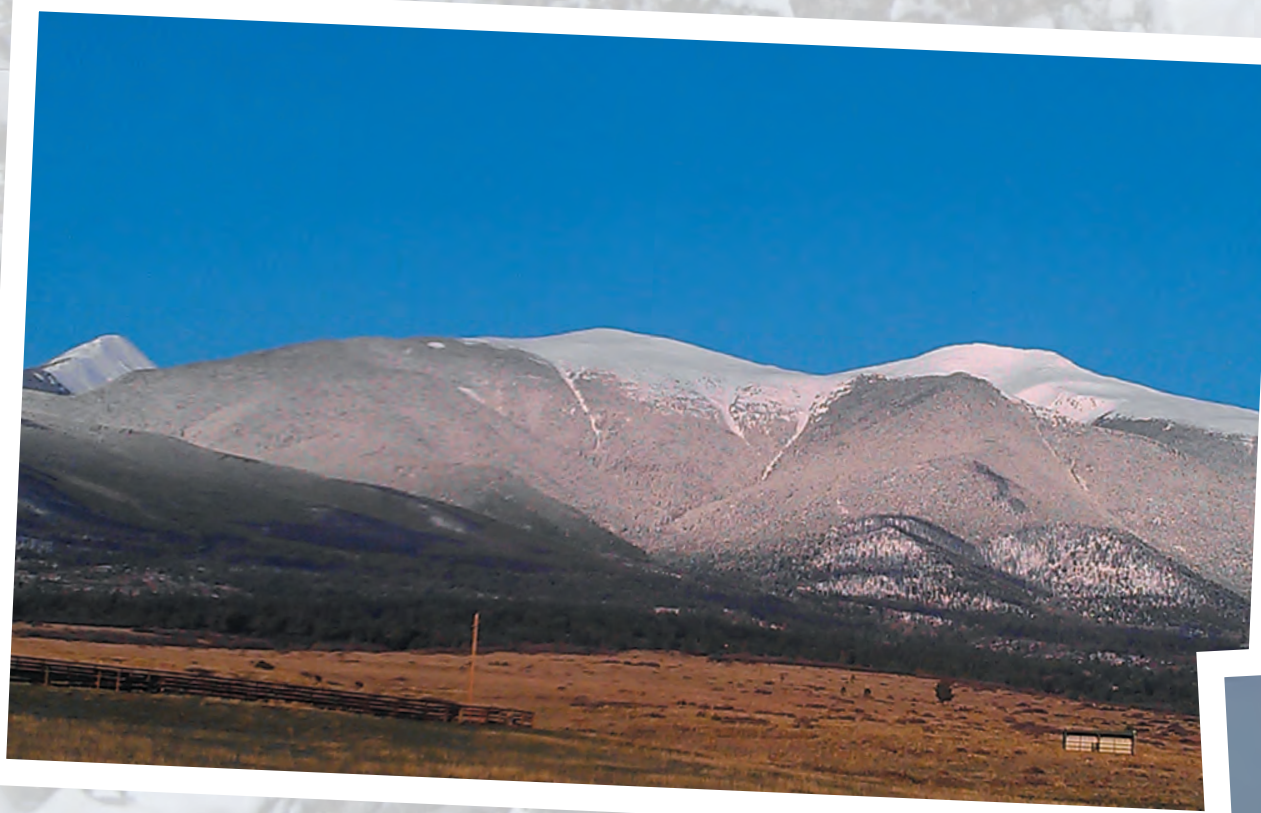


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Winter In Our Beautiful Valley



Local Mountain News & Notices

Sheriff's Report...

There were 79 calls for service on the dates noted below. On March 15th there were six males in the county jail.

03/11/15
12:29 PM / Ambulance Run: EMS was called to the Custer County Clinic to transport a 50-year-old male with a dislocated hip. The patient was taken to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

03/11/15 I-15-1382
3:23 PM: A party called the Sheriff's Office to report a telephone scam. She received a telephone call stating her grandson in Tennessee had been arrested. The caller, purportedly her grandson's attorney, instructed her to wire \$2,000 to him so he could post bond. The caller knew her grandson is married, has two children, and lives in Nashville. The party contacted her grandson to verify the story. He had not been arrested.

03/11/15 I-15-1384
4:28 PM: A deputy attempted to serve civil papers to a party on Hermit Lane in Silver Cliff. Negative contact was made. He then tried a second location and was able to serve the civil papers.

03/11/15 T-15-184
4:58 PM / Hwy 67 and Hwy 96 / Traffic Summons: Plaga, Richard (DOB in 1937) of Pueblo, Colorado was issued a

summons for speeding, 19 to 24 over the limit.
03/11/15 I-15-1385
7:33 PM: The Sheriff's Office received a call from a party indicating she had an argument with her teenage son and he ran off. A deputy was dispatched to the scene and commenced looking for the subject. Custer County Search and Rescue was activated at 2051 hours to participate in the search. A decision was made at 0137 hours to reevaluate the situation at daylight if the subject has not returned home.

03/12/15 T-15-186
4:16 PM - Party (Parlet, Craig - DOB in 1957) was cited for excessive speed (10-19 over) in a school zone, in the area of the Custer County Combined School.

03/13/15 O-15-34
4:00 PM - Party (Dickens, Roy - DOB in 1955) was summons for excessive trash build-up on his residence at 112 South Street.

03/13/15 I-15-1415
4:30 PM - Officers responded to apparent intentional overdose at 402 South Street. Patient was transported to Parkview Hospital for treatment and observation. Nothing further at this time.

03/13/15 I-15-1416
5:00 PM - Officers were dispatched to the area of Franklin and 4th

Street, in Silver Cliff on a report of a male/female disturbance. No further information.

03/13/15 T-15-191
5:47 PM - Party (Reams, Ivan - DOB in 1965) cited for speeding (10-19 over), in the area of HWY 69 South and Hermit.

03/13/15 T-15-192
7:31 PM - Party (Davis, Mark - DOB in 1962) cited for speeding (5-9 over), in the area of HWY 69, MM 58.

03/13/15 T-15-194
8:37 PM - Party (Moews, Brandon - DOB in 1993) cited for speeding, in the area of HWY 69 South and Rosita Rd.

03/14/15 T-15-199
3:45 PM - Party (Berard, Susan - DOB in 1965) was cited for speeding (20-24 over) in the area of HWY 69 and Hermit.

03/14/15 T-15-200
4:06 PM - Party (Lee, Robert - DOB in 1991) was cited for speeding (10-19 over) in the area of the 5700 block of HWY 69 South.

03/14/15 T-15-201
4:25 PM - Party (Reed, Jacob - DOB in 1995) was cited for speeding (20-24 over) in the area of HWY 69 and CR 324.

03/14/15 T-15-202
4:54 PM - Party (Kahn, Douglas - DOB in 1940) was cited for speeding (20-24 over) in the area of HWY 69 S. and MM 57.

Court Report...

Wommack, Dillon Charles – Charged with theft. Guilty. Fined \$674.50. No alcohol, drugs, or marijuana. \$100 fine suspended upon proof of enrollment at CSU Pueblo. Restitution payable to Connor Rowley \$275, Andrew Feldman \$140 and Edward Cody Lyons \$60.

Stewart, Ardith Anne – Charged with driving under the influence. Guilty. Fined \$2,066.50. Monitored sobriety, complete level 2 education with 86 hours of therapy. Sign up with home monitoring by 3/17/2015.

Johnson, Roy Wayne – Charged with expired driver's license. Guilty. Also charged with careless driving. Guilty. Fined \$250.50.

Conway, Michael Francis – Charged with driving under the influence. Dismissed by DA. Also charged with careless driving. Guilty. Fined \$195.

Murray, Jennifer Deppe

– Charged with violation of protection order – criminal, disorderly conduct, offensive gesture. Motion to dismiss granted.

King, Gary – Charged with no insurance/owner of vehicle. Guilty. Fined \$769.50. A charge of having an expired license plate dismissed by DA. Fined \$769.50

Ratzlaff, Mitchell – Charged with driving under restraint. Motion to dismiss granted.

Miller, Richard Scott – Charged with careless driving. Guilty. Fined \$195.50.

Terry, Traci Ann – Charged with improper mountain driving. Guilty. Fined \$130.50.

Pennewill, Richard Alden – Charged with no registration and having fictitious plates. Guilty. Fined \$154.50.

Stratton, Nichole Erin – Charged with driving under restraint. Dismissed by DA. Also charged with failure to present insur-

ance upon request. Guilty. Fined \$509.50. A charge of speeding was dismissed by the DA.

Theisen, Dawson Shane – Charged with making a turn on red where prohibited. Guilty. Driving without license. Guilty. A charge of not using seat belt was dismissed by the DA. Fined \$329.50.

Madone, Hakli Rae – Charged with drug paraphernalia/possession. Guilty. Also charged with marijuana/under 21/possession/consumption. Guilty. Fined \$273.50. Must complete drug and alcohol evaluation and treatment.

Thesen, Parker Steven – Charged with drug paraphernalia-possession. Guilty. Fined \$318.20. Must complete drug and alcohol evaluation and treatment.

Heising, Ferdinand F. – Charged with exceeding stated speed conditions. Guilty. Fined \$164.50. A charge of careless driving was dismissed by the DA.

Events Calendar

Friday, March 20
Spring Break Begins
Tuesday, March 24
5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.: "Knosh & Know" E-mail training at West Custer County Library Community Room at 209 Main Street, Westcliffe; sponsored by Custer County Chamber of Commerce; Free; Details call 783-9138 or send e-mail to info@custercountyco.com

Friday, March 27
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Imitation Game" based on cryptanalyst Alan Turing
Saturday, March 28
10 a.m.: U.S. Law Seminar, 783-3360
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Imitation Game"
Sunday, March 29
2:00 p.m.: Jones Theater: "The Imitation Game"

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 assisting new mothers and families. Free pregnancy tests, ultrasound, counseling, 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
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.: West Custer County Library open in Westcliffe

Steampunk and Wine Festival Coming to Florence

by Charlotte Burrous

Originally a subgenre of science fiction and fantasy literature, the inaugural March in Tyme Steampunk and Wine will take place from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. April 11-12 in downtown Florence.

"It's hard to explain what it is," said Florence Chamber of Commerce member Bruce Jensen said. "It's Victorian Era meets the future (or) H.G. Wells meets Laurel and Hardy in Disneyland. It should be a lot of fun."

The Florence Chamber of Commerce will host the two-day festival, which will be filled with activities, including a western town with gunfighters, horses, and wagons for rides. The highlight includes a Steampunk Ball, which will feature Midnight Sun band, performing from 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. April 11 in the Florence Elks Lodge at 131 E. Front St. In addition, music will be provided during the weekend by Bobby Dean and Frost Mountain Clan between the gunfights provided by Saunders. "Saunders is going to set up a whole western town," said Barb Brierley, one of the organizers. "They're (also) going to rent costumes for \$50 for the weekend. They'll be set up at Lil's Garden (on Petroleum and Main in Florence) the Wednesday before Steampunk (then move to the site during the festival). They're also going

to do old-time photos."

Along with numerous craft and food vendors, other activities will take place in the Florence Elks, the American Legion, and the Order of Eagles, along the 100 block of South Petroleum and on Front Street. The American Legion will offer kids crafts with Robin Hohn from the John C. Fremont Library, staff from Head Start, and karaoke with Julie McKissack. In conjunction, food will be available at various vendors along the streets, as well as the Eagles.

Other highlights of the Steampunk will be the wine from the Winery at Holy Cross Abbey, gunfights, music, crafts, art demonstrations, and much more.

"The wine will be at the Elks from 9 a.m. in the morning through the ball," Brierley said. "The vendors are going to close at 5 p.m. and the dance will start at 7 p.m., and, of course, the (Elks) bar will be open, too." Admission is \$5 and includes a glass for the wine. Tickets are available at Spirit Riders at 111 E. Main Street in Florence. Admission for Steampunk activities is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 5-18, and free for children under 4.

For more information, call 719-431-3592 or e-mail steampunkwine@yahoo.com.

Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

New Charter Middle School in the Works for Florence

by Charlotte Burrous

When young families move into an area, one of the first things they look for are schools.

Up until now, Florence has only had one choice to offer. But all that will change when Gabrielle Duvick and a group of concerned citizens bring a charter middle school to Florence.

Known as Pathfinder Charter Academy, the school will offer a project-based curriculum.

“We intend to teach children to acquire all the skills, details, and all of the knowledge they need to go to high school and (college), but the idea of project-based curriculum is it allows us to be creative and to get children really excited about going to school in the morning.” But bringing the academy to Florence is a long process. Since forming three years ago, the board has visited other schools, using the same curriculum, as well as written grants, which has been a challenge.

“Each grant walks us through the different steps to form the school,” Du-

vick said. “We cannot ask a grant writer to do it. We have to do it (ourselves). We really have to live our project (and figure out) what kind of school we want and what the community wants.” Although the particulars have not been worked out yet, the board does want to offer a project-based curriculum.

“We want the child to (work) on the project to learn,” Duvick said. “The project is really central. It’s really important.” In the meantime, the board continues to work on grants and pursuing a place for the school. As part of the district, the charter school will not charge tuition because it will receive the same rate of money from the state as public schools do.”(The difference is) we have choice of our own principal, our teachers, our curriculum, and our style,” Duvick said. “Those are choices (for parents). It’s parents who make the charter schools.” She said the board had hoped to open its doors in 2016, but has delayed it until 2017. Those who would like to find out more about Pathfinder Charter Academy are encouraged to check them out on Facebook.

by Barbara Penezic

The March meeting of the Royal Gorge Tea Party was called to order by ‘J.C.’ (John Clements) standing in for Edward Whitcraft. The meeting began with a prayer led by Steve Barton followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. J.C. took a few minutes to re-state the Royal Gorge Tea Party Mission: **To build a coalition of informed citizens that demand lower taxes, small government, and are committed to supporting and defending the Constitution of the United States.** If this is a mission you find worthy of your support then you are cordially invited to attend a meeting. Come check them out and you may be surprised to see that Tea Party members are actually not Fire Breathing Dragons. Chances are you may find members of your church there working to strengthen and restore ‘Pride’ in this amazing country that is ours.

Guest speakers Mara and John Roberts, Liberty Action Group, informed the crowd that the Oath Keepers are coming to Cañon City to hold the third annual Patriots Day Rally. It is appropriate that this event commemorating ‘The Shot Heard Around the World’, the very battle that started the Revolutionary War, should celebrate it’s ‘240th’ anniversary right here in Cañon City, at Veteran’s Park. The Oath Keepers are a non-partisan association of current and formerly serving Military Police and First Responders who pledge to fulfill the oath to defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign or domestic. There will be a re-affirmation of this oath and anyone can participate. They would really love to see City Council members, Chamber of Commerce members, and all Fremont County first responders among these participants. Mark your calendars for April 19th, start time is 11:30 a.m. Bring your lawn

RGTP Welcomes the Oathkeepers and Patriots Day Rally



Mara and John Roberts of Liberty Action Group.

Courtesy photo by John Penezic, Jr.

chairs and picnic lunch and be entertained by the music of former Senator George Rivera and his “Fat Chance Blues” band and Joyce Schaffer, patriotic singer, songwriter. Stuart Rhodes, founder of the Oath Keepers, will be one of the guest speakers. Be sure to bring the kiddos and let them be part of this historical celebration.

Richard Hollabaugh, newly elected chair of the FCRCC, also addressed the meeting. He tells us that his group is being very conservative so that in the coming election year they hope to have a nice Main Street address that says, “This part of Colorado is going to put a Republican in the White House.” The newly elected chairperson is hoping to forge a new spirit of cooperation between RGTP and FCRCC, reminding everyone if we hope to effect positive change, “We must stay the course.” Roxanna Hollabaugh newly elected Secretary of the Fremont County Republican Central Committee told the group, we have vacancies. If you are interested in filling a position as Precinct Committee Person, please call her at 719-315-1322. If you have any concerns or questions for the FCRCC you should call this number; they want to hear from you. J.C. then reminded everyone to visit the RGTP website and check out the positions due to expire in 2015. There are seats on the city council, school board, etc. if you are interesting in running... the RGTP will support you. Now is the time to let your wishes be known. We have

a lot of opportunity to effect positive change. We are also looking for volunteers for several committees. If you want to become more involved and have some fun, let them know. It was also announced that a new business venture may be opening soon in our fair city. A newspaper, (as yet un-named) with a Conservative/Christian view. Real news unmonitored by the powers that be. Very exciting! Stay tuned for further developments.

The Royal Gorge Tea Party is looking forward to a productive and fun-packed year. Professional auctioneer John Clements offered for auction a beautiful gift basket. Thanks to his expertise and the generosity of Vernon Thompson of Ennx Propane, the basket was sold for \$200. Proceeds to benefit Eagles Summit Ranch. The RGTP will be active in the Blossom Festival, Pioneer Days, Apple Days, and the Fourth of July Parade in Westcliffe. They will have two social events, a yard sale, candidate forums, and monthly movie nights. The next meeting of the Royal Gorge Tea Party will be the second Thursday in April. Meetings are held at Mountain View Core Knowledge School, 890 Field Avenue. Meet and Greet at 6 p.m., meeting starts promptly at 6:30. Remember Patriots Day in Veterans Park, April 19th at 11:30 a.m. - what a great way to kick off the spring season of picnics in the park and great family fun!

Be informed
Get Involved.

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

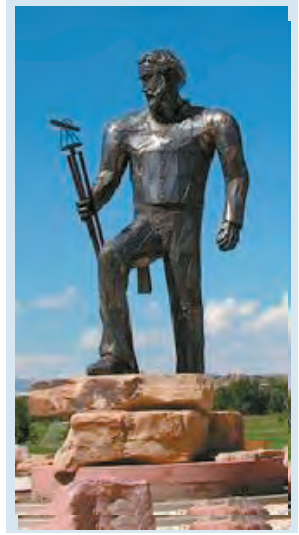
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Hillary Clinton-- A Prophetic Babylonian Connection

Hillary Clinton’s use of a private email server for State Department business raises many more important questions for the presidential wannabe to answer. WorldNetDaily reported on March 3rd that Clinton’s emails were hacked and published in Russia Today, revealing that “wealthy Sunni Islamists in Saudi Arabia” funded the September 11, 2012 attack on the U.S. mission in Benghazi. The New York Times reported on March 8th that the “Bill, Hillary, and Chelsea Clinton Foundation has accepted tens of millions of dollars in donations from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Algeria, and Brunei.” Some gave while she was Secretary of State. But wait, there’s more...

It is a well-known fact that Hillary Clinton’s top aide of nearly 20 years, Huma Abedin, has close ties to the Muslim Brotherhood. In July, 2013, former federal prosecutor Andrew C. McCarthy wrote in the National Review that Abedin “worked for many years at a journal that promotes Islamic supremacist ideology that was founded by a top al-Qaida financier, Abdullah Omar Naseef.” During that time frame (1996-2003), Abedin also worked for Hillary Clinton. Nationally syndicated columnist Diana West in July, 2013 added: “It was edited first by Huma’s father, Syed Abedin, and now by her mother, Saleha Abedin. Saleha is a member of the Muslim Sisterhood.”

West revealed that “Mother Abedin” also directs an organization (the Interna-

tional Islamic Committee for Woman and Child) that comes under the umbrella of the Union for Good, another US-designated terrorist organization. As McCarthy reminds us, “the Union for Good is led by Sheikh Yusef al-Qaradawi, the notorious Muslim Brotherhood jurist who has issued fatwas calling for the killing of American military and support personnel in Iraq as well as suicide bombings in Israel.”

The MB creed is as follows: “Allah is our objective. The Prophet is our leader. The Qur’an is our law. Jihad is our way. Dying in the way of Allah is our highest hope.” The MB’s detailed plan to take over North America was revealed in the 2009 Holy Land Foundation trial for money laundering to terrorists. It called for a “grand Jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and “sabotaging” its miserable house...” Clinton’s relationships pose a great danger to all of us, akin to King Hezekiah revealing all things of his nation to the emissaries of Babylon (2 Kings 20:13). The result was prophesied by Isaiah in 2 Kings 20:17, “Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the Lord.” It’s not about just a few emails.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
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(Editor/GG: If we don’t change the teacher compensation model to include performance pay (based primarily on student test scores), we will never stop this decline in our international academic rankings. It works in every other industry. It WILL work in education. This woman, Kerrie Dallman, is a shameless shill for incompetent or lazy workers. This, folks, is how a liberal looks at a job - all I have to do to get paid is show up.)

In a pointed exchange on Wednesday in a House Education Committee meeting between State Rep. Paul Lundeen and the President of the Colorado Education Association (read: teachers union), Kerrie Dallman, the Union Agitator in Chief made an interesting revelation – all teachers do the same job and, thus, should be paid the same.

Pretty sure the teachers that she’s supposed to represent might have a different opinion on this.

The exchange came as part of a debate around HB15-1200, carried by Rep. Kevin Priola (R-Henderson), which, prior to being amended in committee, would have given highly effective teachers a bonus of \$12,000 per year to teach in low performing schools. But, who wants extra cash? Everybody.

The transcript (is) below:

Lundeen: Since you won’t engage on that question, let me reframe it and ask it this way. Is there a circumstance in which a more highly effective educator should be paid a higher wage?

Dallman: I do not believe so. All

All The Same: CEA Chief Tells Legislature All Teachers Do the Same Job

teachers do the same job. The circumstance I would see a different compensation working is when teachers take on additional teacher leadership roles. Or a hybrid role in which they are doing some leadership staff development supporting their fellow educators in the building in addition to teaching and I do believe that when the role changes that compensation should change. But, I do not believe we should be basing salary decisions solely on a system that has yet to have proven itself and that has been implemented with such disparity across the state.

Teachers are an emotional topic for many. Let’s take that out of the equation. Let’s replace teachers with engineers and have the same conversation.

Lundeen: Since you won’t engage on that question, let me reframe it and ask it this way. Is there a circumstance in which a more highly effective engineer should be paid a higher wage?

Dallman: I do not believe so. All engineers do the same job. The circumstance I would see a different compensation working is when engineers take on additional engineer leadership roles. Or a hybrid role in which they are doing some leadership staff development supporting their fellow engineers in the building in addition to engineering and I do believe that when the role changes that compensation should change. But, I do not believe we should be basing salary decisions solely on a system that has yet to have proven itself and that has been implemented with such disparity across the state.

So, the engineer whose bridge col-

lapsed due to flawed design should receive the same compensation as the engineer whose bridge was innovative in design and stronger? Let’s replace with doctor. Should the doctor whose patients keep dying receive the same compensation as the doctor whose patients thrive?

And, should all of those wages be the same across the state? In what universe does anything that Dallman says make sense? Only in the union universe.

And maybe not even there.

Teachers know that there are some among them who work harder, inspire more, and create better outcomes. Should teachers who produce better outcomes be paid the same as teachers who only do the bare minimum and consistently turn out mediocre results? We bet teachers who excel wouldn’t think so.

So, if Dallman isn’t representing the views of teachers, exactly who is she representing? Who is her union, the Colorado Education Association, representing? Why are teachers giving the union money if its leadership goes to the State Capitol and denounces their achievements? Or, do teachers only give money to unions so unions can elect politicians who protect the unions, which do nothing to protect teachers?

Teachers might want to ask their union representatives what exactly they are paying for.

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U.N. Report Details Absolutely Horrific Findings About What the Islamic State is Doing With Children

by Sharona Schwartz,
TheBlaze.com

(Editor/GG: Another peaceful, interfaith, outreach program by our muslim brothers. The religion of peace.)

The Islamic State group has perpetrated horrific punishments on Iraqi children, including burying them alive, crucifying them, using them as human shields and recruiting mentally-challenged children as suicide bombers, a United Nations watchdog said Wednesday.

A report by the U.N. Committee on the Rights of the Child blasted the Islamic State group for its “systematic killing of children belonging to religious and ethnic minorities ... including several cases of mass executions of boys, as well as reports of beheadings, crucifixions of children and burying children alive.”

“We have had reports of children, especially children, who are mentally-challenged, who have been used

as suicide bombers, most probably without them even understanding,” U.N. committee expert Renate Winter told Reuters. “There was a video placed (online) that showed children at a very young age, approximately eight years of age and younger, to be trained already to become child soldiers.”

The U.N. committee’s report asserted that the jihadist group has been sexually enslaving Iraqi children, especially those from minority groups. It described markets set up by the Islamic State where it sells abducted children and women “attaching price tags to them.”

Children who have been abducted by the Islamist radicals “are subjected to physical and sexual assault,” the committee report said.

While the U.N. urged the Iraqi government to “take all necessary measures to rescue children,” it also warned that the Iraqis should “respect the principles of distinction and pro-

portionality when carrying out armed operations against the so-called ISIL and other armed groups, and take all feasible precautions to spare civilians, in particular children from the effects of hostilities.”

The committee expressed concern about the systematic killing, torture, rape, and forced conversion to Islam of minority groups including Turkmen, Christians, Yezidi, Kurds, Arab Shi’a, Baha’i, and others.

The Islamic State group, on Tuesday, released a video which showed the burning to death, in a cage, of a Jordanian pilot who it was holding captive. Jordan responded by swiftly executing two Iraqi prisoners who were on death row for their jihadist activities.

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*A man who has friends
must himself be friendly,
But there is a friend who
sticks closer than a brother.*

Proverbs 18:24, NKJV

President Jihad Requires Impeachment

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.Org

WASHINGTON, D.C. President Obama defended his administration's approach to the terror threat at a White House summit Wednesday, standing by claims that groups like the Islamic State do not represent Islam -- as well as assertions that job creation could help combat extremism.

Obama, addressing the Washington audience on the second day of the summit, said the international community needs to address "grievances" that terrorists exploit, including economic and political issues.

He stressed that poverty alone doesn't cause terrorism, but "resentments fester" and extremism grows when millions of people are impoverished.

"We do have to address the grievances that terrorists exploit including economic grievances," he said.

Oh, really?

So, let me see if I get this right -- someone not having a job compels them to cut off heads? Why no, I don't think so, since I've yet to see any of these allegedly-hungry people eat the resulting corpse!

There's no single religion responsible for this violence and terrorism? Really? Please list the religions of the people who committed the last, oh, two dozen head-sawing-offs. I think you'll find that all of them share one common claimed religion.

For that matter, so will you find that to be true

of the 9/11 bombers, the USS Cole bombers, the "fine" folks who committed terrorism all over Europe of late and similar.

Further, if this is all (or even largely) "economic" at its root would you mind explaining how being an officer in the U.S. Military is not a "good job"? Or have you forgotten Mr. Hasan, otherwise known as Mr. "Allah Akhbar", that committed Islamic terrorism, killing 13 and wounding 32 while employed as an officer by the U.S. Military on a U.S. Military base?

As for the "notion" that Muslims don't actually support this, please show me the widespread, loud denunciation of these acts and the willingness to find and capture or kill the Muslims doing these things among Muslims.

Good luck with that.

President Jihad needs to be impeached, here and now. This sort of thing is dangerous and is going to get a very large number of Americans killed, on our soil, if it continues. Refusing to call this what it is and deal with it has already resulted in American deaths on American soil at Ft. Hood and, before that, on 9/11. There is no excuse of political correctness when you are under armed assault and we in America, along with the rest of the world that does not accede to living under crackpotted Sharia mandates, is in fact under armed assault.

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VA Manager Makes Fun of Veterans Suicides In Email

by Jonah Bennett, Daily Caller News Foundation

(Editor/GG: Please note that the man was NOT fired. Welcome to the liberal world of NO consequences and NO morals.)

A Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) manager at the Roudebush Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Indianapolis sent a picture over email which showed an elf committing suicide by hanging itself with an electrical cord.

Veterans groups are incensed that the VA would dare to make light of the problems veterans have to face daily, especially in a time when suicide rates are at the top of the VA's list of concerns.

Administrators at the hospital were aware of the email for at least a couple of months, The Indianapolis Star reports. Robin Paul, manager of the Seamless Transition Integrated Care Clinic, wrote the email on December 18, which also shows an elf begging for much-needed pain medication, but it was only recently obtained by The Indianapolis Star.

Shortly after the paper contacted the hospital, Roudebush spokeswoman stated that the problem would be taken care of through administrative procedures and apologized profusely for the incident.

"The email is totally inappropriate

and does not convey our commitment to veterans," spokeswoman Julie Webb told The Indianapolis Star. "We apologize to our veterans and take suicide and mental health treatment seriously, striving to provide the highest quality."

dismissal of this government employee and all of those who received this correspondence and said nothing."

The issue of veteran suicides has recently been taken up by Congress, namely through the passage of the

"It is a slap in the face to our recent and past veterans suffering from mental health issues every single day...These men and women went to war and do not deserve this type of ridicule. This is a disgusting display of mockery. This is supposedly someone who is caring for our veterans."

However, Webb declined to provide any details of what exactly the administrative procedures entailed.

"It is a slap in the face to our recent and past veterans suffering from mental health issues every single day," commander of the Indiana Department of the American Legion, Ken Hylton, told The Indianapolis Star. "These men and women went to war and do not deserve this type of ridicule. This is a disgusting display of mockery. This is supposedly someone who is caring for our veterans, and we in the Indiana American Legion are disgusted."

Hylton demanded the "immediate

Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act, which aims to bring down the suicide rate currently standing at 22 veteran suicides per day.

President Barack Obama signed the act into law on February 12, after it was quickly pushed through Congress by bipartisan effort.

The legislation mandates that the VA Secretary conduct a yearly review of suicide prevention programs across the country.

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Colorado Crosses Its Fingers and Starts Taking the Tests

by Todd Engdahl,
Colorado Chalkbeat

(Editor/GG: Please read all of this - it's a good summary of the current school testing situation. Not a pretty picture. In fact, it is a complete mess. You got the widely condemned Common Core testing (called "PARCC", see below) in Colorado now and even here in Westcliffe (thank you, school board). Many states are now abandoning Common Core now that they see what it is.)

With computer mouse in hand, hundreds of thousands of Colorado students will click through new online language arts and math tests this month. Just the prospect of the new exams has fueled unprecedented levels of anxiety and controversy for more than a year, but now it's game time.

Testing began Monday for about half the state's students, in districts that began their assessments a week early.

The Department of Education reported Tuesday evening that 130,800 students started tests on Tuesday. A total of 40,730 tests were completed Monday and Tuesday. Language arts tests are given in three sessions, and math in two sessions, and students don't necessarily take a whole test in one day, accounting for the difference between tests started and tests finished.

"While there have been isolated issues that districts have experienced, the testing technology overall has been meeting the demands of Colorado and the multiple states currently testing," said Janelle Asmus, CDE's spokeswoman.

Legislators, policymakers, parents, teachers, and students have been debating for months whether to change the new testing system, known as CMAS, before it fully launched. That wasn't a realistic prospect, and it didn't happen.

So the testing experience this spring for students and adults, and the ultimate test results (not available until late this year or early 2016), will provide fresh grist for debate well into next year.

As schools and families brace themselves for the new tests, here's a refresher on what the new assessment system looks like and what may happen as the testing debate continues beyond this school year.

This spring's tests

Districts got a taste of online testing last spring with social studies and science tests in some grades, plus sample language arts and math tests in some schools.

"The addition of the English language arts and mathematics assessments to the CMAS assessment system will stretch districts in terms of their ability to assess online this spring," said Joyce Zurkowski, the state's executive director of assessment.

Language arts and math tests were developed by PARCC, one of two multi-state testing groups, and are based on the Common Core State Standards. Science and social studies tests are Colorado-only exams. All the tests were developed by Pearson, the multinational testing company.

The first part – The initial section of the language arts and math tests emphasize essay questions and other "constructed response" items that take longer to score because they aren't machine gradable. Those

are the tests that started this week. Starting in eighth grade, students are assigned different math tests depending on which classes they've taken.

The first "window" – Some districts started giving the first parts of language arts and math tests in grades three through eleven Monday. The so-called "testing window" remains open until April 3rd. An individual district has four weeks within which to schedule tests to accommodate computer availability and other scheduling and administrative needs.

The second part – Called "end of year" assessments, these tests are intended to assess student knowledge of what they've learned through the year and are mostly multiple-choice items that can be scored quickly. The ultimate goal of the new tests is to have results available before the school year ends, but that won't happen this year.

The second "window" – Districts may test between April 20th and May 22nd.

Other tests – Social studies tests will be given to fourth and seventh graders, and eighth graders will take science tests, between April 13th and May 1st. High school juniors will take the ACT test on April 28th. There are a variety of other, special tests given to some English language learners and to students with special needs.

Time on task – CDE estimates the two sets of language arts and math tests will take a combined 9¼ hours for third graders, 10 hours in grades four and five, a little under 11 hours for middle school students and about 11 hours in high school. The system allows for accommodations for students who may need extra help.

Costs – The cost to the state is estimated at \$36.8 million for all of this spring's tests, not just PARCC, or about

\$42 per student. Some \$7.7 million is covered by federal funds. There's an additional \$8.1 million in local costs to administer state tests, but that doesn't count such things as redirected staff time. (The cost estimates come from a study done last November for the Standards and Assessments Task Force.)

Technology – Paper-and-pencil tests are available for math tests in all grades and for third grade language arts. CDE estimates about 15 percent of Colorado students will take paper tests this spring. Some districts are using a combination of paper and online tests.

There's been a high level of district anxiety about technology over the past two years as the new tests loomed. Districts have responded in different ways, but most seem ready for online testing.

Opting out

The expansion of state tests into the 11th and 12th grade, fears about the new online tests, and worries about tests eating into instructional time have sparked a testing backlash among some parents and teachers.

Discontent bubbled to the surface last fall, when some high school seniors boycotted science and social studies tests. The boycotts were concentrated in a few districts, but those actions drove statewide student participation in the tests to 83 percent. (Districts that drop below 95 percent participation on two tests can have their accreditation ratings lowered.)

Some parent activists are predicting a significant increase in opt-outs this spring, and that concern prompted the State Board of Education to pass a resolution that seeks to protect districts from the impact of parents opting out. The resolution means students whose parents take them

out of tests won't be counted when the participation rate is calculated. (That exemption apparently doesn't apply to students who boycotted tests on their own.)

What's next

Scores on the language arts and math tests won't be available until late in the year of early in 2016. That's because cut scores need to be set to determine where students fall into the new proficiency categories of "distinguished command," "strong command," "moderate command," and "limited command." (Those replace the old CSAP/TCAP categories of "advanced," "proficient," "partially proficient," and "unsatisfactory.")

The percentages of students scoring as distinguished or strong will be lower than those who were proficient or advanced under the old system. Why? The new tests are unfamiliar, and they are intended to be harder.

At the Colorado General Assembly, lawmakers still are dancing around what to do about testing. The best guess is that the legislature will pass a bill that cuts the amount of testing, most likely by eliminating current tests in 9th, 11th and 12th grades.

Testing also is in play in Washington, D.C., where various proposals circulating Congress would ease requirements for annual testing, allow more flexibility in use of district tests to meet state requirements, and make other changes in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

If Congress ultimately loosens current federal requirements, the 2016 legislature could have more flexibility to change Colorado's testing system.

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Fannie Mae and Freddie Mae May Need Another Bailout

by Rachel Stoltzfoos,
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(Editor/GG: These statists are doing the exact same thing that they that did before 2008 - force banks to lend money to people who CAN-NOT pay it back! Shut this government interference into the private banking down and let the market determine loan risk levels.)

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac may need another massive taxpayer bailout, according to a new Inspector General report which casts doubt on their future profit margins.

The federal housing finance agencies were bailed out by taxpayers after the 2008 financial crisis in the

form of a \$188 billion Treasury buyout of shares. Although the agencies are technically unable to buy back those shares, they have paid the Treasury more than \$163 billion in dividends since 2013.

In December the Federal Housing Finance Administration ordered Fannie and Freddie to again divert some of their profits to low-income housing funds — as they had done before the 2008 crisis.

But the FHFA report titled, "The Continued Profitability of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac is Not Assured," says that one-time events in 2013 and 2014 boosted their profits, and that ongoing mortgage market uncertainty

could reduce their future profits. So, "stakeholders should not presume continued profitability of the enterprises," the report warns.

A huge portion of the stakeholders are taxpayers, and in a worst case scenario, such as a repeat financial crisis, they could be on the hook for another bailout of up to \$190 billion, the report states. "The mortgage industry is complex, cyclical, and sensitive to changes in economic conditions, mortgage rates, house prices, and other factors."

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The Dirty Little Secret Behind Net Neutrality

by Michele Hickford,
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(Editor/GG: The bottom line is this, folks: from the liberals in Westcliffe to their left-wing brothers at the FCC in Washington, D.C., free speech is to be eliminated at all costs. They know they can't control you if you are informed. So any vehicle that actually informs the people of the truth must be eliminated. Witness the attempted boycott of the Sentinel here in Custer County and the totalitarians at the FCC. Same meme, same people. Same goal.)

You may not be aware the FCC passed new regulations on the Internet the end of last month. You probably have no idea what those regulations are. And that's the way the FCC commissioner wanted it.

Under the innocuous-sounding "net neutrality," the liberal majority, 5-person commission quietly passed sweeping regulations of the Internet designed to turn it into a government-regulated commodity.

Only today was the 400-page document released publicly, and now we know why it had to be kept secret.

The real agenda becomes clear when you understand who was pushing so hard for the regulations.

Free Press, an activist group heavily funded by George Soros, was instrumental in pushing the FCC to regulate the Internet, and in fact is cited 46 times in the document regarding its arguments supporting more regulation.

But there's nothing really "free" about the real intentions of Free Press.

As the *Daily Caller* reports, "one of Free Press' co-founders, Robert McChesney, a communications professor at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, has not been shy about his desire to see the Internet regulated heavily."

"But Internet regulation appears to be only part of McChesney's more radical agenda of completely re-vamping how the media operate in the U.S."

"In the end, there is no real answer but to remove brick by brick the capitalist system itself, rebuilding the entire society on socialist principles," McChesney wrote in a 2009 essay."

So, what is the true design of these regulations? As we reported previously, there appears to be a concerted effort by both the FCC and the FEC to eventually control content.

Phil Kerpen, president of the free-market group American Commitment, wrote an open letter to McChesney after the regulation was passed saying, "The unthinkable has become thinkable, and the free-market Internet – one of freedom's greatest triumphs – is set to be reduced to a public utility, subject to pervasive economic regulation and, in turn, to content control."

We are truly living in an Orwellian society where Newspeak is being forced upon us. Net NEUTRALITY? There is nothing neutral about government control.

Enjoy this website while you can, folks.

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Texas School Leader Responds to Atheist Threats: "I Will Be Praying for You and Your Staff Daily"

by Victor Skinner,
EAGNews.org

(Editor/GG: Finally. An educator that won't be bullied by secular leftist thugs.)

WHITE OAK, Texas – A Texas school superintendent is standing up to legal threats from an atheist organization over a high school principal's penchant for quoting Bible verses during the morning announcements. The Freedom From Religion Foundation has sent a series of letters to Michael Gilbert, superintendent of the White Oak Independent School District over a variety of allegedly illegal breaches of the U.S. Constitution. Earlier this year, FFRF complained to the district about alleged coach-led prayers and prayers over the loud speaker at the school's football games, which turned out to be a farce.

On March 5th, FFRF sent another letter to the district after a student recorded White Oak High School Principal Dan Noll quoting Bible verses during the morning announcements, KNUE 101.5 reports.

"We have received additional information that the high school is impermissibly endorsing Christianity. Our complainant informed us that Dan Noll, the school's principal, regularly reads bible verses during the morning announcements," the letter read, fol-

lowed by examples Noll has cited from Proverbs and Luke.

"We are confident that an investigation will reveal that Mr. Noll's bible readings have in fact taken place," the letter continued. "If confirmed, the practice is flatly unconstitutional and cannot continue."

After citing a series of court precedent, FFRF attempts to tell school officials how it is.

"... Principal Noll, acting in his official capacity as a White Oaks (sic) ISD employee, must not broadcast a decidedly religious message to a captive student audience, thereby isolating and excluding those students who are non-Christian or nonreligious," the letter stated.

"Principal Noll must be instructed not to include bible passages or other religious endorsements in any future morning announcements. The school should apologize to its students and explain why it is inappropriate for the school to endorse Christianity, or any other religion, or non-religion. Please respond promptly, in writing, to inform us of the steps that the school and the District take to remedy this constitutional violation."

Undoubtedly, White Oak superintendent Michael Gilbert's response was not what FFRF had in mind.

Gilbert's reply, as quoted by KNUE:

Recently, I have been contacted by two concerned residents of White Oak ISD and legal counsel from the Freedom From Religion Foundation concerning the use of scripture in the "Thought for the Day" at the high school.

The residents were offended at the use of scripture, demanding that it be stopped and calling for disciplinary action against Mr. Noll. I am fully aware of the practice at the high school and will not pursue any action against our High School Principal or any other member of our faculty/staff concerning this issue.

The letter from the FFRF is not the first received by the district. They contacted us in the fall with concerns about the practices at our football games. I have responded in accordance with their stated concerns and we have moved on.

Let me be clear. This is an attempt to draw us into a contest of words for the sole purpose of giving the FFRF a large amount of free press/recognition that they and their very few members (1,200 in Texas) do not deserve. This group, and others like it, are wanting us to provide them with negative quotes to use in the promotion of their agenda. We can and will make the adjustments

needed to ensure our students experience a morally sound, positive character based education. There are a multitude of options to provide our students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to express their First Amendment Rights as provided for in the United States Constitution. Let me also be clear that we have not (in my opinion) violated anyone's rights and/or subjected anyone to undue stress. Bible studies and scriptures are allowed in schools. The requirement is that the material be presented in a neutral manner. It is my position that we met that standard with the morning announcements.

My recommended response to the FFRF is, "I'm sorry you feel that way. I will be praying for you and your staff daily."

Finally, as a Christian Brother, it will not promote the values we hold so dear to assail those that disagree with the Gospel. We will state our case. We will make sure our rights are just as protected as anyone else that lives in this great country. We will continue to provide for all the needs of our students and we will do so while traveling the High Road. Don't get drawn into a game of words that has no "winner."

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Executive Summary of 9MM Justification for Law Enforcement Partners

FBI Training Division:
FBI Academy, Quantico,
VA, May 6, 2014

(Editor/GG: This is real long but well worth the read. It's all about what caliber you should carry, and why. Even if you don't agree with the FBI's conclusion, understanding their analysis is important. Your life could depend on it.)

1. Most of what is "common knowledge" with ammunition and its effects on the human target are rooted in myth and folklore.

2. Projectiles are what ultimately wound our adversaries and the projectile needs to be the basis for the discussion on what "caliber" is best.

3. In all the major law enforcement calibers, there exist projectiles which have a high likelihood of failing LEO's (Law Enforcement Officers) in a shooting incident and there are projectiles which have a high likelihood of succeeding for LEO's in a shooting incident.

4. Handgun stopping power is simply a myth.

5. The single most important factor in effectively wounding a human target is to have penetration to a scientifically valid depth (FBI uses 12" – 18").

6. LEO's miss between 70 – 80 percent of the shots fired during a shooting incident.

7. Contemporary projectiles (since 2007) have dramatically increased the terminal effectiveness of many premium line law enforcement projectiles (emphasis on the 9mm Luger offerings).

8. 9mm Luger now offers select projectiles which are, under identical testing conditions, outperforming

most of the premium line .40 S&W and .45 Auto projectiles tested by the FBI.

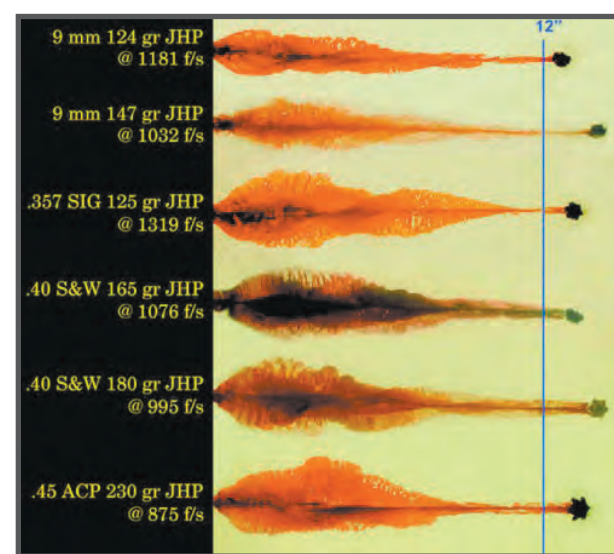
9. 9mm Luger offers higher magazine capacities, less recoil, lower cost (both in ammunition and wear on

"heard of this one time" where a smaller caliber failed and a larger caliber "would have performed much better." Some even subscribe to the belief that a caliber exists which will

shooting deaths are irrelevant since the goal of law enforcement is to stop a threat during a deadly force encounter as quickly as possible. Whether or not death occurs is of no consequence as long as the threat of death or serious injury to law enforcement personnel and innocent, third parties is eliminated.

*"The concept of immediate incapacitation is the only goal of any law enforcement shooting and is the underlying rationale for decisions regarding weapons, ammunition, calibers, and training."*¹

Studies of "stopping power" are irrelevant because no one has ever been able to define how much power, force, or kinetic energy, in and of itself, is required to effectively stop a violent and determined adversary quickly, and even the large-



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"Decisions on ammunition selection are particularly difficult because many of the pertinent issues related to handguns and ammunition are firmly rooted in myth and folklore."

the weapons), and higher functional reliability rates (in FBI weapons).

10. The majority of FBI shooters are both FAST-ER in shot strings fired and more ACCURATE with shooting a 9mm Luger vs shooting a .40 S&W (similar sized weapons).

11. There is little to no noticeable difference in the wound tracks between premium line law Auto enforcement projectiles from 9mm Luger through the .45 Auto.

12. Given contemporary bullet construction, LEO's can field (with proper bullet selection) 9mm Lugers with all of the terminal performance potential of any other law enforcement pistol caliber with none of the disadvantages present with the "larger" calibers.

Justification for Law Enforcement Partners

Rarely in law enforcement does a topic stir a more passionate debate than the choice of handgun caliber made by a law enforcement organization. Many voice their opinions by repeating the old adage "bigger is better" while others have

provide a "one shot stop." It has been stated, "Decisions on ammunition selection are particularly difficult because many of the pertinent issues related to handguns and ammunition are firmly rooted in myth and folklore." This still holds as true today as it did when originally stated 20 years ago.

Caliber, when considered alone, brings about a unique set of factors to consider such as magazine capacity for a given weapon size, ammunition availability, felt recoil, weight, and cost. What is rarely discussed, but most relevant to the caliber debate is what projectile is being considered for use and its terminal performance potential.

One should never debate on a gun make or caliber alone. The projectile is what wounds and ultimately this is where the debate/discussion should focus. In each of the three most common law enforcement handgun calibers (9mm Luger, .40 Smith & Wesson and .45 AUTO) there are projectiles which have a high likelihood of failing law enforcement officers and in each of these three calibers there are projectiles which have a high likelihood of succeeding for law enforcement officers during a shooting incident. The choice of a service projectile must undergo intense scrutiny and scientific evaluation in order to select the best available option.

Understanding Handgun Caliber Terminal Ballistic Realities

Many so-called "studies" have been performed and many analyses of statistical data have been undertaken regarding this issue. Studies simply involving

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est of handgun calibers are not capable of delivering such force. **Handgun stopping power is simply a myth.** Studies of so-called "one shot stops" being used as a tool to define the effectiveness of one handgun cartridge, as opposed to another, are irrelevant due to the inability to account for psychological influences and due to the lack of reporting specific shot placement. In short, extensive studies have been done over the years to "prove" a certain cartridge is better than another by using grossly flawed methodology and or bias as a precursor to manipulating statistics. In order to have a meaningful understanding of handgun terminal ballistics, one must only deal with facts that are not in dispute within the medical community, i.e. medical realities, and those which are also generally accepted within law enforcement, i.e. tactical realities.

Medical Realities

Shots to the Central Nervous System (CNS) at the level of the cervical spine (neck) or above, are the only means to reliably cause immediate incapac-

itation. In this case, any of the calibers commonly used in law enforcement, regardless of expansion, would suffice for obvious reasons. Other than shots to the CNS, the most reliable means for affecting rapid incapacitation is by placing

shots to large vital organs thus causing rapid blood loss. Simply stated, *shot placement* is the most critical component to achieving either method of incapacitation.

Wounding factors between rifle and handgun projectiles differ greatly due to the dramatic differences in velocity, which will be discussed in more detail herein. The wounding factors, in order of importance, are as follows:

A. Penetration:

A projectile must penetrate deeply enough into the body to reach the large vital organs, namely heart, lungs, aorta, vena cava, and to a lesser extent, liver, and spleen, in order to cause rapid blood loss. It has long been established by expert medical professionals, experienced in evaluating gunshot wounds, that this equates to a range of penetration of 12-18 inches, depending on the size of the individual and the angle of the bullet path (e.g., through arm, shoulder, etc.). With modern, properly designed, expanding handgun bullets, this objective is realized, albeit more

consistently with some law enforcement projectiles than others. 1. *Handgun Wounding Factors and Effectiveness: Firearms Training Unit, Ballistic Research Facility, 1989.*

B. Permanent Cavity:

The extent to which a projectile expands determines the diameter of the permanent cavity which, simply put, is that tissue which is in direct contact with the projectile and is therefore destroyed. Coupled with the distance of the path of the projectile (penetration), the total permanent cavity is realized. Due to the elastic nature of most human tissue and the low velocity of handgun projectiles relative to rifle projectiles, it has long been established by medical professionals, experienced in evaluating gunshot wounds, that the damage along a wound path

The 9mm provides struggling shooters the best chance of success while improving the speed and accuracy of the most skilled shooters.

visible at autopsy or during surgery cannot be distinguished between the common handgun calibers used in law enforcement. That is to say an operating room surgeon or Medical Exam-

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inner cannot distinguish the difference between wounds caused by .35 to .45 caliber projectiles.

C. Temporary Cavity:

The temporary cavity is caused by tissue being stretched away from the permanent cavity. If the temporary cavity is produced rapidly enough in elastic tissues, the tensile strength of the tissue can be exceeded resulting in tearing of the tissue. This effect is seen with very high velocity projectiles such as in rifle calibers, but is not seen with handgun calibers. For the temporary cavity of most handgun projectiles to have an effect on wounding, the velocity of the projectile needs to exceed roughly 2,000 fps. At the lower velocities of handgun rounds, the temporary cavity is not produced with sufficient velocity to

vessels, etc., apart from the permanent cavity”³. Fragmentation does not reliably occur in soft tissue handgun wounds due to the low velocities of handgun bullets. When fragmentation does occur, fragments are usually found within one centimeter (.39”) of the permanent cavity.⁴ Due to the fact that most modern premium law enforcement ammunition now commonly uses bonded projectiles (copper jacket bonded to lead core), the likelihood of fragmentation is very low. For these reasons, wounding effects secondary to any handgun caliber bullet fragmentation are considered inconsequential.

Psychology

Any discussion of stopping armed adversaries with a handgun has to include the psychological state of the adversary. Psychological factors are probably the most important relative to achieving rapid incapacitation from a gunshot wound

to stop immediately after being shot in the torso do a deadly force encounter) in obtaining effective inca-

Those subjects who decide to stop immediately after being shot in the torso do so commonly because they know they have been shot and are afraid of injury or death, regardless of caliber, velocity, or bullet design.

so commonly because they know they have been shot and are afraid of injury or death, *regardless of caliber, velocity, or bullet design.* It should also be noted that psychological factors can be a leading cause of incapacitation *failures* and as such, proper shot placement, adequate penetration, and multiple shots on target cannot be over emphasized.⁵ *Ibid.*

Tactical Realities

Shot placement is paramount and law enforcement officers on average strike an adversary with only 20 – 30 percent of the shots fired during a shooting incident. Given the reality that shot placement is paramount (and difficult to achieve given the myri-

pacitation, the caliber used must maximize the likelihood of hitting vital organs. Typical law enforcement shootings result in only one or two solid torso hits on the adversary. This requires that any projectile which strikes the torso has as high a probability as possible of penetrating deeply enough to disrupt a vital organ.

The Ballistic Research Facility has conducted a test which compares similar sized Glock pistols in both .40 S&W and 9mm calibers, to determine if more accurate and faster hits are achievable with one versus the other. To date, the majority of the study participants have shot more quickly and more accurately with 9mm caliber Glock pistols. The 9mm provides

best chance of success while improving the speed and accuracy of the most skilled shooters.

CONCLUSION

While some law enforcement agencies have transitioned to larger calibers from the 9mm Luger in recent years, they do so at the expense of reduced

ly force encounter since they can expect faster and more accurate shot strings, higher magazine capacities (similar sized weapons) and all of the terminal performance which can be expected from any law enforcement caliber projectile.

Given the above realities



Glock 9mm Model 17

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magazine capacity, more felt recoil, and given adequate projectile selection, no discernible increase in terminal performance.

Other law enforcement organizations seem to be making the move back to 9mm Luger taking advantage of the new technologies which are being applied to 9mm Luger projectiles. These organizations are providing their armed personnel the best

and the fact that numerous ammunition manufacturers now make 9mm Luger service ammunition with outstanding premium line law enforcement projectiles, the move to 9mm Luger can now be viewed as a decided advantage for our armed law enforcement personnel.”

Please see: looserounds.com/2014/09/21/fbi-9mm-justification-fbi-training-division/

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have any wounding effect; therefore any difference in temporary cavity noted between handgun calibers is irrelevant. “In order to cause significant injuries to a structure, a pistol bullet must strike that structure directly.”

D. Fragmentation:

Fragmentation can be defined as “projectile pieces or secondary fragments of bone which are impelled outward from the permanent cavity and may sever muscle tissues, blood

to the torso.⁵ First and foremost, the psychological effects of being shot can never be counted on to stop an individual from continuing conscious voluntary action. Those who do stop commonly do so because they *decide* to, not because they *have* to. The effects of pain are often delayed due to survival patterns secondary to “fight or flight” reactions within the body, drug/alcohol influences and in the case of extreme anger or aggression, pain can simply be ignored. Those subjects who decide





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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.



My Tribute

In spite of the ever pressing necessity to evaluate national and world events in the light of the Scriptures I hope the reader will tolerate a trip down a more personal lane of memory. On March 7th, my big brother left this world for a superior home.

John’s Christianity was the real deal and his patriotism was beyond question. If his life was mimicked by more, America would be a better place. John was a college athlete, a United States Air Force pilot, and a successful businessman, but seldom mentioned any of those accomplishments and never bragged on them. He just didn’t fit in the Facebook generation. He avoided recognition, choosing rather to focus on things that he deemed more important than himself...a rare virtue in these “perilous times.” Had John lived in different days, he would have been an excellent candidate to place his signature on the Declaration of Independence, possessing not only the intelligence to comprehend its vast implications but the will of conviction to stand by its principles.

When I spoke at my brother’s funeral I compared his life to three Johns in the New Testament. John the Baptist was, in the estimation of Jesus, a real hero. His declaration reads: “Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist...” (Matthew 11:11) His personal necessities were few: “And the same John had his raiment of camel’s hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.”

(Matthew 3:4) My brother was never twitterpated with the extravagant frivolities of this world, preferring to live a simple lifestyle based more upon necessities than petty desires.

The Baptist consistently preached an unpopular message consolidated into: “Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Matthew 3:2) “Repent” suggests there is something critically wrong in the lives of the hearers. This kind of preaching is seldom received with a lot of enthusiasm. John the Modlish, though not a preacher, was never remotely concerned with popularity, rejecting all images of political correctness. His conversations were predicated upon a quest for the truth in the realm of the spiritual or political with little regard to the offended. Like the John of old, truth would never be sacrificed upon the altar of feelings.

John Mark was a young man who endeavored with the Apostle Paul and later with Barnabas in mission labor. Some approach missionary activity purely from a social viewpoint: feeding, housing, clothing, and providing medical treatment to the poor. These efforts are admirable and frequently necessary but are lacking under the searchlight of New Testament missions. If the Gospel of Jesus Christ is not presented in the clearest way possible to the recipient of kindness, all efforts fall short of the mark.

My brother had a complete comprehension of the spiritual depravity of the human race which necessitates redemption from sin. Consequently, he had a love for mis-

sions, foreign, and domestic. This passion was verified by his willingness to invest more financially in these ventures than the trinkets of life. Most Americans spend more on pet food than the propagation of the best news ever told.

John the Apostle and his brother James partnered with Peter (our grandfather’s name) in the fishing industry. John, our father (also John) and I enjoyed many fishing trips together across the American West. We were all avid fly fishermen but my brother was the best, understanding many of the subtle nuances that the sport requires. Several of the disciples were commercial fishermen who responded to the commission: “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” That form of fishing, more than any other kind, often requires the patience of Job and the wisdom of Solomon. John excelled in both arenas.

John the Apostle, the only disciple who stayed with Jesus through the cross experience, was rewarded with the visionary authorship of the book of Revelation. This marvelous manuscript concludes with a pictorial presentation of heaven. My brother loved to garden, but all of his earthly undertakings must seem so miniscule in comparison to the magnificent grandeur of God’s floral wonders. Truly: “Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.” (I Corinthians 2:9)

It is the great desire of these fishermen that as many as possible join us in the ranks of that great heavenly host.

A Sheepdog Barks!

WOOF! “Non-binding?” “Plan?” What in the world is going on here? Secretary of State John Kerry in testimony last week said, “We have been clear from the beginning. This negotiation with Iran is a non-binding agree..., er plan.” That was not ever clear. He almost said agreement but caught himself and carefully used another word – “plan.” HOWL! Non-Binding! Really! What in hades is being done here? If what Obama & Kerry (the O&K Twins) are doing here is voluntary, what is the point? The only result of such ridiculous negotiations would be the elimination of the international sanctions against Iran. What a great deal for the Ayatollah. Kerry parsed his words even more. The “plan,” he said, would “have a capacity for enforcement.” Right! WOOF! Can any of you sheepdogs help me with that one? Kerry then went on to make “clear” to the Senate committee that this is not a treaty and they would not have anything to say about it. This would be another Obama “executive agreement.” This makes absolutely no sense. Of course it is a treaty. Webster says a treaty is any negotiated contract or formal agreement between two or more nations. Got it? This charade is clearly only being done to keep the U.S. Congress out of the “negotiations” all together. The O & K Twins are designing a bad deal that won’t need congressional approval. This is totally wrong. Once again the Imperial President is trying to violate our Constitution. LPSDs couch their words very carefully to justify their views. They can try to put lipstick on the pig and then call it a poodle, but it’s still a pig. Plan, executive agreement, gentleman’s agreement, international memorandum of understanding? It doesn’t matter what they want to call it. It is a nuclear non-proliferation treaty and it must require U.S. Senate advice and consent to make it legal and binding to the United States. Article 2, Section 2, Clause 2 of the Constitution makes that perfectly clear. The O & K Twins think they can trample on that by using some carefully chosen “words.” Then

they carefully leak a few of the details so “we the people” have to swallow the bad deal in small bites rather than all at once. Details like Iran would get to keep over 6000 centrifuges to enrich uranium and that it might have a sunset clause so that 10 years from now the Iranians can go ahead and make known to the world that they were developing a nuclear bomb all along. This is insane. Thankfully, a young sheepdog in the U.S. Senate “barked out.” Tom Cotton (R-AR) saw the deception and wrongdoing and barked loud enough that the whole world heard him. He got 46 other Republican senators to bark with him. The “straw lions” would have never done anything this courageous to alert America and the world to this sham of a deal that will risk the entire world to the dangers of the Iranian leadership once they have a nuclear warhead. However, I have to credit some of them for signing the letter. The LPSD leaders (aka wolves) immediately attacked. They told the sheep that the Republicans were traitorous, that the letter undermined the President of the United States, that it put the whole deal at risk and that it was unprecedented. HOWL! REALLY? Check out the editorial on page 2. What’s unprecedented is for a U.S. President to try to harm Israeli and American citizens by giving Iran a green light to develop a nuclear weapon and stop all the international sanctions at the same time. That’s what is unprecedented! WOOF! The letter didn’t side with the Ayatollah against the president. It just made one thing very clear to the Iranians - you are not just dealing with one man here, the ultimate approval rests with the U.S. Senate. Thank goodness someone was brave enough to say it. This whole “diplomatic” thing with the Iranians is a waste of time. They have no respect for international law or for any agreements they have made in the past. This has been repeatedly proven. The international agency to watch over nuclear progress, the IAEA, recently said, “We cannot tell if Iran is cheating.” Why then would we be foolish enough to go down



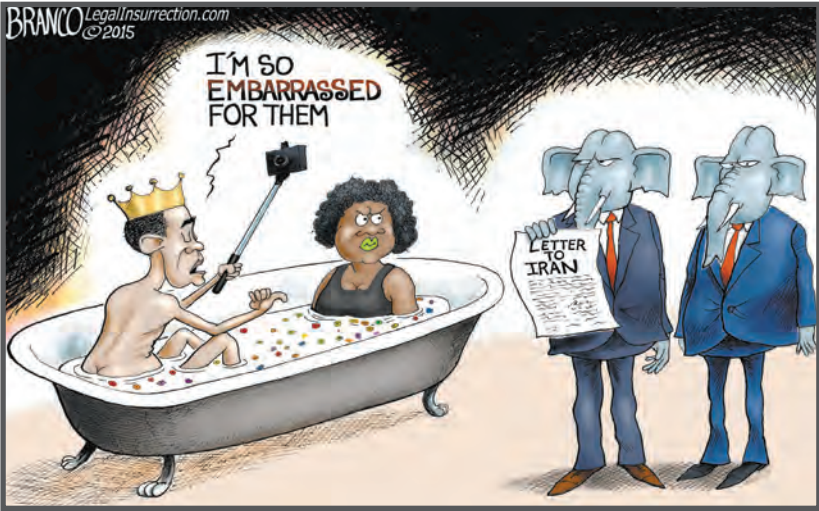
that trail again. Enough stupidity! Stop this farce of a plan – a NON-BINDING PLAN! It is doomed from the outset. You don’t need centrifuges for peaceful nuclear power requirements and you don’t need intercontinental ballistic missiles to deliver electric power to the rural areas in Iran. So why go through this senseless and time-wasting drama? President Kerry, I mean Secretary Kerry (he hasn’t gotten rid of Hillary yet), would love to have this superficial and meaningless deal. It would thrust him to the top of the Democrat candidate pile where he could once again look into the cameras, salute and say “John Kerry, reporting for duty.” That was sickening the first time, it would be unbearable a second time. Let’s not kid ourselves. This non-binding plan is a pretense and a sham. We can only hope the Tom Cotton letter does scuttle these bad negotiations. Last week Obama said he felt embarrassment for the Republicans who signed the letter. Really? The embarrassment is all his. He would empower and strengthen the threat from the Iranian regime just for his own legacy. Buzz Lightyear’s description of Woody applies here to Obama, “You are a sad, strange, little man.” Thanks Senator Cotton, we need more like you. WOOF!

Tuesday night I saw Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu claim a strong victory in Israel’s election. Great outcome, especially in light of the Obama’s operatives that went there and tried hard to elect his opponent. BTW, I saw some great side-by-side pictures on the internet of Obama and Netanyahu in their 20s. Netanyahu was a soldier serving his country. Obama was chilling out and smoking pot. Things haven’t changed much have they? WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH

Call upon Me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you,
and you shall glorify Me.

Psalm 50:1,NKJV



IG Audit: 6.5 Million People With Active Social Security Numbers are 112 or Older!

by Susan Jones, CNSNews.com

(Editor/GG: Note that the article doesn't say how many of these dead people are still receiving SS checks! And you know why, because most of them (whoever is using the numbers) STILL ARE!! More billions down the tubes. And wait till Nobamacare is a few years old.....)

Many people are living longer, but not to age 112 or beyond -- except in the records of the Social Security Administration.

The SSA's inspector general has identified 6.5 million number-holders age 112 -- or older -- for whom no death date has been entered in the main electronic file, called Numident.

The audit, dated March 4, 2015, concluded that SSA lacks the

controls necessary to annotate death information on the records of number-holders who exceed "maximum reasonable life expectancies."

"We obtained Numident data that identified approximately 6.5 million numberholders born before June 16, 1901 who did not have a date of death on their record," the report states.

Some of the numbers assigned to long-dead people were used fraudulently to open bank accounts.

And thousands of those numbers apparently were used by illegal immigrants to apply for work:

"During Calendar Years 2008 through 2011, SSA received 4,024 E-Verify inquiries using the SSNs of 3,873 numberholders born before June 16, 1901," the

report said. "These inquiries indicate individuals' attempts to use the SSNs to apply for work."

"It is incredible that the Social Security Administration in 2015 does not have the technical sophistication to ensure that people they know to be deceased are actually noted as dead," said Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

"Tens of thousands of these numbers are currently being used to report wages to the Social Security Administration and to the IRS. People are fraudulently, but successfully, applying for jobs and benefits with these numbers. Making sure Social Security cleans up its death master file to prevent future errors and fraud is a good government reform we can all agree on," Johnson said.

Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.), the committee's ranking member, called the findings a "major problem" that wastes taxpayers' money, exposes citizens to identity theft and undermines confidence in government:

"It is simply unacceptable that our nation's database of Social Security numbers of supposedly living people includes more than six and a half million people who are older than 112 years of age, with a few thousand having birth dates from before the Civil War. Preventing agency errors by keeping track of who has died is a relatively simple problem that the government should pursue as a high priority."

According to the IG, the Social Security Administration matches death reports received from various sources against its payment records, then records the date of a

number-holder's death in its Numerical Identification System, or Numident.

Information from Numident is then used to create SSA's "Death Master File," which is used by financial institutions and various government entities to prevent identity fraud. If a death is not recorded on the Numident, it will not appear in the DMF.

The IG made four recommendations for resolving the discrepancies and improving the accuracy of the Death Master File to "prevent future misuse of these SSNs."

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The Cost to Taxpayers of Obama's Christmas in Paradise

by Tyler Durden, ZeroHedge.com

Despite Janet Yellen's best efforts to eradicate poverty in America by explaining why it's important to be rich, we learned today, courtesy of the UMich Consumer Sentiment Survey, that low-income citizens not only still exist, but they in fact spoiled the March print by feeling exactly 6.5% less optimistic about their situation than they did last month.

As depressing as that is, the good news is that according to the survey, rich people are still feeling optimistic about their buying plans (presumably because they have money). If you need further confirmation that things are still going well for some U.S. citizens, consider the following, from Sputnik News:

The Obama family's 2014 Christmas vacation to Hawaii

cost taxpayers more than \$3.6 million in flight expenses alone, according to Air Force records obtained by Judicial Watch.

The president grew up in Hawaii, and Christmas there is an annual family tradition. The most recent trip marked the seventh consecutive time the Obamas have spent the holidays in Hawaii -- the sixth as the first family. **All told, those Christmas vacations have cost taxpayers \$15.5 million just in transportation expenses, according to figures obtained by Judicial Watch over the past three years...**

Last July, Obama headed to the West Coast for a three-day fundraising tour on behalf of the Democratic National Committee. His visit to Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles encompassed at least five fundraisers, including one where guests paid as much as \$32,400 to attend.

While the funds raised during the trip went to the DNC, all American taxpayers were forced to foot the \$2.4 million cost to transport the president.

You can do the math yourself on last year's excursion by adding up the flight time logged in the records of the first family's Honolulu vacation and multiplying the total by the roughly \$230,000/hour it costs to run Air Force One.

We wonder how many of the "lower-income" taxpayers that Richard Curtin blamed for spoiling the March Consumer Sentiment reading were fortunate enough to take a trip to paradise last Christmas.

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time and effort on these few detractors.

News of FFRF's issue with Noll's announcements has also served to rally the community around the principal, with many students and staff switching their Facebook and Twitter avatars to an "I support Dan Noll" image bearing the White Oak school logo, KETK news reports.

Noll, meanwhile, has expressed gratitude for those who have come to his defense.

"Thank you for all the kind words, love, and support," Noll said, according to KNUE. "I love my students and I love the staff. I never doubt where the community stands because they will always come together."

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“Takin’ It To The House...”

A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

From: Representative Jim
Wilson – HD 60
March 15, 2015

You would have to have been on another planet for the last couple of months not to have noticed that the Broncos are gearing up again to make a Super Bowl run in 2016. In the political arena across Colorado the Democrats and the Republicans are gearing up for their “Super Bowl 2016” – the November 2016 elections. There are a lot of similarities between the two “Bowls”.

The Broncos organization decided that good was not good enough and sent John Fox down the road after dominating the AFC West. Now the challenge for Gary Kubiak and his new staff is to win it all – obviously, getting close only counts in dancing and hand grenades! No pressure -- just produce... This weekend, at the Republican State Assembly, a similar story line played out with major changes at the top of the

party and high expectations being put right out there in front of everyone.

When the sun had set Saturday evening in Castle Rock, the incumbent Republican State Party Leadership Team was out the door and a new team was in place. So, what was the problem? Simple – unseating an incumbent Colorado senator, winning a tough congressional race, making an incumbent governor sweat out reelection, turning the state senate red again, and closing the gap in the State House was not enough! Like the Broncos, winning is one thing – winning it all is another...

After the smoke had cleared and the votes were counted, Ryan Call (incumbent chair) had been replaced by Steve House. House had received a lot of exposure during his bid for the nomination for the governor’s race during the Republican Primary in 2014. Mark Baisley (incumbent vice-chair) had been unseated by Der-

rick Wilburn. Wilburn’s passion is to bridge the gap that exists among conservative political causes and parties and ethnic-minorities in the U.S.A. Lana Fore (incumbent secretary) had been ousted by Brandi Meek of Moffat County. Meek is a 31-year-old single mom who chaired the Moffat County Republicans.

So, there you have it – new leadership for the Broncos and new leadership for the Republicans. High expectations abound for 2016 in both organizations. It is all shaping up to be an interesting year as the state of Colorado “goes for broke” in more than one arena. Oh, and do not think for a minute that the Democrats are immune to the leadership drama. Rick Palacio won a third term as chair of the Colorado Democratic Party in a divisive leadership race, highlighting the pressure within the Democratic Party to protect their other Colorado senator and win back seats

in the Colorado General Assembly. Stay tuned...the “Super Bowls” will be here before you know it!

HB 15-1251, dealing with the mandated five-year adjustment of Denver Public Schools’ Retirement System combining with PERA, will be heard on the House floor this week. What was supposed to be a simple “true-up” bill promises to be a battle in the House and a war in the Senate! I am SO glad I signed on the bill as a bi-partisan co-sponsor...I needed more excitement at the Capitol!

The all-important state revenue forecast is due to be released this week. The forecast will determine the amount of money available for the upcoming state

budget. As we watch the dollars being allocated, stay in touch at 303-866-2747 or e-mail us at wilsonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.house@state.co.us.

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