

He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

Matthew 28:6

by Pastor Glenn Shock,
First Baptist Church of Westcliffe

The most significant event in human history is celebrated this Sunday. Easter is the celebration of the Risen Savior. Many would say the birth of the Savior was the most significant event, and even though God sending His only Son to be born of a virgin was an amazing event, the culmination of that sending was in the ultimate purpose for which He was sent. Jesus came to live a sinless life and to die a horrible death on the cross and to be raised victoriously on the third day!

Josh McDowell in his book, “Evidence That Demands a Verdict,” states the following:

For centuries many of the world’s distinguished philosophers have assaulted Christianity as being irrational, superstitious, and absurd. Many have chosen simply to ignore the central issue of the resurrection. Others have tried to explain it away through various theories, but the historical evidence just can’t be discounted.

A student at the University of Uruguay said to me, “Professor McDowell, why can’t you refute Christianity?” “For a very simple reason,” I answered, “I am not able to explain away an event in history--the resurrection of Jesus Christ.” How can we explain the empty tomb? Can it possibly be accounted for by any natural cause?

After more than 700 hours of studying this subject, I have come to the conclusion that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is either one of the most wicked, vicious, heartless hoaxes ever foisted on the minds of human beings--or it is the most re-

markable fact of history.

The resurrection of Jesus has been substantiated by more than 500 witnesses that saw Him after the resurrection! The amazing fact is that the Messiah not only came to earth and lived a sinless life, but he truly died on the cross and after three days in the tomb came to life and was resurrected from the dead!



What does that mean for me, you may ask? The truth of the matter is that each of us must ask the same question of ourselves that Pilate asked at the crucifixion. Pilate responded, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” Matthew 27:22. What will you do with this Jesus they call the Messiah? You can reject Him or you can believe and put your trust

in Him. Many would say what difference does it make? I don’t believe in God and certainly not in Jesus. For my life I would say if you are right and I am wrong then I have lost nothing, but if Jesus is truly the Son of God as he claimed then your unbelief will cost you everything.

Our city has been racked with several tragedies in recent times. I truly believe the issue is a void of hope in people’s lives. Hope can only come from trusting in the one who is greater than any problem we can face. Christ never promised to relieve us of all our troubles, on the contrary, He stated that in this world we would have troubles, but that we should be of good cheer because He had overcome the world. (John 16:33)

This anonymous essay states it well:

“He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

“He never had a family or owned



Pastor Glenn Shock

Courtesy photo

a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never wrote a book, or held an office. He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness.

“While He was still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends deserted Him. He was turned over to His enemies, and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had --- His coat.

“When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave. Three days later he Rose from the Dead!

“Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure for much of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as this “One Solitary Life.”

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Public Hearings Scheduled for OHV Road Use

by Paul Sage

Working together with county citizens making the proposal, representatives from the towns, the county Sheriff, and the Board of County Commissioners have hammered out a proposal to regulate the legal use of off-highway vehicles on county roads.

Off Highway Vehicles (OHVs) are things like the

various types of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and trail bikes that are typically not able to be licensed for use on state roadways. Several cases of vehicles are specifically excluded in the ordinance. These include things like snowmobiles, military vehicles, golf carts, and a few other classes.

The proposed ordinance

will require operators to be licensed drivers, carry minimum liability insurance, and abide by all normal traffic ordinances. The vehicles will also be required to be registered with and have the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife sticker on them to be legally operated on the roads.

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife registration stick-

er costs \$25.25 and must be renewed annually. The term of the registration runs April 1 to March 31 of each year. The registration can be done online or by mail through Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Locally the registration sticker can be obtained through Stanwood Motorsports at 501 Ohio Street in Silver Cliff.

As part of the passage of

the ordinance (#15-01), it will be formally introduced and read at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on April 7th. It will again be read and adopted at the April 30th meeting. These are public meetings designed to afford the public with an opportunity to review the proposed ordinance and provide feedback before it becomes law.

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*He is not here;
he has risen,
just as he said.
Come and see the
place where he lay.*

**Matt. 28:6
NIV**



We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not granted to us by politicians or governments. Freedom demands responsible behavior of all citizens and must be consistent with the truths expressed in the great moral and governing guides as The Ten Commandments, The Declaration of Independence, The U.S. Constitution, and The Bill of Rights.

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

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

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

A TENACIOUS WATCHDOG FOR THE PEOPLE

Judicial Watch (JW) is a great organization that watches over wrongdoing in our government and in our courts. JW has had to file an unprecedented number of lawsuits (almost 200) just to break through the habitual and illegal stonewalling of the Obama Administration. JW presently has lawsuits regarding Illegal Immigration, Obamacare, Benghazi, the IRS, and Operation Fast and Furious. They work hard every day to thwart Obama's unprecedented and illegal efforts to govern by Executive Actions in order to change laws or work around Congress. Here is how JW President Tom Fitton describes his organization and its work:

"Judicial Watch, Inc., a conservative, non-partisan educational foundation, promotes transparency, accountability and integrity in government, politics, and the law. Through its educational endeavors, Judicial Watch advocates high standards of ethics and morality in our nation's public life and seeks to ensure that political and judicial officials do not abuse the powers entrusted to them by the American people. Judicial Watch fulfills its educational mission through litigation, investigations, and public outreach.

The motto of Judicial Watch is "Because no one is above the law". To this end, Judicial Watch uses the open records or freedom of information laws

and other tools to investigate and uncover misconduct by government officials and litigation to hold to account politicians and public officials who engage in corrupt activities.

Litigation and the civil discovery process not only uncover information for the education of the American people on anti-corruption issues, but can also provide a basis for civil authorities to criminally prosecute corrupt officials. Judicial Watch seeks to ensure high ethical standards in the judiciary through monitoring activities and the use of the judicial ethics process to hold judges to account.

Judicial Watch's investigation, legal, and judicial activities provide the basis for strong educational outreach to the American people. Judicial Watch's public education programs include speeches, opinion editorials (op-eds), publications, educational conferences, media outreach, radio and news television appearances, and direct radio outreach through informational commercials and public service announcements.

Through its Open Records Project, Judicial Watch also provides training and legal services to other conservatives concerning how to effectively use the Freedom of Information Act and other open records laws to achieve conservative goals of accountability and openness in government.

Through its publication The Verdict and occasional special reports, Judicial Watch educates the public about abuses and misconduct by political and judicial officials, and advocates for the need for an ethical, law abiding and moral civic culture.

Judicial Watch also pursues this educational effort through (its) Internet site where many of the open records documents, legal filings, and other educational materials are made available to the public and media. This educational effort, which includes direct mailings to millions of Americans, educates the public about operations of government and the judiciary and increases public awareness if corruption and misconduct exists."

You can read about and contribute to JW's tenacious efforts at Judicial-Watch.org. They can use our support and help.

National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day is observed annually on April 9 (Next Thursday). This day was introduced to honor American veterans of any wars that returned home after being released from prisons. The date of April 9 was chosen to commemorate the same day in 1942, when United States forces surrendered to the Imperial Japanese Army on the Bataan Peninsula and began the Bataan Death March. During the march prisoners were physical-

ly abused and many died. The brutal actions of the Japanese Army were later judged to be war crimes. National Former POW Recognition Day had been observed from 1942 to 1976 on a national level, but now only some states hold commemorative services.

Take a moment to think about all our military men and women who were captured during America's wars and were abused, starved and tortured, some for many years, in places like the German POW Camps and the Hanoi Hilton. This day should not be confused with National POW/MIA Day which is in September.

We should also not be confused about who is being recognized on this day. It is not for the few soldiers, like Bowe Bergdahl, who voluntarily deserted their units and willingly sought out the enemy. Bergdahl was not a POW and deserves no such recognition or honor. If his captors mistreated him, it is all on him. The U.S. Army is charging Bergdahl with desertion and misbehavior with the enemy. Thursday, April 9, belongs to those that truly served with "honor and distinction" and were taken prisoner against their wills. We do owe them a debt of gratitude for all their suffering while captured.

Actress needed for On Golden Pond at WCPA/ Jones Theater

The Westcliffe Center for Performing Arts is looking for an actress to play the part of Chelsea in its upcoming production of "On Golden Pond." Chelsea is the adult daughter of the elderly couple Norman and Ethel, therefore, the actress must be age 40-55. Rehearsal is currently underway with show times slated for May 22, 23, 24, and May 29, 30, 31, at the WCPA/Jones Theater in Westcliffe.

"On Golden Pond" was written in 1979 by Ernest Thompson who lat-

er adapted his play into a screenplay of the same title. That 1981 classic American family drama film starred Henry Fonda and Katherine Hepburn as the aging couple Norman and Ethel, and Jane Fonda as Chelsea.

For more information about the upcoming production, call the WCPA/Jones Theater at 719/783-3004. To arrange an audition to portray Chelsea, contact play director Scott Chapman at 719/429-6804.



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Has Political Correctness Made Us Stupid?

The question of the day for me is, "Has political correctness made us stupid?" Based on the latest shenanigans from under the golden dome in Denver, tells me that stupidity has taken hold. Our assembly has taken the first steps toward establishing a panel of native Americans, I hate that term, that will approve or disapprove the use of school mascot names for their sports teams. Schools wishing to use names like "Braves" or "Apaches" will have two years to make their case to a board of nine "native Americans" to get approval to keep their mascot names. If they do not get approval and keep their name, a fine of \$25,000 per month will be assessed after a two-year period. I guess that the two years will allow the students to think about their decision. So, our already fiscally stressed schools will ei-

ther have to go through the expense of changing their mascot name or pay the fine.

Well, I have some news for Joe Salazar (D-Thornton), bill sponsor. Before he embarrasses himself any more, he should look at the federal Government's names for weaponry. To defend our country including our Indian, Asian, and Hispanic citizens, we have "Tomahawk" cruise missiles and "Apache," "Blackhawk," "Kiowa," and "Lakota" helicopters. The code name for the mission to kill Osama bin Laden was, now get this, "Geronimo." For those politically correct Americans who find merit in efforts like the de-naming of the Washington Redskins, they should engage in a serious debate of why so many Indian names have been used over the years. Could it be that the

these names remind us that our original immigrants are brave, fierce in battle, community oriented, possess pride in their heritage, are models of team work, in possession of toughness, and among the most resourceful peoples that ever occupied our country? Could they be honoring the contributions of the "Wind Talkers" who helped defeat the Japanese in the Pacific?

Yes, I fear that "political correctness" has infected many of our elected policy makers. The symptoms of this affliction are loss of objectivity, small mindedness, a thinning of the skin, a compulsion to waste time, loss of common sense, and intolerance in the extreme. It is time for thinking citizens to reconsider who we send to Denver to represent us.

Joe Cascarelli
Westcliffe, CO

Our Hope for This Easter

We, at St. Patrick's Anglican Church, were visiting after services and decided we wanted to express our hope to the community that all will have a fulfilling Holy Week and Easter.

The God who created multiple complex universes, set our planet in a perfect position to receive rain and grow food for all its beautiful, wondrous species, the God who invented DNA and made it possible for life to exist at all, made himself human, and came down to earth to teach us how to follow His laws for everlasting happiness, and to offer us eternal life with Him.

The climax of this unspeakably generous act was His suffering and death, and effable Resurrection on Easter. We are not differ-

ent from those who said, "crucify him." Every time we act selfishly, or disobey his commandments, this is what we are doing.

It is not up to us to make up our own rules as we go along; God knows what is good. He IS GOOD.

Church membership has gone down throughout our culture, but that doesn't seem to be making us a better people, we think it is akin to making us orphans, separated from our Christian families. That is why we are hoping this letter will convince a few people in our community to try a church this week. Remember, the church should not conform to the world, it is we who need to conform to Christ through His body the Church. We need to ask

forgiveness for the things we have done, although we might not have done them to be bad on purpose. Doing the wrong thing is human. Being forgiven belongs to God.

Our community seems to be kind of out of whack lately, with name calling and blame getting thrown around, and this is not bringing us together as a people. With the tragedies we keep experiencing, we need each other, and we need to love one another and forgive one another. We hope this special week with help all of us do that. May we be renewed. God bless all readers!

The Folks of St. Patrick's Anglican Church.

**"Don't be alarmed," he said.
"You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene,
who was crucified.
He has risen! He is not here."**

Mark 16:6, NIV

Ask a Pro: Sulfur or Rotten Egg Smell in Water.

Sulfur that occurs in a well can either be naturally occurring or caused by reactions to man-made elements. Some wells experience increases in sulfur during the spring melt or after a heavy rain. This problem can often be solved by performing, a one-time shock chlorination and flushing of the well.

If the sulfur occurs only in your hot water the culprit is usually the 'anode-rod' in the hot water heater; this is easily removed.

There are very few if any places in the valley that these simple steps will not fix a sulfur problem. However

next year you may need to chlorinate again.

Conversely once 'down the hill' the waters of the Greenhorn Limestone and Dakota Aquifer east of the Wet Mountains; contain sulfurs and require a properly designed (expensive) system to oxidize and filter the water. Just another reason life's good in the WMV.

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Commissioners Respond to Hospital District Allegations

Analysis and Commentary
by Paul Sage

On March 31st the Custer County Board of County Commissioners responded to the long string of allegations made against them by the Hospital District and clinic administrator in recent months regarding their “service plan” with a March 31, 2015 Press Release. *(Editor/GG: It appears that the Commissioners have washed their hands of the dysfunctional and poorly managed clinic. I don’t blame them.)*

The questions regarding the plan surround the district’s long-running failure to abide by the plan under which it was established in 1988. There has been no end to the reasons and excuses, legitimate and otherwise, why they don’t do so any longer.

In the Press Release the County Commissioners have again reminded the district that they are independently responsible for their own policies, which numerous clinic board administrations have felt free to change at will without input from the public by the established procedures.

The current “amended service plan” makes provision of an ambulance service optional rather than mandatory. This should provide motivation for Custer Emergency Services, reviewing recommendations from the recent RETAC review, to recommend that it be finally removed from the Hospital District and stand alone in its own district to provide the emergency services needed by the county in a responsible, cost effective, priority manner. With its own special district, the citizens of Custer County can be sure that the recent new mill levy for the ambulance service indeed goes to that mission rather than disappearing into the clinic’s way out-of-proportion management overhead expense. The current clinic administrator has referred to EMS as an “A-bomb” and a hindrance to his clinic operation which might explain the extremely high turnover in dedicated EMS personnel over the last few years. EMS needs management that believes in its mission rather than just the mill levy income. To the citizens who pay for it, it is more likely considered the potential difference between life and death.

Custer County Press Release

The Board of County Commissioners for Custer County wishes to address the allegations that have been made that it is “stalling” and refusing to take action on a proposal filed by the West Custer County Hospital District to modify its Service Plan. The proposal was filed on June 23, 2014, in the form of a letter from Joe Arbuckle who was Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hospital District at the time (Joe has since resigned from the Board). The letter requested that certain changes be approved, but it also candidly acknowledged that all the requested changes had already “occurred well before our board assumed its duties and these changes should

have been made at the time they were previously implemented.”

Therefore, the Board of County Commissioners was essentially being asked to ratify modifications to the original Service Plan that had been in effect for a significant period of time rather than being asked to consider proposed changes and whether those proposed changes were in the best interest of this community. We declined to simply “rubber stamp” the unilateral actions of the Hospital District.

The Board of County Commissioners does not have any statutory authority to oversee or supervise the operations of the

Hospital District. Whether we agree or disagree with how the Hospital District has been managed in the past or is being managed at the present time is immaterial. The West Custer County Hospital District was approved by the voters in 1988 and it became an autonomous political subdivision of the State of Colorado at that time. The only ongoing role the Board of County Commissioners has with respect to the operation of the Hospital District is to approve any modifications or amendments of the Service Plan that are proposed or to seek a court injunction to stop the pro-

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Founder of Oath Keepers in Cañon City April 19

by George Gramlich

Stewart Rhodes, the founder of the great Oath Keepers organization is coming to Veterans Park in Cañon City on April 19, Patriot’s Day, (the 240-year anniversary of “The Shot Heard Around the World”) as the featured speaker in an event organized by the Liberty Action Group of Pueblo. The event starts at 11:30 a.m. with George Rivera’s Fat Chance Blues Band. Other luminaries currently scheduled to appear are Colorado State Senator Kevin Grantham and former Congressman Tom Tancredo. The event is free.

Founded after Mr. Rhodes and others were shocked by the illegal behavior of some law enforcement officers during and after Hurricane Katrina, the Oath Keepers organization has grown in size and influence to become one of the top military, police, and first-responder patriot groups in the country.

From the Oath Keepers website:

Oath Keepers is a non-partisan association of current and formerly serving military, police, and first responders who pledge to fulfill the oath all military and police take to “defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic.” That oath, mandated by Article VI of the Constitution itself, is to the Constitution, not to the politicians, and Oath Keepers declare that they will not obey unconstitutional orders, such as orders to disarm the American people, to conduct warrantless searches, or to detain Americans as “enemy combatants” in violation of their ancient right to jury trial.

See the Oath Keepers Declaration of Orders We Will Not Obey for details.

Oath Keepers reaches out to both current serving and veterans to remind them of their oaths, to teach them more about the Constitution they swore to defend, and to inspire them to defend it. See below for details on how we do that.

Our motto is “**Not on our watch!**”

Also from the Oath Keepers website is a short biographical note on Mr. Rhodes:

Stewart is the founder and Director of Oath Keepers. He served as a U.S. Army paratrooper until disabled in a rough terrain parachuting accident during a night jump.

He is a former firearms instructor and former member of Rep. Ron Paul’s DC staff.

Stewart previously wrote the monthly Enemy at the Gates column for S.W.A.T. Magazine

Stewart graduated from Yale Law School in 2004, where his paper “Solving the Puzzle of Enemy Combatant Status” won Yale’s Miller prize for best paper on the Bill of Rights. He assisted teaching U.S. military history at Yale, was a Yale Research Scholar, and is writing a book on the dangers of applying the laws of war to the American people.

This is a chance of a lifetime to hear one of the leaders of the patriot movement in the country. For additional information please see the flyer in this issue of the Sentinel.

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Custer County is blessed to be able to offer an extraordinary opportunity for healing at Dave

Roever's Eagles Summit Ranch. Now we need YOU to step up and make that opportunity a reality.

There is a group of twelve wounded warriors who are waiting to participate in a life-changing session at ESR in June. But we need to provide the funding for that to happen. Any size donation will help. We're asking everyone in our community to help us give something back to these men and women who have put their lives on the line.

If you'd like to read more about Eagles Summit



Ranch and the difference it makes in the lives of everyone who goes through the program, please stop by the *Sentinel* office or go to our website at www.sdc sentinel.com.

We'd like to thank the individuals and businesses who have already contributed to this effort:

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A New Eatery in Town

Story & photo by Candi Sage

Jeff Little and Breanna Nicole Greenstreet are not newcomers, yet they bring a new flavor of 'eats' to the valley. Located at 104 Main Street, JB's Cafe is currently open Monday from 11 a.m. to 3 a.m. and Tuesday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and features both breakfast and lunch menus, both available all day.

Jeff and Breanna work together to bring a variety of choices including a BYOB: "build your own breakfast" plate, biscuits and gravy, omelets, eggs benedict, JB's breakfast burrito, a variety of pancakes and an "American Stud Muffin". Espresso, lattes, tea, and regular coffee

are available along with homemade pies and Italian sodas.

Their lunch menu includes nine varieties of paninis with choices of chicken, prime rib, smoked turkey, eggplant, pork, beef, and veggie. Other items featured are the Valley Po' Boy, Monte Cristo, gyro, and a specialty item of marinated pork with zesty Cuban spices.

Breanna reports that all sandwich spreads and dressings are homemade and this week have added twelve ice cream flavors. She said the plan at this point is to remain open every day of the week until they determine the best day to be closed (or perhaps until a day off is desperately needed!).



Welcome, Deputy Tim Allmond

Deputy Tim Allmond is the newest employee in the Custer County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Allmond graduated from the POST Academy in Colorado Springs in December, and upon fulfilling the requirements of the hiring process, joined the Custer County team.

Tim had wanted to be a police officer since he was in elementary school when he had an interaction with an officer that made an impression on him.

Tim's father was in the military, so they moved quite a bit as Tim was growing up, and in 1990 he settled in Fountain. Tim has a house in Florissant, and, for now, is staying with friends in Custer County a few days a week so he doesn't have to commute every day.

Deputy Allmond is excited to serve Custer County and become part of our community. With his love of outdoor sports, such as hunting and fishing, it's already a great fit.

Please welcome Deputy Allmond to Custer County!

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

ATTENTION RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT

Choir Practice

Now that we have your attention, the Custer County Sheriff's Department would like meet and get to know all of the retired law enforcement personnel living in Custer County.

The Sheriff and Undersheriff would like to have a breakfast so we can meet all of you and hear your stories.

This is a great opportunity for us to talk with you, as your work in the field is what guides us today.

*Join us April 16th at 7:30 a.m.
at the Silver Cliff Mountain Inn*

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St. Patrick's Anglican Church

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Alleluia

**Good Friday—Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.
Easter 11 a.m. Holy Communion**

**Brunch follows Easter Service—all welcome
401 S. Second Street, Westcliffe
783-2500**

School District's Crisis Reponse Plan

by Chris Selle

With the continued focus on school safety, I would like to share with parents and the community basics of the school district's crisis response plan that is posted on the school's website: www.custercountyschools.org. The plan is constantly updated with new prevention and response strategies. Employees are continually trained on this plan. Additionally, cooperative efforts to strengthen the plan occur on a regular basis with the Custer County Office of Emergency Management and other applicable county agencies.

The most important aspects of the plan include four common responses that occur in schools: lockout, lockdown, evacuate, and shelter.

- Lockout occurs when a potential threat exists outside the school building. The perimeter of the building is secured, but operations continue as normal inside the building.

- Lockdown occurs when a threat is identified inside the building. Classroom doors are locked, lights are turned off, and teachers move students away from any line of sight into the classroom.

- Evacuations occur when students need to be removed from the building. A fire inside the building is a typical example of this response.

- Shelter is the least likely response to occur in our school. This occurs when there is a need for students to take shelter, for example, due to a tornado.

Following spring break, the district will regularly practice these situations. For the remainder of this year, these drills will be scheduled and announced in advance so that anxiety is not created for students, staff members, parents, or the community.

In the event of an evacua-

tion, reunification centers have been identified. Elementary students will proceed to Cliff Lanes and secondary students will proceed to Valley Bible Fellowship. It is important for parents to avoid the school and proceed directly to these sites in the event of an evacuation. Additionally, it is critical for parents to know that the school district will only release students to individuals listed as parents or emergency contacts in the school's student information system. Also, volunteers will help man the reunification centers. Because many volunteers may not recognize parents or emergency contacts, a photo ID will be required before any child is released. It is essential that parents understand they will need to bring a photo ID to reunification centers.

The proceeding information is intended to provide insight into the proactive steps the school has taken to ensure student safety. Please contact the school district office at 783-2357 should you have questions about this information.



But with respect to future debt; would it not be wise and just for that nation to declare in the constitution they are forming that neither the legislature, nor the nation itself can validly contract more debt, than they may pay within their own age, or within the term of 19 years.

Thomas Jefferson

Founding Father and Third President of the United States

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Bobcats Go To Washington

A group of Custer County Middle School students recently returned from their school trip to Washington, D.C. Students experienced the foundations of our government firsthand, as they visited the White House, Capitol, and heard a lecture in the Supreme Court. Students were awestruck visiting the Holocaust Memorial Museum and the many memorials located in the area.

This was a group of young people who made an effort to soak in everything they could from the trip. Thank you, again, to all of the community members and families that helped make this trip possible. A special thanks to the following organizations: The Silver Cliff Mountain Inn; The Custer County Historical and Genealogical Society; and the American Legion Post 170. Select students will be giving a brief report at our next school board meeting.

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of public liberty and happiness.*

Samuel Adams - Founding Father

Bobcats Sport Schedule

TRACK

Saturday, April 4

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

Friday, April 10

8 a.m.: Ray E. Choate Invitational at Primero

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Baseball, 2015: Doing Whatever it Takes!

by Jim Silver

Smiles were on the faces of some Custer County baseball players at practice over spring break, even with a slimmer than usual turnout. As Coach Allen Paxton put it, he was “thankful for the opportunity before them, keeping the ball players moving.” There’s optimism in his calling 2015 baseball “making the best of it,” and it has taken shape in a way that neither he nor his players might have anticipated. Because of graduating most of last year’s baseball team and with the number who turned out to play a few weeks ago as this season started, the Bobcats’ prospects for putting together a team looked dim. Custer County could come up with a roster of only 10 or 11 players. But, there’s some good news here, and we’ll continue to use the name “Custer County” when speaking of our Westcliffe players as this story continues.

This is because the Custer County players will go north on Highway 69 to the 1-A cut-off and down the hill this season, to put on the uniforms of the “Cotopaxi Pirates” on game day. Cotopaxi has 14 student-athletes in their program, so with a total roster of 25 for the combined team, this arrangement works well for both schools. This all came about after the Pirates had played their first game on March 13 against Cripple Creek-Victor. Custer County joined up for an at-home (Cotopaxi) double-header a



Batting instruction with Custer County Coach Allen Paxton kneeling, and Cotopaxi Coach Christensen with the bat. Assistant coaches Hiebert-left and Armenta-right in background.

week later on the 21st. The team has not yet posted a win, but we can look for good things to happen as the season progresses.

Coach Paxton describes the plan this way: Custer County players will practice here on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and they board the bus to travel to Cotopaxi on Monday and Wednesday for a whole-team practice. At that time, he joins the coaching staff of Head Coach Ryan Christensen, along with his 2 assistant coaches. Shane Armenta has worked with Coach Christensen for 12 years, and Terry Hiebert for 4 years. Coach Christensen believes that this will work well for all of the student-athletes—to have all four coaches working with them. He says, “I really enjoy working with Coach Paxton, and have known him [for years] and, coached against him often when he played for the Bobcats.”

Coach Christensen himself has a similar story

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

with his own high school baseball career and this season’s solution. He graduated from Cotopaxi High School in 1991 but traveled up the hill to play ball with the Bobcats since Cotopaxi had no team back then. “I know what these boys and girls feel like,” he says, “and both schools will benefit by their mixing together.” He adds, “It will take a bit of time for them to learn how each other plays.”

So, the *Sentinel* will report the baseball season of the Cotopaxi Pirates and try to make us all better acquainted with the whole team as the season goes on. The team travels to Antonito for their next game on Friday, April 3rd. The following game is on the home field in Cotopaxi on April 11th against Primero. The season schedule will be published soon and now shows games through April. Coach Christensen says he’s working on getting a few extra games on the schedule. So, GO PI-RATES!

Pirates Sport Schedule

VARSITY BASEBALL

Friday, April 3
11 a.m.: Antonito AWAY (2 games)

Saturday, April 11
11 a.m.: Primero at HOME (2 games)

FFA Updates Contact Lists

The Custer County FFA Chapter is working on reconfiguring its contact lists for upcoming events, such as the Parent/Member Banquet. If you have not received an invitation by April 6, and believe you have been

overlooked, please contact the FFA Advisor, Lia McGee, at her office (7197834954), cell phone (3716221), or email (lia.mcgee@cbbobcats.net).

~ Noah Tillotson,
FFA Reporter

*There was a violent earthquake,
for an angel of the Lord came down
from heaven and, going to the tomb,
rolled back the stone and sat on it.*

Matthew 28:2, NIV

Westcliffe's Got Talent Show April 9th

The popular Westcliffe’s Got Talent Show will be held next Thursday April 9th in the West Gym at 6:30 p.m. The talent show is a fundraiser for the CCHS After Prom party. Many of the talents will be from students but community members are welcome to dust off their talents and perform. Entry fee is \$10 and there will be a \$50 prize for 1st place, and \$20 and \$10 for 2nd and 3rd. Entry forms are available at the main office of the school. One of the most enjoyable concepts of the show

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



Bobcat Menu • April 6 - April 9, 2015

Monday breakfast	Tuesday breakfast	Wednesday breakfast	Thursday breakfast
Waffles	Scrambled Eggs	Banana or Blueberry Muffin Loaves	Sausage Gravy
Sausage Links	W. W. Toast	Fruit	Biscuits
Fruit, Milk	Fruit, Milk	Fruit	Fruit, Milk
lunch	lunch	lunch	lunch
BBQ Chicken Sandwich	Soft Beef Taco	Toasted Cheese Sandwich	Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce
Choice of Veg.	Rice	Tomato Soup	Garlic Roll
Choice of Fruit	Choice of Veg. & Fruit	Choice of Veg. & Fruit	Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk

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

KIDS

Friday, April 3, 2015

It's Empty!

On the Sunday morning after Jesus was crucified, a woman named Mary went to visit the grave where the body of Jesus had been laid. When she got there, she found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. She ran to find someone to tell them what she had seen. She found two of the disciples, Peter and John, and she said to them, “They have taken our Lord out of the tomb and we don’t know where they have put him.” (John 20:2 NIV)



The three of them immediately ran to the tomb. When they got there, they all saw the same thing, but they didn’t all look at it in the same way.

Peter looked and was curious. The Bible says Peter went in the empty tomb and looked around. He saw strips of linen laying around and the cloth that Jesus had been buried in folded neatly and placed where the body had been. “Hmmm, very interesting,” Peter might have said to himself.

Mary looked and was sad. The Bible tells us that Mary didn’t even go inside the empty tomb. She just stood outside the tomb and wept because she feared that someone had stolen the body of Jesus.

John looked and believed. The Bible says that John went inside the tomb and he saw and believed. Now, I don’t know exactly how much John understood, but I think he believed that Jesus had risen from the grave just as he said he would.

Three people -- they all saw the same thing -- one was curious, one was sad, and one believed. I think that is pretty much the same way people react to the story of Jesus today. Some people hear the story and they are curious, others hear it and think it is sad, others hear it and believe. How do you look at it?

Dear Lord, today we look into an empty grave. Help us all to see and believe that Jesus has risen just as he said he would. Amen.

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Available May 1st: 4 Bedroom 1 1/2 Bath house in Silver Cliff. Attached garage. \$700/month plus utilities. Trash provided. No smoking/pets. (719) 783-2821



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For Sale

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

Help Wanted

Custer County School District C-1 is accepting applications for **school bus drivers** for the 2015-16 school year. Applicants that possess a Colorado Class A or B driver's license 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 endorsement(s). Starting salary for this position is \$12.74 per hour, but open to negotiation based on school bus driving experience. This position also provides a full district benefits package including health insurance. For more information please contact Dave Bennett, Transportation Director, at 719-660-5004 or 783-9779, or pick up applications at the Administration office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe. Applications are also available on the school district website, custercountyschools.org. CCSD is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in employment.

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Holy Week and Resurrection Sunday Church Services

Resurrection Sunday is close at hand. For your convenience we have compiled a list of various church services that will be held in addition to the regular Sunday church services.

The Community United Methodist Church, located at 202 S. 6th Street, Westcliffe, will be hosting a Good Friday Service, April 3, and a Taize service at 6 p.m. On Resurrection Sunday services will be at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and a brunch at 9 a.m.

The First Baptist Church, located at 417 S. 6th Street, Westcliffe, will be hosting, along with several other churches, a Sunrise Service on the Bluff at 7 a.m. on Resurrection Sunday. They will also have their regular 10:45 a.m. Sunday service with communion.

Community Easter Sunrise Service (Resurrection Sunday)
Sunday, April 5, at 7:00 a.m. on the Bluff at the west end of Westcliffe, hosted by the First Baptist Church and several other churches. Family and friends welcome.

Sangre de Cristo Fellowship, located at 120 Jerry Court, Westcliffe, will be celebrating Good Friday, April 3, at 7 p.m. with a unique Tenebrae service filled with worship and reflections from the foot of

the cross. On Resurrection Sunday, they will have a continental breakfast at 8 a.m. followed by a worship service beginning at 9 a.m.

Valley Bible Fellowship, located at 116 Hermit Lane, Silver Cliff, will host a Good Friday service at 6:30 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church is located at 3rd & Powell Streets in Westcliffe. Good Friday at 7 p.m.; and Easter Service at 10:30 p.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, located at 3rd & Rosita Streets in Westcliffe will offer a Good Friday service at Noon, Palm Sunday service at 10:30 a.m., and Easter Sunday service 10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church, located at 109 S. 5th Street, Westcliffe, offers the following Masses:

Good Friday: April 3,
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday:
April 4, Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday
April 5, Easter Mass at 11 a.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday
April 12, Mass at 11 a.m.

Have a Blessed Resurrection Sunday.

Billings Celebrate 40th Anniversary

Danny R. Billings married Dagne Christine Seegren on March 28, 1975, at Tulsa University Chapel in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

We met at Garnett Church of Christ in Tulsa. We worked on the Joy Bus at church picking up children without transportation. We dated about six months before marrying.

We have two children. Chris and Sommer both live in the Tulsa area. Chris is married to Candace and they have three children: Landon is ten, Carter is six, and Laney is four. Sommer is married to Austin Baker.

Dagne went back to finish college at age 37, then became an elementary first grade teacher. Later she finished

her master's degree which was her lifetime goal. She taught for eighteen years. She taught a GED program for six years. Danny sold insurance for twenty-five years. They are retired and living in Westcliffe.

They are celebrating their fortieth anniversary in Tulsa around March 28 with family and friends.



DANNY AND DAGNE BILLINGS



Come and Worship



Christian Science
9:30 a.m. Worship
8 Bassick Place
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.
Those who love the world don't have the Father's love in them.
Not everything that the world offers--
physical gratification, greed,
and extravagant lifestyles--
comes from the Father.
1 John 2:15 - 16 GW*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wild West Cowboy Church
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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Events Calendar

Friday, April 3 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: Movie: "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"	Thursday, April 9 6:30 p.m.: 'After Prom' fundraiser: "Westcliffe's Got Talent" in CCCS's West Gym
Saturday, April 4 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Howard Fire Department., 8274 US Hwy 50 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: Movie: "...Marigold Hotel"	Saturday, April 11 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Saddle Cleaning Class at Wet Mtn Valley Saddle Club: Cost \$5, Limited space. Contact Tiffani at wmvssaddleclub@gmail.com
Monday, April 6 6 - 8 p.m.: Saddle Club: Monthly member meeting and potluck dinner; guest speaker Willie Britt	Saturday, April 18 7 a.m. - noon: 9 Health Fair at Custer County School, 709 Main Street, Westcliffe 8 a.m.: Wet Mtn. Valley Saddle Club: Vet Clinic and Tack Sale; Noon: Dressage Demonstration
Tuesday, April 7 Library CLOSED for staff training	

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 Emilie at (719) 371-5974	(March-October) at the Saddle Club.
Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Custer County public transit service available to everyone through Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343	Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.: Library open in downtown Westcliffe; 783-9138
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Noon: Lunch served at Custer County Senior Center located on first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 am	Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Line dancers meet at the Methodist Church. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370 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 Emilie at (719) 371-5974 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Custer County Community Band practice in band room at high school
Monday and Thursday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in Silver Cliff assisting new mothers and families. Free pregnancy tests, ultrasound, counseling, and more. Call 783-4357	Thursday Second Thursday of the Month: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., "Ask a Nurse" at the library
Tuesday 12 - 4:30 p.m.: Bridge Club meets in the library community room in downtown Westcliffe. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.: Jammin' band at The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff	Friday 6 p.m.: Open discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emilie (719) 371-5974
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	Saturday 10 a.m.: Wet Mountain AI-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

Crazy Days (& Crazy Nights)

We can always find some reason to celebrate. Please check out the National Days and Months below. Surely you will find one or two that will give you cause to celebrate. If you want to know the origins and details of any of them, please go to NationalDayCalendar.com and check them out. For April we especially like National Pet Day (11th) and Administrative Professionals Day (22nd). Or maybe National Humor Month would better suit you - we can't do without it! Anyway, we are sure you can find some reason to smile. See you on the 4th for Hug A Newsmen Day!

April 5 National Go For Broke Day National Read a Road Map Day National Love Our Children Day	April 18 National Columnists Day National Paul Revere Day
April 6 National Caramel Popcorn Day National Student-Athlete Day	April 19 National Garlic Day
April 8 National All is Ours Day National Zoo Lovers Day	April 25 National Kiss of Hope Day National Hug A Plumber Day
April 9 National Cherish an Antique Day National Winston Churchill Day	April 26 National Pretzel Day National Help a Horse Day
April 10 National Encourage a Young Writer Day National Siblings Day National Farm Animals Day	April 28 National Blueberry Pie Day National BraveHearts Day
April 13 National Scrabble Day	April 30 National Honesty Day
April 15 National Glazed Spiral Ham Day National Library Workers Day	The month of April is also observed as the national month of: Garden Month Straw Hat Month Fresh Celery Month Pecan Month Find your day and celebrate!

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates given below, there were 110 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 7 to EMS, and 3 to WMVFD. On March 29th, there were 5 males in the county jail.	scene. There were no reported injuries.	an ATV operator whose drivers license was under suspension.
03/24/15 T-15-237 1045 hours: A deputy Red Tagged an abandon vehicle on Hwy 165 at approximately MM 8.5 registered to Aaron and Misty Burroughs of Hot Springs, Arkansas.	03/25/15 WMFD 1525 hours: The Wet Mountain Fire Department was dispatched to Hwy 96 MM 6.3 to assist with traffic control while the Custer County EMS ambulance was towed out of the embankment.	03/28/15 T-15-250 2121 hours - A male party was arrested for a DUI on Hwy 69 South.
03/24/15 EMS 1212 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was called to the Custer County Clinic to transport a 59-year-old male with cardiac issues. The patient was taken to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.	03/25/15 O-15-41 A deputy was dispatched to the Custer County Clinic to investigate the report of a possible sexual assault on a two-year-old child. This matter has been handed over to the Cañon City Police Department because the alleged actions occurred in Cañon City.	03/29/15 1206 hours: EMS responded to a request for an ambulance at the Catholic church for a 73-year-old female who was dizzy and passed out. She was transported to St. Thomas More Hospital in Cañon City.
03/24/15 I-15-1615 1727 hours: A deputy was dispatched to the Wild West Cowboy Church to investigate a report of suspicious activity. An unknown party with access to the building turned the kitchen stove burners on high and left the premises. The knobs on the stove and part of the countertop was burned.	03/25/15 EMS 1839 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to Copper Gulch Road for a 63-year-old female experiencing difficulty breathing. The patient was taken to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.	03/29/15 I-15-1712 1228 hours: Deputies responded to a verbal domestic dispute at Grandma's House on Main St. in Westcliffe. No charges filed.
03/24/15 T-15-238 2133 hours / Hwy 69 MM 58 / Traffic Summons: Lynch, Michael (DOB in 1979) of Conway, Arkansas, was issued a summons for speeding, 71 in a 40 MPH zone.	03/26/15 I-15-1648 1100 hours - An officer responded to a report of a dog bite, in the area of Edwards Ave. No major injuries. Report was filed for Pueblo Animal Control.	03/29/15 T-15-252 1249 hours: A deputy responded to a car vs deer accident on Hwy 96 near MM 9. Deer was put down and vehicle was towed.
03/25/15 EMS 1007 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was called to the Custer County Clinic to transport a 56-year-old female suffering from cardiac arrhythmia. Flight for Life was activated and the Wet Mountain Fire Department was dispatched to set up the landing zone. It was subsequently determined to stand down Flight. The patient was taken to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo by Custer County EMS.	03/27/15 T-15-244 0850 hours - Officers responded to a car vs. deer incident on HWY 69, MM 67.5	03/29/15 I-15-1714 1821 hours: Deputies responded just west of CR 171 on Hermit Road to rescue two parties who had gotten their ATV stuck. They transported the parties to J.R.'s where they were picked up by friends.
03/25/15 1259 hours: The Custer County Sheriff's Office dispatched the Deer Mountain Fire Department to Hwy 50 MM 244 for a single vehicle slide off.	03/28/15 I-15-1692 0400 hours- Deputy & EMS Responded to a male who had been thrown out of a vehicle on CR 255.	03/29/15 I-15-1719 2126 hours: EMS responded to a request for ambulance on CR 323F. A deputy also responded to assist with a locked gate. EMS transported a 58-year-old male to St. Mary Corwin in Pueblo.
03/25/15 T-15-239 1331 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Hwy 96 MM 6.3 where a Custer County EMS ambulance, returning to quarters in inclement weather, slid off the road and down an embankment. The Wet Mountain Fire Department was also dispatched to the	03/28/15 I-15-1696 0819 hours - A deputy was dispatched to a report of cows out on Hwy 69.	03/29/15 I-15-1720 2300 hours: Deputies responded to 11000 CR 255 for a verbal confrontation between a mother and her 17-year-old son. No charges filed.
	03/28/15 0829 hours - Deputies responded to an assault in the Eberling Trailer Court. There was a dispute between neighbors over theft of utilities. Two summons were issued.	03/31/15 I-15-1748 1500 hours: A deputy was dispatched to a residence off of Hwy 69 N, just south of Hillside to investigate a report of damage to a vehicle and a theft. The reporting party has a contractor working at his home. Someone cut the fuel line on the contractor's truck and stole a generator.
	03/28/15 I-15-1699 1142 hours: A deputy was dispatched to a report of smoke. It was determined to be controlled burns.	03/31/15 I-15-1750 1630 hours: A deputy served civil papers to a party on CR 389 in the Greenwood area just outside of Wetmore.
	03/28/15 T-15-249 1533 hours - Deputies issued a summons to	03/31/15 I-15-1751 1634 hours: A deputy served civil papers to a party on Quartz Court in the Shadow Ridge subdivision.



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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 03-15

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

On January 28, 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):
James A. Butler and Johanna S. Butler
Original Beneficiary(ies):
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GMAC Mortgage Corporation
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt:
Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC
Date of Deed of Trust:
September 26, 2006
County of Recording: Custer
Recording Date of Deed of Trust:
October 03, 2006
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.):
205840 Book: 564 Page: 42
Original Principal Amount: \$417,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance:
\$417,804.54

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.

Lot 30, Spread Eagle Springs Subdivision, County of Custer, State of Colorado

Also known by street and number as: 1614 Chalis Drive, Westcliffe, CO 81252.

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, 05/27/2015, 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 attorneys' 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.

First Publication 4/3/2015
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Sangre de Cristo Sentinel
Westcliffe, Colorado

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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(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov
DATE: 01/28/2015

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:

Hellerstein and Shore PC 5347 S. Valentia Way, Suite 100, Greenwood Village, CO 80111 (303) 573-1080
Attorney File # Butler/14-0116OSH

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.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 02-15

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

On January 21, 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):
Walker Property Group, Inc.
Original Beneficiary(ies):
Compass Bank
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt:
Pineda NPL-F2 LLC
Date of Deed of Trust: April 28, 2003
County of Recording: Custer
Recording Date of Deed of Trust:
May 08, 2003
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 194910
Book: 459 Page: 170
Original Principal Amount:
\$550,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance:
\$305,794.14

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.

The following-described property is all of the property encumbered by said Deed of Trust:

A tract of land in the W¹/₂ of Section 36, Township 21 South, Range 73 West of the 6th P.M. and the N¹/₂ NW¹/₄ of Section 1, Township 22 South, Range 73 West of the 6th P.M., said tract being composed of 2 parcels as more particularly described as follows:

Parcel A:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Section 36, thence on the following 43 courses:

1. North 00° 32'55" East, on the West line of said Section 36, 3719.41 feet;
2. North 50° 18' 52" East, 1690.11 feet, to a point on the west right of way line of Custer County Road No. 215 (Copper Gulch Road);
- The next 10 courses shall be on said West right of way line:
3. South 01° 39' 47" West, 195.21 feet;
4. Curve right, central angle 00° 50'31", radius 92518.69 feet, length 1359.53 feet;
5. South 02° 30'18" West, 118.38 feet;
6. Curve left, central angle 23° 25'38", radius 464.07 feet, length 189.75 feet;
7. South 20° 54'50" East, 197.48 feet;
8. Curve right, central angle 16° 21'17", radius 1222.62 feet, length 348.99 feet;
9. South 04° 33'33" East 309.67 feet;
10. Curve right, central angle 16° 57'36", radius 909.00 feet, length 269.07 feet;
11. South 12° 24' 03" West, 168.21 feet;
12. Curve right, central angle 01° 03'15", radius 10816.25 feet, length 198.98 feet, chord bearing South 12° 55'52" West;
13. North 76° 32'42" West, 50.00 feet;
14. South 41° 51'56" West, 181.33 feet;
15. South 53° 58'00" West, 75.00 feet;
16. North 53° 47'02" West, 72.56 feet;
17. North 79° 57'10" West, 200.00 feet;
18. South 88° 10'20" West, 121.06 feet;
19. Curve left, central angle 180° 00'00", radius 50.00 feet, length 157.08 feet, chord bearing South 88° 10'20" West;
20. South 01° 49'40" East, 32.00 feet;
21. South 88° 10'20" West, 140 feet;
22. South 02° 41'05" West, 250.91 feet;
23. North 89° 31'42" East, 761.55 feet, to a point on said West right of way line of County Road No. 215;
24. South 14° 30'49" West, on said right of way line, 816.62 feet;
25. South 30° 27'10" West, leaving said right of way line, 1159.60 feet;
26. South 00° 00'00" West, 133.20 feet;
27. North 85° 44' 15" West, 103.82 feet;
28. Curve left, central angle 39° 39'00", radius 297.38, 205.80 feet, length 205.00 feet;
29. South 54° 36'45" West, 41.72 feet;
30. Curve right, central angle 96° 40'54", radius 81.40 feet, length 137.36 feet, chord bearing North 77° 02'48" West;
31. Curve right, central angle 29°31'42", radius 159.35 feet, length 82.12 feet, chord bearing North 13° 56'30" West;
32. North 00° 49'21" East, 373.57 feet;
33. Curve right, central angle 90° 00'00", radius 42.00 feet, length 65.97 feet, chord bearing North 45° 49'21" East;
34. South 89° 10'39" East, 82.64 feet;
35. South 42° 36'32" East, 45.66 feet;
36. South 02° 33'28" West, 310.00 feet;
37. North 44° 25'22" East, 325.00 feet;
38. North 16° 18'26" East, 250.99 feet;
39. North 72° 25'46" West, 286.33 feet;
40. South 02° 33'28" West, 150.00 feet;
41. South 47° 33'28" West, 49.58 feet;
42. North 89° 10'39" West, 155.54 feet, to a point on the West line of said Section, Township 22

South, Range 73 West of the 6th P.M.
43. North 00° 49'21" East on said West line, 335.16 feet, to the point of beginning.
Parcel B:
Beginning at a point in the said NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ of Section 1, Township 22 South, Range 73 West of the 6th P.M., from which the Northwest corner thereof bears North 03° 53'30" West, 995.60 feet; (said point of beginning being on the East right of way line of Colorado State Highway No.

69), thence on the following 10 courses:

1. North 54° 36'45" East, 176.43 feet;
2. Curve right, central angle 39°39'00", radius 265.38 feet, length 183.65 feet;
3. Curve right, central angle 85° 44' 15", radius 79.84 feet, length 119.47 feet, chord bearing South 42° 52'07" East;
4. South 00°00'00" West, 133.50 feet;
5. Curve left, central angle 180°00'00", radius 50.00 feet, length 157.08 feet, chord bearing South 00°00'00" West;
6. South 90° 00'00" East, 32.00 feet;
7. South 00° 00'00" West, 160.26 feet, to a point on an existing fence line; (Note: Existing fence line indicated above runs in a general East-West direction approximately parallel to and 20 feet +/-, North of the South line of said Northwest ¹/₄ of Section 1, Township 22 South, Range 73 West of the 6th P.M.)
8. North 88° 57'31" West, on said fence line, 258.43 feet, to intersect the said East right of way line of State Highway No. 69;
9. North 31° 20'51" West, on said East right of way line, 205.43 feet;
10. North 22° 04' 21" West, on said East right of way line 154.07 feet; to the point of beginning.

County of Custer, State of Colorado

Also known by street and number as: 800 County Road 215, Westcliffe, CO 81252.

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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 attorneys' 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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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov
DATE: 01/21/2015

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:
Miller & Urtz, LLC 1660 Lincoln Street, Suite 2850, Denver, CO 80264 (303) 861-1200
Attorney File # Walker
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.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

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.

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LOT 39, CONQUISTADOR ESTATES SUBDIVISION NO. 2, COUNTY OF CUSTER, STATE OF COLORADO
Also known by street and number as:
1735 County Road 260, Westcliffe, CO 81252.

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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 attorneys' 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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DATE: 01/14/2015

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for bid

Contractor needed. A building has been donated to Custer County 4-H and needs licensed contractor bids to deconstruct a 136' x 66' wooden frame, metal-sided building. This building will make an excellent and much needed addition to the Custer County Fairgrounds. Please contact the Custer County Extension office at 719-783-2514 for details to submit a bid. Bids must be received by April 15, 2015.

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Second Publication April 3, 2015
Sangre de Cristo Sentinel
Westcliffe, Colorado

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Tentative Agenda
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015
9:00 AM**

Meeting Location:
County Courthouse /Court Room

Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Approval of minutes:
Audience introduction
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
Office of Emergency Director -
C. Coleman
BOCC signatures on the Annual
Operating Plan for Wild Land Fire
BOCC signatures on the Emergency
Fire Fighting Fund and Hazard
Mitigation Grant
CSU Extension Report/Appointments
to the Extension Advisory Board
and Fair Board - R. Young
Public Health Agency Report -
G. Stoltzfus
5 County Broadband Strategic Plan
Update - CC Economic
Development Corporation
Airport Advisory Board Report -
D. Anderson
County General Fund Budget
Adjustment /Silver West Airport
Fund
Title 1 Secure Rural School and
Community Self Determination Act
Discussion School District
Representatives/BOCC

NOTICE TO PUBLIC: To meet publishing deadlines, all agenda items must be submitted either by calling the Commissioners Office at 719-783-2552; in writing to the Commissioner's Office at PO Box 150, Westcliffe, CO 81252; or by e-mail to kris@custercountygov.com no later than 9:00 AM on the Monday of the week prior to the BOCC meeting. Items not submitted in time may be tabled for one month so they may be properly published. True emergency items will be heard.

Published April 3, 2015
Sangre de Cristo Sentinel
Westcliffe, Colorado

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Tentative Agenda
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015
9:00 AM**

Meeting Location:
County Courthouse /
Commissioners Room

Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Approval of minutes:
Audience introduction
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
- FIRST READING/Public Comment
(10:00 AM)
Ordinance of Custer County, A Political Subdivision of the State of Colorado, Regulating the Operation and Use of Off-Highway Vehicles on the Public Roadways of Custer County

Staff Reports:

VSO
Human Resource/Finance Treasurer
Human Services Planning and Zoning
Road and Bridge

Published April 3, 2015
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PUBLIC NOTICE

On February 9, 2015, a handgun was found at the Sangre Shooting Sports Club's range. It is deemed to be abandoned property. If you believe this is yours and you have proof of ownership, please contact Deputy Dryer at the Custer County Sheriff's Office (719-783-2270) by May 10, 2015.

First Publication April 3, 2015
Last Publication May 1, 2015
Sangre de Cristo Sentinel
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Broadband Study Presentations April 6 & 7

The newly approved Regional Broadband Strategic Plan will be presented/briefed to the public on April 6 at the following events: 10:30 a.m. at the Custer County Board of County Commissioners, Custer County Courthouse; Noon with the Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club, The Mining Company Restaurant; 2:00 p.m. at a public meeting, Rancher's Roost Banquet Room,

and at 6:30 p.m. at a public meeting, Rancher's Roost Banquet Room.

Also, members of the Custer County Local Technology Planning Team will be attending the Silver Cliff Board of Trustees meeting at 5:30 p.m. on April 6, and the Westcliffe Board of Trustees on April 7 at 5:30 p.m., and will be available to answer questions at said

Quilt and Stitch Expo
April 10th & 11th
Pueblo Convention Center
Raffles, Quilts, Sewing Machines, Fabric, etc.
*including a quilt made by Westcliffe's
Olde Schoolhouse Quilters to be raffled!*

He is Risen!

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Matthew 28: 5-10 NIV



IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:
Cañon City
Fremont RE-1
2nd and 4th Mon 5:30 p.m.
101 N. 14th St, Cañon City

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

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

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

Royal Gorge Tea Party
2nd Thursday 6:30 p.m.
Core Knowledge School Gymnasium, 890 Fields Ave. Cañon City
www.royalgorgetea-party.com

Fremont Republican Central Committee
4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Sunflower Bank, lower level
831 Royal Gorge Blvd.

Southern Colorado Survivors
1st Sat at 8:30 a.m.
Mugs
1520 Royal Gorge Blvd Cañon City

Please let us know about an upcoming event or meeting you would like to see printed here, or covered in an upcoming issue.

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Unwise Use of Public Funds

by Charlotte Burrous

With a community the size of Cañon City, I was shocked when I learned it only had 38 police officers. Recently, seven of them left the department for better pay in a different community, leaving a 20 percent decrease in force. But yet, no one seems to be too upset about it. Instead, the Cañon City Council is planning to buy three new police cars at the tune of \$99,000. Why?

Instead of trying to figure out a way to pay more money to the police officers so they'll stay in this community, the council sits around planning how to spend more money on things like Macon Avenue Plaza or placing an arch over Fifth Street or building a modern hotel behind Veterans Park with a beach. What about the railroad? What's going to keep residents out of the way of the train that, by the way, brings thousands of tourists to the community. What about free access to the river, which hundreds

of residents use every year? Where do these people along with the Create Cañon City bunch come up with these highfalutin ideas?

Macon Avenue has already been closed from Fifth to Sixth Streets leaving a major gap in navigating traffic in the downtown area. I will never understand why a major street was closed just so they could have a place for festivals once or twice a year. We have several parks for that very reason. Macon Avenue is a major thoroughfare. Now there's no parking for the library or the Fremont Center for the Arts. The 'beautifying?' bump outs at Fifth and Fourth Streets on Main Street are also traffic hazards. We can spend money on those kinds of things, but we can't even fix the roads that have potholes the size of a Volkswagen, let alone hire more police officers and pay them more money to stay.

Right after the Fremont County Sheriff's Depart-

ment got its \$2.8 million increase in taxes every year, the county purchased the former Garden Park High School so it can expand its department. I knew it was a farce when they came around begging for more money saying they couldn't afford to buy more vehicles; they couldn't afford to hire more deputies; they couldn't afford security at the jail or numerous other bogus reasons. They managed to fool the population and get the tax passed. Now they continue to waste it on buying buildings and taking the dispatch center out of Florence's where it was already set up for business. It would have taken a whole lot less money to update the equipment needed than to start all over. But that wouldn't have been such a big waste of the taxpayer's money. That's the way government seems to work these days. Where are our priorities? Aren't police officers more important than renovations on Macon Avenue Plaza or any arch over a street?

Vandals Strike Centennial Park & Santa Fe Depot

by Barbara Penezic

Centennial Park and Santa Fe Depot have become the targets of vandalism on an ever increasing basis.

Graffiti which is easily and quickly applied is not so easily removed. The dollar cost for this latest event could be more than \$1,000.

Rex Brady says, "It kind of appears to be a repeat offender....he leaves a certain mark." In the past this vandal or vandals have hit in limited areas, a quick hit and they are gone. This time, however, the offender or offenders seemed to be in no particular hurry. The graffiti was more widespread and even included the Historic Santa Fe Depot. Most area residents will be aware that the Santa Fe Depot is located right on Highway 50 and 9th Street, just one block off of Main Street. Kelly Wasser, longtime Cañon City Resident and mother of two young children said,

"You know, this is spring break and my girls love to play in the park, but I don't like them witnessing this kind of scene. Where are the police when all this is going on?" That sentiment was echoed by several other concerned parents in the park. A gentleman who did not wish to give his name said, "I was at a recent city meeting when the Chief of Police expressed his concerns about several officers leaving because of low pay. Some seemed concerned but I did not hear anyone say how or when they intended to resolve the situation. The discussion turned to funding for the arts and Chamber of Commerce events."

Even at full strength the department may not have caught the vandal(s) in the act but working short-handed as they are does not help. March 20th they handled 90 calls, March 21st (59 calls), March 22nd (57 calls), and March 23rd (89 calls.) That is a grand total of 295 calls responded to in a 4-day pe-

riod. These calls included outstanding warrants, criminal mischief, parole violations, felony menacing, car accidents, theft, home burglary, and assisting the Fire Department. One Cañon City woman was taken into custody for third degree assault and domestic violence. It is safe to say that the men and women of the CCPD are not 'hanging out at the Donut Shop,' they are actually busier than the proverbial one-armed waitress in a truck stop. How can we help? Jay Lassiter says, "Let the Mayor and City Council know that the residents of Cañon City want to know what is being done to address the current loss of officers!" Express your gratitude to the officers who have remained here at a lesser salary than Fountain is paying and if you see suspicious activity, be pro-active, call the CCPD and report what you are seeing.

Be Informed, Get Involved

Fremont County Commissioners Approve Proclamations

by Barbara Penezic

The Fremont County Commissioners seemed less tense as the members turned their attention to several agenda items; not one dealt with the Elephant in the Room: marijuana. It was truly a refreshing break for the commissioners who have been and will continue to be pressed hard by those for and against the weed of Fremont County.

The week of April 6-12, 2015, has been proclaimed National Public Health Week, and the theme this year is "Healthiest Nation 2020." The commissioners call upon all the people of Fremont County to observe this week by "better understanding the value of public health and adopting preventative and health promoting lifestyle habits. Deaths from illnesses such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke, and cancer could be prevented by not smoking, losing weight, keeping physically active, and getting recommended screening tests.

The month of April 2015 has been declared Child Abuse Prevention Month. This is a community problem that requires community action. Child abuse and neglect have a life-long impact for each child. Approximately 1,200 reports of abuse were recorded in Fremont County last year. Bringing an abused child back to health can be a costly and not always a successful venture. According to the County Commissioners effective child abuse prevention programs need the partnerships created among human service agencies, schools, religious, and civic organizations, law enforcement, and the business community.

Therefore, the Fremont County Board of Commissioners call upon all citizens, community organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect. Please, do not look the other way when you see a child in pain and in need of help. You may well be saving a life when you take the time to help.

The Commissioners also proclaimed that September 19, 2015, through October 12, 2015, will be designated as the second annual Fremont Fall Heritage Festival, under the direction of the Heritage Festival Steering Committee of the Fremont County Heritage Commission, in conjunction with the Fremont County Historical Society in Fremont County, Colorado. All people of Fremont County are urged to participate in identifying, preserving, promoting, and celebrating our rich heritage and our historical resources during this festival and throughout the year.

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Easter Sunrise Service at Royal Gorge Bridge and Park

by Charlotte Burrous

When the sun rises over the Royal Gorge, the audience will have an opportunity to celebrate Easter with the awesome beauty of the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park.

The hour-long service will begin promptly at 6:30 a.m., April 5th, on the south side of the Royal Gorge with the sunrise at 6:37 a.m. Easter Sunday.

This year, Fellowship of Christian Cowboys president and ordained minister Grant Adkisson will lead the service on the entertainment stage located next to the theater.

"The popular tradition of an Easter Sunrise Service on the Royal Gorge for almost 60 years was interrupted last year when no service took place due to the effects of the fire," said a press release.

As the tradition continues, Adkisson will deliver the message for the non-denominational service following the music provided by Christian band "His Witness," led by Jimmy Bennett.

"It's one of the highlight's of my year to come to this beautiful place and watch the sun rise on Resurrection Sunday," said Adkisson, who has delivered sermons for more than 42 years in 44 countries and in all 50 States." I am working on the message of God's re-creation in our lives, and it's partly based on the Royal Gorge fire and the re-creation process the park is going through."

During the service, an offering will be taken to help buy Cowboy Bibles to be delivered around the United States, as well as overseas and to help youngsters to attend Children's Rodeo



Minister Grant Adkisson

Courtesy photo Bible Camps.

According to the release, Vice-President and General Manager Mike Bandera said there would be seating for 500.

Complimentary coffee and hot cocoa will be served to the guests, who are encouraged to bring their own chairs and blankets. He



Royal Gorge Bridge

Sentinel photo by Barbara Napolitan

also advised those attending to wear warm clothing because the early morning temperatures are in the 30s.

Limited parking is available on the south side so guests can park and walk across the bridge to the service. But they can also

drive across the bridge.

For more information, visit www.royalgorgebridge.org or call 888-333-5597.

Thoughts & Prayers

We wish to express our sympathy and heartfelt well wishes to our dear friend and fellow patriot, Dave Colwell, as he bids a final farewell to his life partner of 53 plus years. Donna Nadine Brock-Colwell was involved in a fatal car accident on the way home from bowling and passed from this life to be with our Heavenly Father, on March 26, 2015. Please keep David and his family in your prayers during this time of sorrow and transition.



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

Prophetic Leader or Follower?

In our high school football locker room was a hand-made poster that read, “Either Lead Or Follow, Or Get Out Of The Way.” Our coach used to say that football was “organized chaos.” Before you say, “Oh, here he goes again with another football analogy,” bear me out a bit. This world is mostly organized chaos. In fact, it is getting more and more chaotic as we go. This is promised in the Holy Scriptures, consistent across both the Old Testament and New Testament. As the darkness rolls in upon us in these prophetic times, we have to make some decisions about what kind of prophetic person we are to be. Are we prophetic leaders or followers, or are we just in the way? This is important to your very survival.

What I see is a lot of people wondering what to do. They are frustrated and discouraged that morals and ethics and truth and righteousness seem to be lost in the darkness. Each day that passes seems to be an anthem of Isaiah 59:13-14, “In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. And judgment is turned away backward, and justice stands afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.” These verses seem to describe our current situation as a people and as a nation. It appears that there are shouts in the darkness against it, but they fall on deaf ears.

First there is anger and frustration. Then there is discouragement. Then fear sets in. This appears

to be a natural course of human nature. We have to determine in these times whether we are leaders, followers, or just in the way. When people try to lead, there is often a whole group of Christians who pick apart every little detail as if they are examining the sacrificial lamb for blemishes to disqualify it--which is hardly consistent with the lives they lead. Others rush in without any discernment. Others muddle the conversation with endless debate. Now remember, on the vital issues, discernment is imperative. But also remember King David was imperfect in many ways, but he was also a man after God’s own heart.

The point is, that our prophetic destiny--how we are living out our lives and contributing to the Kingdom of God here on earth--is important. We need to behave in the authority we have been given as heirs of the living God. I don’t mean running around with empty declarations and proclamations disguised as prophecy. I do mean taking spiritual and moral authority in following God, not men. We need to know the word of God--not as it is taught by men with agendas, but rather from God’s viewpoint. And then we need to exercise it with the authority of stewardship the Lord has given us. No fear. No discouragement. Extraordinary wisdom and discernment. Making a statement to society. Making disciples. Being the light wherein the darkness must flee.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
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Behold, I am the Lord the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?

Jeremiah 32:27, NKJV

Why I Am a Climate Change Skeptic

by Patrick Moore,
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[Editor’s Note: Patrick Moore, Ph.D., has been a leader in international environmentalism for more than 40 years. He cofounded Greenpeace and currently serves as chair of Allow Golden Rice. Moore received the 2014 Speaks Truth to Power Award at the Ninth International Conference on Climate Change, July 8, in Las Vegas.]

I am skeptical humans are the main cause of climate change and that it will be catastrophic in the near future. There is no scientific proof of this hypothesis, yet we are told “the debate is over” and “the science is settled.”

My skepticism begins with the believers’ certainty they can predict the global climate with a computer model. The entire basis for the doomsday climate change scenario is the hypothesis increased atmospheric carbon dioxide due to fossil fuel emissions will heat the Earth to unlivable temperatures.

In fact, the Earth has been warming very gradually for 300 years, since the Little Ice Age ended, long before heavy use of fossil fuels. Prior to the Little Ice Age, during the Medieval Warm Period, Vikings colonized Greenland and Newfoundland, when it was warmer there than today. And during Roman times, it was warmer, long before fossil fuels revolutionized civilization.

The idea it would be catastrophic if carbon dioxide were to increase and average global temperature were to rise a few degrees is preposterous.

Recently, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) announced for the umpteenth time we are doomed unless we reduce carbon-dioxide emissions to zero. Effectively, this means either reducing the population to zero, or going back 10,000 years before humans began clearing forests for agriculture. This proposed cure is far worse than adapting to a warmer world, if it actually comes about.

IPCC Conflict of Interest

By its constitution, the IPCC has a hopeless conflict of interest. Its mandate is to consider only the human causes of global warming, not the many natural causes changing the climate for billions of years. We don’t understand the natural causes of climate change any more than we know if humans are part of the cause at present. If the IPCC did not find humans were the cause of warming, or if it found warming would be more positive than negative, there would be no need for the IPCC under its present mandate. To survive, it must find on the side of the apocalypse.

The IPCC should either have its mandate expanded to include all causes of climate change, or it should be dismantled.

Political Powerhouse

Climate change has become a powerful political force for many reasons. First, it is universal; we are told everything on Earth is threatened. Second, it invokes the two most powerful human motivators: fear and guilt. We fear driving our car will kill our grandchildren, and we feel guilty for doing it.

Third, there is a powerful convergence of interests among key elites that support the climate “narrative.” Environmentalists spread fear and raise donations; politicians appear to be saving the Earth from doom; the media has a field day with sensation and conflict; science institutions raise billions in grants, create whole new departments, and stoke a feeding frenzy of scary scenarios; business wants to look green, and get huge public subsidies for projects that would otherwise be economic losers, such as wind farms and solar arrays. Fourth, the left sees climate change as a perfect means to redistribute wealth from industrial countries to the developing world and the UN bureaucracy.

So we are told carbon dioxide is a “toxic” “pollutant” that must be curtailed, when in fact it is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, gas, and the most important food for life on earth. Without carbon dioxide above 150 parts

per million, all plants would die.

Human Emissions Saved Planet

Over the past 150 million years, carbon dioxide had been drawn down steadily (by plants) from about 3,000 parts per million to about 280 parts per million before the Industrial Revolution. If this trend continued, the carbon dioxide level would have become too low to support life on Earth. Human fossil fuel use and clearing land for crops have boosted carbon dioxide from its lowest level in the history of the Earth back to 400 parts per million today.

At 400 parts per million, all our food crops, forests, and natural ecosystems are still on a starvation diet for carbon dioxide. The optimum level of carbon dioxide for plant growth, given enough water and nutrients, is about 1,500 parts per million, nearly four times higher than today. Greenhouse growers inject carbon-dioxide to increase yields. Farms and forests will produce more if carbon-dioxide keeps rising.

We have no proof increased carbon dioxide is responsible for the earth’s slight warming over the past 300 years. There has been no significant warming for 18 years while we have emitted 25 per cent of all the carbon dioxide ever emitted. Carbon dioxide is vital for life on Earth and plants would like more of it. Which should we emphasize to our children?

Celebrate Carbon Dioxide

The IPCC’s followers have given us a vision of a world dying because of carbon-dioxide emissions. I say the Earth would be a lot deader with no carbon dioxide, and more of it will be a very positive factor in feeding the world. Let’s celebrate carbon dioxide.

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Colorado: Giving Back to Special Interests: Dem Hulinghorst Stands Up for Trial Lawyers

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: Surprise, Surprise, Surprise!! Another big time Colorado democrat in the pockets of the most evil of creatures - trial lawyers. This common sense construction reform legislation would save us millions in housing and general construction costs. But as we have seen here in Westcliffe, when you try to separate a lib from somebody else’s money, it can get ugly.)

House Speaker Dickey Lee Hulinghorst is giving back to one of her party’s biggest donors: the trial lawyers lobby. According to the *Denver Business Journal*, she has drawn a line in the sand over bipartisan con-

struction defects reform legislation, saying that unless the right to sue builders remains intact she’s going to kill the bill.

Taking a case to court doesn’t make anything quicker or less costly for homeowner and builders locked in a construction defects dispute, but it certainly helps line the pockets of the trial lawyers who get rich off such cases. The whole point of Sens. Mark Scheffel’s (R-Parker) and Jessie Ulibarri’s (D-Commerce City) legislation, Senate Bill 177, is to have both parties resolve the matter in mediation or arbitration. This saves time and money. It is also expected to jump start the non-existent affordable con-

dominium market.

The only problem with Senate Bill 177 is that it cuts into trial lawyers’ billable hours, so, of course, Hulinghorst cannot let it stand. God forbid we strive to live in a less litigious society.

With Hulinghort’s ultimatum now on the table, the fate of the legislation is unclear. And that’s a shame because this could have been one of the brightest spots of bipartisanship all session.

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Disgusting: Liberal Press Rushes to Portray Deserter Bergdahl As a Victim

by Allen West,
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Eureka, it finally happened! The U.S. Army has stood its ground and not cowered in the face of pressure from the Obama administration — Bowe Bergdahl has been charged.

As reported by the *Washington Post*, “Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, the U.S. soldier who slipped (deserted) away from his patrol base in Afghanistan in 2009 and was held in captivity (that is speculation) for five years, has been charged with desertion and misbehaving before the enemy, Army officials said Wednesday, setting the stage for emotionally charged court proceedings in coming months.”

“The charges were announced by the service at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, hours after the 28-year-old was handed a charge sheet, according to one of his attorneys. Bergdahl will next face a preliminary Article 32 hearing, which is frequently compared to a grand jury proceeding in civilian court.”

Now, there is a debate as to whether or not this was a war, which means he could have faced the death penalty. The response has been there was no declaration of war against Afghanistan — of course not, we were fighting non-state, non-uniformed, unlawful enemy combatants — the Taliban and al-Qaida.

The optics of a death penalty punishment is overkill, but I do agree with a life sentence. I believe that is completely warranted knowing that six members of the U.S. Army lost their lives searching for a deserter.

What I found interesting was the angle the *Washington Post* was attempting to take in the piece they wrote — the liberal progressive left has begun its campaign to make Bowe Bergdahl into a victim. Of course, talking an action to protect one’s men in combat or killing the enemy is viewed as horrific, disparaged, and worthy of being castigated as war criminal — or a sentence of 20 years imprisonment like Army 1LT Clint Lorange.

The *Post* writes, “Berg-

dahl’s attorneys released a lengthy March 2 letter they wrote to Milley urging leniency in light of his time in captivity. They also released a statement to Milley from Bergdahl in which he described being chained to a bed, spread-eagle and blindfolded while being held by the Haqqani network, an insurgent group allied with the Taliban. He said that he tried to escape about 12 times over the course of his captivity.”

There is one simple point missing: none of this would have happened if Bowe Bergdahl had not deserted his assigned duty post on his combat outpost.

But there is a greater concern. The five senior Taliban leaders — who basically comprised their general staff — will be free for release from their supposed “watch” in Qatar. Remember, they were only to be “held” in that country which houses the leader of Hamas for one year — that year is up at the end of May.

Already we know that three of the five have been making contacts back with the Taliban seeking to reestablish themselves in that fight.

You just have to ask the simple question of President Obama — why did you break the law to release five enemy leaders for a known deserter?

What was there to be gained by the very over-the-top public display in the Rose Garden of the White House a year ago? Why would the National Security Advisor Susan Rice commend Bergdahl as someone who had served with ‘honor and distinction?’ Well, because to the progressive left, walking away and turning your back on your fellow Soldiers and our nation is to be commended. He is a hero to the left.

Why the long delay? Because this embarrassment could not be tolerated for President Obama and his administration. Reports are that there were attempts to plea bargain and avoid this course — but Bergdahl’s defense refused. Why?

It’s simple. Let’s assess how much coverage this story will get in the liberal progressive media. Let’s go

out and do the “man on the street” interview and ask the American people, who is Bowe Bergdahl? The Bergdahl defense team will seek to make their case not

The amount of coverage given to the case of Army 1LT Clint Lorange pales in comparison to the attention given to Bergdahl — a coward. And if that means

***President Obama —
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before the U.S. Army — but rather the liberal progressive disciples, just as Bradley Manning became their celebrated cause. And now the Army is forced to provide hormone treatments because he won in the media.

the assigned trolls and liberal watchdogs want to criticize my selection of words — feel free.

This is a sad episode that our Army lost six warriors for a deserter. Six men who will never feel the

warm of the sunrise against their face. Six men, sons, husbands, brothers who will never again sit at the Thanksgiving table.

I condemn anyone who will seek to make Bowe Bergdahl a victim. It is not the modus operandi of this Islamic jihadist enemy to “hold on” to our troops for five years. In all actuality, they don’t make it five hours if captured by the enemy — and notice the verb I used, “captured.”

Bergdahl was never a prisoner of war — and the abstentia promotion to sergeant should be revoked immediately since he has been charged — and he should be in pre-trial confinement, not free to walk about Ft. Sam Houston.

Remember how State Department spokesperson

Marie Harf tried to discredit the members of his platoon? Expect more of the same from the “all hands on deck” call that is going out to the anti-war left acolytes.

We cannot allow this to slip out of sight. This must not just become part of a typical 72-hour news cycle, if that, for some. In two months, five savage barbarians will go free — what did we get?

A coward and a deserter — and we’re supposed to trust the same person who violated law for this deal to make a “deal” with Iran?

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America's Most Wanted:

Why the Target on Bennet's Back Just Grew Exponentially

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: This spineless, sorry excuse for a man, has got to go.)

This morning's announcement that Democrat Senator Harry Reid would not seek re-election may have pleased many Democrats, many Democrats not named Michael Bennet, that is. Reid, a visible representation of failed democratic policies likely saw the writing on the wall and some argue, despite Reid being an incumbent, Democrats now have a better shot at keeping the Senate seat in Nevada. But, Reid's departure also makes Bennet's defeat the top hunting trophy of 2016 for a cadre of wealthy donors. The black rhinoceros of the 2016 election, perhaps?

Even *The Washington Post* today noted:

"With Reid's retirement, the only democratic incumbent running in 2016 in

any danger of losing is Michael Bennet. Bennet, like Reid, won an unlikely victory in 2010 — a year that was disastrous for Democrats nationally. Bennet will, once again, be a major target but it's not at all clear yet who Republicans will field as their candidate."

Before Reid announced his decision, he was the top target for Republicans who want to keep the U.S. Senate. Now, Bennet is front and center, and for good reason. *The Washington Post* noted later in the article that Bennet won in 2010, a wave year for Republicans nationally, as if that was some accomplishment. But, remember, it was a trainwreck of a year for Republicans in Colorado. Our top of the ticket was so weak, some were concerned that the Republican Party would lose its major party status here.

It was a depressing time to be a Republican in Colorado.

Yet, Michael Bennet only won in 2010 by .9% of the vote or fewer than 30,000 votes. Even after Ken Buck ended his campaign on a low note (see: Meet the Press), Bennet only won by .9%. To put it in context, that year, Democrat Governor Hickenlooper beat Dan Maes (really, a truly terrible candidate, sorry) by nearly 40 points and better-known former U.S. Rep. Tom Tancredo by 13.9%.

And, Michael Bennet is no John Hickenlooper. There's no goofy "aw shucks" facade or even craggy good looks like former Sen. Udall, which is probably why Sen. Mumbles' polling is in the tank. Bennet had better hope he can fail up to a Vice President slot, otherwise he, too, might be out of a job come November 2016.

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Colorado Scandal Watch:

Get Rich Schemes on Veteran Health Care Must End

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: Socialism (read "liberalism") has no penalties for failure. In fact, failure is encouraged. This outrageous example concerning the unbelievable debacle that the new Aurora VA hospital happens ALL THE TIME within the federal womb. And NOBODY gets punished. In fact, this lowlife, VA administrator, Glenn Haggstrom, gets \$64,000 in bonuses and a full pension. He should be in jail.)

Colorado lawmakers have demanded that VA officials be held accountable for outrageous cost overruns at the Aurora hospital project that has continually stalled construction.

Unfortunately, that VA official who bestowed upon himself \$64,000 in bonuses for gross mismanagement got the federal government's brand of justice — full retirement with benefits.

We're guessing VA Secretary Robert McDonald also threw a going away party with cake.

The Washington Post reports on the sudden retirement of Glenn Haggstrom, director of the Office of Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction:

A Department of Veterans Affairs executive is "step-

ping down" after reports that he received nearly \$64,000 in bonuses despite overseeing \$2 billion in cost overruns at four troubled VA hospital projects, including one in Aurora, Colorado, that is now the most expensive hospital in the VA's history.

The VA called the situation with its Aurora hospital "unacceptable." But Haggstrom is still entitled by law to apply for federal retirement benefits, officials there said.

Well, that's just ducky. Rob taxpayers blind, steal vital healthcare from our nation's vets, and win a free lifetime of leisure in the islands. This must be part of that new agency reform effort by McDonald to revitalize their mission and clean house of those bureaucrats caught up in wait-time scandals that resulted in the death of numerous veterans.

"Nine hundred people have been fired since I became secretary. We've got 60 people that we fired who have manipulated wait times," McDonald claimed last month on "Meet the Press."

However, it turned out only eight people were actually fired for their participation in that scandal and a lot of other folks got a letter reprimanding them for wrongdoing, or in this case, a retirement party.

U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman has taken on the lead watchdog role over the agency, and in a statement did not mince words over this retirement development.

"He should have been fired years ago and his ill-gotten bonuses should be rescinded. Everyone knew back in April 2013 that VA executives were incompetently managing this project and I have been fighting for serious reforms ever since. This personnel move is years late and billions of dollars in cost overruns short. The VA needs major reform and I will continue to fight for them."

U.S. Sen. Cory Gardner has repeatedly called for accountability at the VA for the construction delays and cost overruns, and said veterans deserve better than the incompetence shown by the VA.

"The time for excuses is over. The VA must continue to clean house, while swiftly completing the facility they promised and veterans need."

Haggstrom's sudden retirement celebration comes on the heels of revelations that cost overruns at the Aurora hospital have climbed to \$1.73 billion, more than five times its projected cost.

How on earth an employee collects \$64,000 in bonuses while racking up cost overruns of \$2 billion at four

VA hospitals is completely beyond our reasoning. This would never EVER happen in the private sector; there's simply no excuse for it in the public sector.

Thankfully, Gardner and Coffman introduced legislation today in the House and Senate to authorize the funding needed to complete the hospital, transfer construction authority to the Army Corps of Engineers, require an independent review of the project's mismanagement up until this point, and **prohibit the VA from awarding any bonuses** until the Aurora facility is fully operational.

"The massive VA mismanagement of this hospital is offensive to the veterans it is supposed to serve and offensive to the taxpayers funding the project," said Coffman, a Marine Corps combat veteran. "My bill will help get the hospital built for the veterans who deserve the care it will provide, while holding the VA accountable for its failures and ensure this never happens again."

We hope the Democratic members of the Colorado delegation will support this measure without a lot of partisan bickering.

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N.J. Supreme Court Unanimously Strikes Down “Hate Crime” Statute

by John Whitehead, The Rutherford Institute, via FreedomOutPost.com

In a resounding victory for The Rutherford Institute’s efforts to combat a climate of political correctness, especially as it relates to First Amendment activity, the Supreme Court of New Jersey has unanimously held that a provision of the state’s “hate crime” statute is unconstitutional, agreeing that the law was unduly vague in violation of fundamental due process.

In a decision handed down in *State v. Pomianek*, the N.J. Supreme Court ruled that the part of the state’s “bias intimidation” law allowing enhanced punishment if the victim of a crime believes the defendant acted with racial bias is unconstitutional because a defendant cannot know what a victim might believe or feel. The decision came in the case of a town maintenance worker, David T. Pomianek, who committed a workplace prank against an African-American co-worker. Although Pomianek was acquitted of charges that he acted with racial bias when he playfully locked a fellow worker in a storage area and joked about it, he was found guilty under provisions of the state’s bias intimidation law, which elevates a petty offense to a hate crime if the alleged victim believes he or she was targeted because of bias.

“The problem with hate crime laws, which this ruling makes clear, is that in

order to crack down on hateful behavior, hateful thoughts and expression must also be targeted, which runs diametrically counter to the First Amendment’s protections for free speech and expression,”

However, if the Constitution means anything, it means that individuals have the right to speak freely, and even jest, even when the speech is politically incorrect and should not be penalized because others take offense.

said constitutional attorney John W. Whitehead, president of The Rutherford Institute and author of the award-winning book *A Government of Wolves: The Emerging American Police State*. “Hate crime laws chill constitutionally protected speech and render all speech suspect, the prelude to an act of violence. In this way, an off-color joke could be construed as hate speech. However, if the Constitution means anything, it means that individuals have the right to speak freely, and even jest, even when the speech is

politically incorrect and should not be penalized because others take offense.”

In April 2007, David T. Pomianek and a co-worker with the Township of Gloucester Public Works Department allegedly lured an African-American co-worker into a storage cage 17 feet off the ground in the township’s Public Works building, locked the cage for several minutes and remarked, “You throw a banana in the cage and he goes right in.” The incident was described by other workers as a “prank” that had been played on other employees and no physical harm resulted. Nevertheless, Pomianek was charged with bias intimidation for causing his co-worker “to be intimidated because of race, color, national origin or ethnicity” under New Jersey Statute § 2C:16-1, which is punishable by imprisonment for up to 18 months and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Although a jury acquitted Pomianek of targeting the co-worker based on his race, it convicted him under provisions of the state’s bias intimidation law which essentially render an act a hate crime if the victim perceives it was motivated by race. Rutherford Institute attorneys

argued that New Jersey’s hate crime law unconstitutionally punishes speech that might cause offense and criminalizes behavior regardless of a person’s intent to cause intimidation or to act on the basis of improper bias. Finally, Institute attorneys argued that the hate crime law violates the constitutional guarantee to due process because it bases liability on the inner beliefs and thoughts of the alleged victim and an alleged offender cannot have the kind of fair notice that conduct might be criminal in violation of a fundamental requirement of due process.

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Price of Ground Beef Hits Record in February: \$4.238 Per Pound

by CNSNews.com

(Editor/GG: Here's some more "Hope and Change" for you - five years ago (during the "Hokey" period of Nobama's reign), the price of ground beef was \$2.277. Now, (in the "Changey" period) it is over \$4 a pound. The wonders of Nobamalism economics.)

The average price of a pound of ground beef climbed to another record high in February, hitting \$4.238 per pound, according to data released today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

In August 2014, the average price for a pound of all types of ground beef topped \$4 for the first time, hitting \$4.013, according to the BLS.

In September, the average price jumped to \$4.096 per pound; in October, the average price climbed to \$4.154 per pound; and in November, the average price climbed to \$4.201 per pound.

In December, the price declined slightly to \$4.156 per pound. In January 2015, ground beef hit \$4.235 per pound and in February 2015, according to the latest data from the BLS, the price of ground beef hit the highest level ever recorded of \$4.238.

A year ago, in February 2014, the average price for a pound of ground beef was \$3.555 per pound. Since then, the average price has increased 19.2 percent in one year.

Five years ago, in February 2010, the average price of a pound of ground beef was \$2.277, according to the BLS. The price has since climbed by \$1.961 per pound, or an increase of 86.1 percent.

The overall Consumer Price Index measures the relative change in the prices of a basket of goods and services relative to a basis of 100. Subordinate indexes measure the relative change in price for individual goods or services or categories of goods and services.

While the price of ground beef increased over the month, the overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased as well. “The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.2 percent in February on a seasonally adjusted basis,” the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. “Over the last 12 months, the all items index was unchanged before seasonal adjustment.”

“The food index increased 0.2 percent in February,” said the BLS. “Also turning up in February was the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, which rose 0.3 percent after declining slightly the prior month. The index for beef and veal rose 0.7 percent, its thirteenth consecutive increase.”

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The Conversation That Made Veteran Cop Change His Views on Concealed Carry: 'They Schooled Me'

by Jason Howerton,
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Speaking before the Maryland Senate last week, a retired Maryland State Police officer and former commander of the Maryland State Police Licensing Division admitted that he once thought the prospect of many residents having concealed carry permits was "scary." However, as he educated himself about gun owners, his opinion on concealed carry changed.

As the head of the Maryland State Police Licensing Division, Jack McCauley decided what would qualify as a "good and substantial" reason to obtain a handgun permit on a case by case basis. Maryland is a "may issue" state — meaning the ultimate decision on whether to issue a concealed carry permit is left to a government official.

"These crazy people, these Second Amendment activists, they're all going to want these, they're trophies. They're all going to want these permits, it's going to be scary. Dangerous people are going to be getting guns. Just any Joe citizen is going to get a gun."

However, McCauley said he started doing "research" and speaking with gun rights groups about reforming the "may issue" concealed carry legislation in Maryland.

According to a 10-year study on 2.5 million permit holders, just 168 people had their permit revoked for an offense involving a firearm.

"When I met them, they schooled me," McCauley said of one specific gun rights group, AGC Gun Club. "They not only schooled me — they embarrassed me. They humbled me. I was wrong. I was completely wrong."

Knowing that he had spent much of his career as a police officer worried that there would be "blood in the streets" if gun restrictions

were loosened, the veteran cop made it his mission to thoroughly investigate the issue.

"When I say I studied it, I mean I slept two hours a night studying it," he added. "And I found out some staggering information about handgun permits and what was going on. My fears were not justified."

McCauley said there are over 11 million licensed handgun permit holders in the United States. According to a 10-year study on 2.5 million permit holders, just 168 people had their permit revoked for an offense involving a firearm, he explained. Most of the time, he added, the offense was carrying a firearm into a prohibited zone.

When he tried to discredit the study, McCauley said he failed. Since retiring, he has been vocal as a gun rights activist on the "may issue" law in Maryland.

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Virginia Police Sued for Violating Obama Protester's Right to Free Speech and Lawful Gun Ownership

by John Whitehead,
FreedomOutPost.com

RICHMOND, Va.

Attorneys for The Rutherford Institute have filed a lawsuit on behalf of a Virginia man who was arrested by City of Hopewell police officers as he was engaged in a First Amendment protest against President Obama while lawfully carrying a rifle. In a complaint filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Rutherford Institute attorneys allege that the police violated Brandon Howard's First Amendment right to free speech, Second Amendment right to bear arms, and Fourth Amendment right to be free from a groundless arrest when they confronted Howard with guns drawn and ordered him to the ground on the mistaken belief that Howard was violating the law by being in public with a rifle slung over his shoulder. Although Virginia law forbids carrying a concealed weapon and the public display of a rifle in certain cities and counties, Howard's possession and display of the rifle was wholly legal and did not make him subject to an arrest. Moreover, the City of Hopewell Police Department has admitted in writing that the incident involved a violation of department policy.

"The U.S. government has, unfortunately, adopted a 'do what I say, not what I do' mindset when it comes to Americans' rights overall. Nowhere is this double standard more evident than in the government's attempts to arm itself to the teeth, all the while viewing as suspect anyone who dares to legally own a gun, let alone use one," said John W. Whitehead, president of The Rutherford Institute and author of *A Government of Wolves: The Emerging American Police State*. "Indeed, as this case shows, while it still technically remains legal to own a firearm in America, possessing one can now get you pulled over, searched, arrested, subjected to all manner of surveillance, treated as a suspect without ever having committed a crime, shot at, and killed. This same rule does not apply to law enforcement officials, however, who are armed to the hilt and rarely given more than a slap on the wrist for using their weapons against

unarmed individuals."

On Monday, Aug. 26, 2013, Brandon Howard arrived at an overpass above Interstate 295 in the City of Hopewell, Va., and displayed a 6 foot by 4 foot sign that read "Impeach Obama." Howard was carrying a DMTS Panther Arms AR-15 rifle slung over his shoulder on a strap, and a .380 caliber Bersa Thunder sidearm pistol in a belted holster on his waist. Howard lawfully owned each firearm and did not point or brandish them at any time while engaged in his First Amendment protest activity on the overpass. Howard displayed his protest sign for 30 minutes, but Howard did not directly engage with anyone. At about 5:30 p.m., a police officer pulled up to the area, remained in his car, and observed Howard. Thereafter, three to five additional police cruisers arrived at the scene with emergency lights engaged. Approximately eight officers exited these vehicles with their guns drawn and ordered Howard to drop his sign and get on the ground with his hands spread above his head. Howard complied with the officers' orders. Despite the fact that Howard at no time made any threatening action toward the officers or anyone else, one police officer allegedly asked Howard, "What do you think you are doing threatening people on my interstate?" Howard explained that he had not threatened anyone but was simply exercising his First and Second amendment rights. Howard was then handcuffed and transported to the police station, where he was left, handcuffed, in an interrogation room for 90 minutes, after which time he had his firearms returned and was released. A month later, the Deputy Chief of Police acknowledged in writing that an internal investigation had concluded that one of the officers violated department policy and would be disciplined and sent to remedial training. Attorney Raul Novo of Richmond, Va., is assisting The Rutherford Institute with the lawsuit.

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Two States Pass Bills That Block Federal Gun Control

by Tim Brown,
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Earlier this week, two states passed bills that would block enforcement of future federal gun control measures. Montana and Arizona passed similar measures to nullify federal gun laws and prohibit state agencies and employees from assisting federal agencies from enforcing unlawful and unconstitutional gun laws. The states are making these moves

In Montana, Rep. Art Wittich introduced House Bill 203 (HB203) which

would prohibit the state "from enforcing, assisting in the enforcement of or otherwise cooperating in the enforcement of a federal act enacted on or after January 1, 2015, that 'prohibits, restricts, or requires individual licensure for ownership, possession, transfer, or use of any firearm or any magazine or other ammunition feeding device.'"

Wittich's bill passed the House last month by a vote of 58-42. This week it passed the Senate with a vote of 27-22. The bill now heads to the governor's desk for his signature.

If he fails to either sign or veto the bill within 10 days, it becomes law.

Rep. Wittich said that the bill was needed in light of the Obama administration's usurpation of power and recent threats of unconstitutional executive orders.

Montana is also looking at Senate Bill 143, introduced by Senator Cary Smith, which will also allow concealed firearms to be carried on college campuses in Montana. Should they adopt the bill, Montana would join seven other states that allow concealed carry on college campuses.

Additionally, Senator Kelli Ward introduced Senate Bill 1330 (SB1330) that would do virtually the same thing as the Montana bill.

"All federal acts, laws, orders, rules, and regulations that are in violation of the Second Amendment of the

United States Constitution, that are unauthorized by the Constitution and that violate the Second Amendment's true meaning and intent as given by the founders and ratifiers of the United States Constitution are invalid and void in this state," the bill reads.

The bill passed the Arizona Senate on Wednesday with a vote of 17-12.

The Tenth Amendment Center says that these types of bills are "based on James Madison's advice for states and individuals in Federalist 46, a 'refusal to cooperate with officers of the Union' serves as an extremely effective method to bring down federal gun control measures because most enforcement actions rely on help, support, and leadership in the states.

These bills are also based

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Housing Bubble Redux: Subprime Auto Market Begins to Crack

by Tyler Durden,
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(Editor/GG: The Nobama regime is also pressuring banks to do a LOT more subprime lending in the housing market. The student loan bubble is at \$1 trillion. And our national, state, and personal debt has grown by over \$15 trillion since the last crash. There is NO way that the vast majority of this can EVER be paid for. So, what do YOU think is going to happen?)

As noted last week, the aggregate amount of loans for new and used cars will in short order eclipse the \$1 trillion mark, joining total student debt in full-on bubble mode. Better still, early delinquencies on auto loans are now sitting back at their 2008 highs (both for all borrowers and for subprime borrowers, with nine percent of the latter now missing a payment within the first eight months of origination). Despite this, and despite the fact that

nearly a third of all auto loans in 2013 were made to subprime borrowers (the same amount we saw in 2006 at the very height of reckless underwriting standards), Experian says everything is fine.

Meanwhile, Wells Fargo recently noted that although lending standards had indeed gotten back to “normal” (and as a reminder, “normal” now means how things were in 2006) it’s beginning to look like some households “might be overleveraged.” Simultaneously, lenders are again showing a propensity towards origination for the purpose of selling loans rather than holding them; that is, originating loans and then happily passing them on to the Wall Street securitization machine, which explains why despite a collapse in the issuance of ABS backed by home equity loans since the crisis, total ABS issuance in the U.S. hit its highest level since 2008 last year.

These are things that Wells should know something about as they made some \$30 billion in auto loans last year and indeed it now appears the bank may be getting concerned about the market it’s helped to build. As the NY Times reports:

Wells Fargo, one of the largest subprime car lenders, is pulling back from [subprime auto lending], a move that is being felt throughout the broader auto industry...

Wells Fargo has imposed a cap for the first time on the amount of loans it will extend to subprime borrowers.

The bank is limiting the dollar volume of its subprime auto originations to 10 percent of its overall auto loan originations, which last year totaled \$29.9 billion, bank executives said.

The decision, detailed in interviews with top Wells Fargo executives, along with other large auto lend-

ers, is a sobering moment for the booming market. Other lenders may decide to take their cue from Wells Fargo, one of the nation’s largest lenders.

The Times’ description of industry dynamics could easily be mistaken for a recap of the buildup to the housing bust, as investors chase returns, Wall Street chases fees, banks ease lending standards to increase volumes, and borrowers who are jobless (which must mean they aren’t experienced waiters) throw every semblance of prudence out the window:

Large banks, weathering a slowdown in other types of lending like mortgages, have increased their auto lending. And much as in the housing boom, investors in search of higher returns, like insurance companies and hedge funds, are buying billions of dollars of investments backed by subprime auto loans.

Such growth, though, has given rise to concerns, like

those at Wells Fargo, that growing competition is fostering lax lending practices, including longer repayment periods and increased loan balances.

Federal and state authorities, meanwhile, are examining whether dealerships have been inflating borrowers’ income or falsifying employment information on loan applications to ensure that any borrower, even some who are unemployed and have virtually no source of income, can buy a car.

Just how bad has it gotten? This bad:

Last week at the annual conference of the Global Association of Risk Professionals in New York, Darrin Benhart, a senior regulatory official at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, which regulates Wells Fargo, noted that lenders had extended repayment periods to 84 months — 40 percent longer than the typical period — and were making loans

that were far greater than the value of the car.

This is perhaps the clearest sign yet that we have learned literally nothing from the crisis years. That is, this is precisely the same dynamic and it will end precisely the same way: defaults will rise, investors in assets backed by these loans will suffer outsized losses, and the assets themselves will become completely illiquid. Indeed, the dominoes have already started to fall. Here’s Fitch with the last word:

Weaker seasonal trends led to annualized net losses (ANL) on U.S. subprime auto ABS reaching their highest level since 2009, according to the latest monthly index results from Fitch Ratings.

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Obstruction of Justice: A Must for Hillary

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

It’s time for those who claim to uphold the rule of law (Editor.GG: www.foxnews.com) (cough-Republicans-cough!) to appoint an independent prosecutor with the goal of determining whether a black-letter violation of the law regarding obstruction has occurred and, if so, to bring charges.

Hillary Clinton wiped her email server “clean,” permanently deleting all emails from it, the leader of the House committee investigating the 2012 terror attacks in Benghazi said Friday.

Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., said the former secretary of state has failed to produce a single, new document in recent weeks and has refused to relinquish her server to a third party for an independent review, as Gowdy has requested.

It does not matter when Hillary decided to do this. All that matters is

that she knew at the time that the records in question might be requested during an investigation and destroyed them so as to prevent their production.

The law under 18 USC 1519 is extremely broad and does not require that the person destroying (or ordering the destruction of) records know of an investigation at the time or even that said investigation exist. It only requires that the item destroyed might have reasonably become subject of a future investigation before any department or office of the United States.

18 U.S. Code 1519 was added by Sarbanes-Oxley which, incidentally, Hillary Clinton voted for as a senator and thus knows darn well applies to both this situation generally and to her specifically.

Stand up, America.

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The Mufti of Saudi Arabia, The Head of Sharia Law: Destroy All Christian Churches

by Theodore Shobeat, FreedomOutPost.com

(Editor/GG: This is the latest interfaith reach out program by our muslim friends. Note that this mufti (it is hard to get past that word without a chuckle or two) is the top dog in the Muslim world when it comes to their religious laws. Yup, these main stream, moderate muslims love to “get along”. And another observation: if muslims controlled the government here in the U.S. (I know, you can argue that they do now.), they would do the same thing here. Wake up Christians, they look at the world a lot different then we do.)

The Mufti of Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Abdullah who is the head of sharia law in the country, has ordered that the Saudi government demolish all of the churches in the land. As we read from a very recent report:

(Editor/GG: For the full report, go to: www.time-sofisrael.com/saudi-grand-mufti-calls-for-demolition-of-churches/)

Saudi Arabia’s top Muslim cleric called on Tuesday for the destruction of all churches in the Arabian Peninsula after legislators in the Gulf state of Kuwait moved to pass laws banning the construction of religious sites associated with Christianity.

Speaking to a delegation in Kuwait, Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Abdullah, who serves as the grand mufti of Saudi Arabia, said the destruction of churches was absolutely necessary and is required by Islamic law, Arabic media reported.

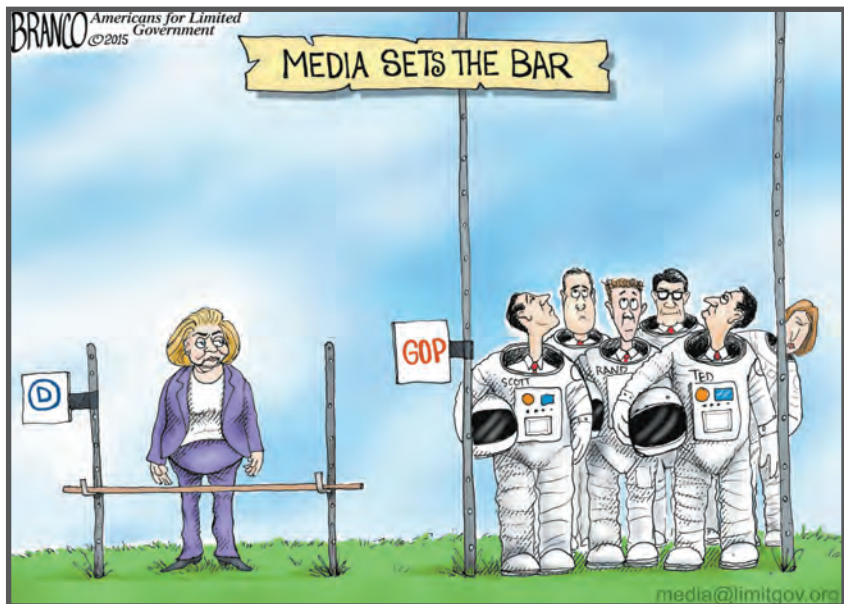
Abdullah, who is considered to be the highest official of religious law in the Sunni Muslim kingdom, also serves as the head of the Supreme Council of Ulema (Islamic scholars)

and of the Standing Committee for Scientific Research and Issuing of Fatwas.

Last month, Osama Al-Munawar, a Kuwaiti member of parliament, announced his plans to submit a draft law calling for the removal of all churches in the country, according to the Arabian Businesses news site. Al-Munawar later clarified that the law would only apply to new churches, while old ones would be allowed to stay erect.

If the Mufti of Saudi Arabia wants to demolish all churches, then why should we allow for mosques in Christian nations?

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on the anti-commandeering doctrine. The anti-commandeering doctrine, resting on four Supreme Court cases dating back to as early as 1842, should be considered in this matter.

Printz v. U.S. is the cornerstone in this doctrine. The ruling states in part:

“We held in New York that Congress cannot compel the states to enact or enforce a federal regulatory program. Today we hold that Congress cannot circumvent that prohibition by conscripting the states’ officers directly. The federal government may neither issue directives requiring the states to address particular problems, nor command the states’ officers, or those of their political subdivisions, to administer or enforce a feder-

al regulatory program...such commands are fundamentally incompatible with our constitutional system of dual sovereignty.”

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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.



Someone Hates Your Rights

Some liberals have been suffering from a serious bout of emotional and mental indigestion since Ted Cruz made his announcement to run for President. The senator had the unmitigated gall to suggest that the rights of mankind are issued by God and not government. Can you imagine anything more insulting than elevating God over the human race? The left desperately wants to be the assemblage that issues privileges to the masses in order to maintain their allegiance. As strange as it sounds, this is the primary reason for the constant assault on any public display of the Ten Commandments which are, or course, extracted from the Bible. (Exodus 20) That puts God in the mix which raises the hackles on the backs of the attack dogs. Could there be another reason for the hatred that extends beyond the obvious? The answer is emphatically, YES! The rationale is simple: not only do the commandments demand obedience, which is often resisted, but in parallel fashion, they serve as a declaration of human rights given by God.

The launching pad for the commandments is God’s affirmation of his right: “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” Until there is an acknowledgment of the absolute authority of God, there will always be a debate as to who is the giver of rights—God or government. As dependence upon government increases, a proportionate reliance for its benevolence develops, which ultimately results in an aristocracy versus serf society. The middle class is systematically eliminated.

“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image...Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them.” God has extended to us the privilege of worshipping him, for he continues with “for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God.” When high school students meet at the flag pole to pray, only to be rebuked by the authorities, we observe a contest as to who is go-

ing to be the recognized god—the God of the Bible or government.

“Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.” Every individual has the right to respect holiness. Millions of times a day Americans ask God to damn something, but never swear in the name of President Obama, Nancy Pelosi, or Harry Reid. Somehow a congressional damnation lacks the necessary punch. When someone curses a person or an object, they’re looking for an ultimate source of authority that serves as the exclamation mark of the conversation. This is in itself an acknowledgment that there is a deity who deserves esteem. American vocabulary is attacking that right; at the same time its rendering more regard for the inhabitants of the White House than the God of the heavenly house.

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.” The right to rest is not a license delivered by a bureaucracy, but rather a freedom the same bureaucracy has the obligation to protect. Rest can only be fulfilled when a sense of security accompanies it; hence, the role of a strong military. When our armed forces are constantly being denigrated, liberty is under siege.

“Honor thy father and thy mother.” The clear indication is the right of respect. Shouldn’t ordinary citizens be consulted by congressional committees more frequently than celebrities who often are the very ones who disdain Ward and June Cleaver in preference for “Sex and the City?” “There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.” (Proverbs 30:11)

“Thou shalt not kill” is a right to life that extends from the womb to the grave. No claim authored by God has suffered more abuse than the sixth edict. A culture of death has been propagated from Roe versus Wade to thousands of murders being portrayed on primetime television. Jesus’ explanation was startling: “Ye

are of your father the devil, and the lust of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth...” (John 8:44)

“Thou shalt not commit adultery” is the right to purity. This prerogative has been targeted for years by filmmakers, but the ambush has intensified greatly through Internet porn, which has become a national epidemic. Someone hates your rights.

“Thou shalt not steal” protects the right of ownership of private property. Confiscatory taxation and governmental condemnation of private land lend to the suggestion that Uncle Sam is the giver of rights, not God.

“Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor” is actually a right to a fair and speedy trial. Many a person has been victimized by a kangaroo court. “There shalt not raise a false report; put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.” (Exodus 23:1)

“Thou shalt not covet,” or as Webster says: “to wish for enviously.” The gross violation of this commandment is the root cause of today’s financial quicksand. However, there is a further implication – the right to protect what is legitimately ours. The redistribution of wealth through massive federal spending and taxation would be the greatest assault on the tenth commandment in the history of this republic.

Is there a usurper in the bushes attempting to replace God with another authority? James Madison, the father of the Constitution, said, “We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of the government, far from it. We have staked the future of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government; upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.”

A Sheepdog Barks!

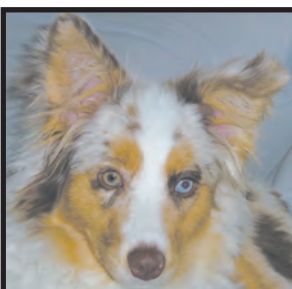
So the *New York Times*, the holy grail of the LPSD media, believes poor, old Bowe Bergdahl has been punished enough already and a dishonorable discharge would be bad for him. REALLY? Tell that to the loved ones of the six dead soldiers that went looking for him. Now Bowe’s lawyers want us to believe he was just trying to make it to a different American basecamp so he could report some wrong doing. I guess that is why he mailed all his personal belongings home before he “wandered” off base. And I guess that’s why he wrote all those un-American thoughts to his friends and family. And I guess that’s why his father, trying hard to look like his son’s captors (aka buddies) in the Rose Garden, spoke Arabic (or whatever foreign tongue that was) to Bowe while Obama was groping his wife. She’s lucky Biden wasn’t there. Look, let me make this simple and I know most of you will agree. Bowe Bergdahl committed the most heinous act a soldier can--deserting in a time of war, leaving his buddies behind and putting them at risk. He MUST be severely punished. He needs to spend at least 25-30 years (if not life) behind bars and forfeit all pay, allowances, rank, and benefits. Anything else is an insult and a slap in the face to the millions of service men and women that served with “honor and distinction.” Bowe Bergdahl did not. WOOF! Susan Rice is an idiot! And like most LPSDs, she doesn’t really understand why what she said is wrong. Most LPSDs don’t like the military. They just try to tolerate it. Our society is soft and that is why many think Bergdahl has suffered enough. His suffering should just be starting. If I were Sheepdog-in-Chief, I would have him incarcerated with his real buddies at GITMO. Let the court-martial begin! Hopefully, it will bring out the details of just what a bad deal this “prisoner” swap was that Obama concocted and just which senior military leaders played a hand in it and “signed off” on that deal to swap FIVE Taliban leaders for a soldier that the Army already knew was a traitor and a deserter. Those responsible should be forcibly re-

tired and reprimanded. It was shameful that anyone wearing a uniform was part of that deal. Don’t misunderstand; we should have brought Bergdahl back so we could properly punish him. Bergdahl is no war hero. But, if the LPSDs have their way, or the president pardons him as he leaves office, old Bowe can always join the likes of Bill Ayers and teach at the University of Chicago or some other pathetic liberal, progressive, socialist institution of “higher learning!” WOOF!

Check out these “Only In A Liberal Progressive America” stories:

OIALPA: Planet Fitness Gyms, all over America. We all know “gun-free” zones are stupid and invite crime and harm. The idiots that run these gyms have a “judgement-free” zone policy. What does that mean to a LPSD? It means that those gyms are a great place to work out. What does that mean to a non-LPSD? It means it’s a place where political correctness and insanity rules over common decency and common sense. It means that they support a man using the women’s locker rooms and bathrooms even if the women customers and patrons are uncomfortable with that. Here’s their comment: “Our non-discrimination policy states members and guests may use all gym facilities based on their (now get this) sincere, self-reported gender identity.” Good Grief! This defies explanation – “self-reported?” Wish they would have had that policy in my high school. WOOF!

OIALPA: Carson City, NV. A married couple was denied foster child care because the husband had a legal concealed carry permit. Child Services Jill Marano, DFCS Deputy Administrator said, “Children in foster care may have behavioral and mental health concerns...these issues put foster children at a higher risk than other children to use firearms on themselves or others...this was designed not to restrict foster parents rights but ensure the safety of children.” This is not a legitimate reason to restrict foster parenting. They should be more concerned with the thousands of cases where they find mistreatment like starving and physical abuse. More



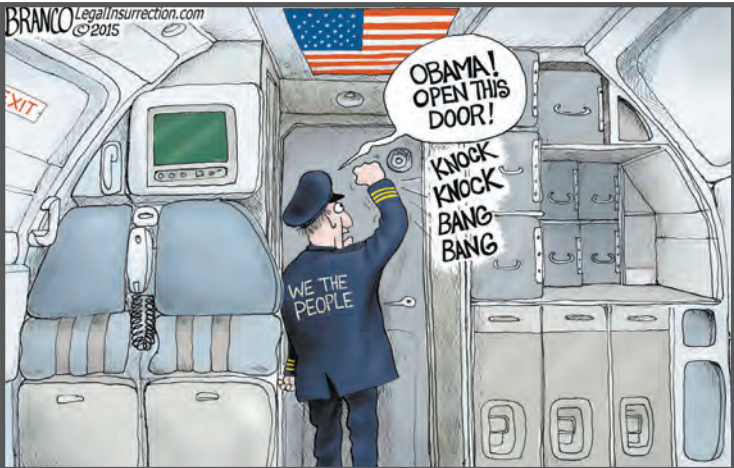
LPSD Bull! WOOF!

OIALPA: Nebraska. State Senator Ernie Chambers (D-NE) said this on the floor of the Nebraska Senate on March 20th. “If I was going to carry a weapon, it wouldn’t be against those people who came here that I might have a dispute with. Mine would be for the police. And if I carried a gun I’s want to shoot him first and ask questions later...Nobody from ISIS ever terrorized us as a people as the police do daily.” WOW! He’s still serving. And this goes hand in glove with Cornell University president who said he would welcome ISIS students there. LPSDs have no common sense and no moral compass. Anything goes and usually does in their world. We wonder why there is trouble in America. This is why! WOOF!

OIALPA: Nevada. State Senator Tick Segerblom (D-NV) has introduced a bill to provide medical marijuana to pets. Strange but not unexpected nor surprising, since LPSDs believe marriage is between a man and anybody or anything else this fits their thinking. Why not? We might as well get “high” with our pets and what better way than sharing a joint with them. This “open minds” thinking has no limit and that’s the problem. WOOF!

We end today waiting for the details on another bad Obama deal. It doesn’t matter what Obama does; it’s all bad for America. EPA and climate change regs, mandatory voting, emission controls, death taxes, Obamacare, amnesty, downsizing the military, killing jobs, screwing up the economy, creating turmoil in the middle east, and disastrous negotiations with the Iranians... What does it matter? They are all designed to “fundamentally change” (aka destroy) America just like he promised! WOOF!

May God Have Mercy on America! JMH



West Virginia Unions Suffer a Huge Blow by DEMOCRATIC Governor!

by Connor D. Wolf, Daily Caller News Foundation, DailyCaller.com
(Editor/GG: We can only pray that Chickenlooper comes to his senses...)

West Virginia Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin, a Democrat, broke from party lines Thursday by ending a common union-backed policy known as mandatory project labor agreements.

Project labor agreements occur when companies working on a public project must enter into collective bargaining with a union, hire workers through the union, and pay union wages and benefits. The new law signed by Tomblin, known as Establishing Fair and Open Competition in Governmental Construction Act, ends government mandated PLAs in the state.

Andy Conlin, director of state and local affairs for the Associated Builders and Contractors, applauded Tomblin for rising above party politics by signing the bill into law.

“Gov. Tomblin’s leadership in becoming the first democratic governor to sign legislation outlawing PLA mandates on public construction projects, and the bipartisan manner in which this legislation passed are clear indicators of the growing momentum against these special interest hand-outs,” Conlin noted in a statement.

“PLA mandates are bad for taxpayers and for the vast majority of construction workers who choose not to join a labor union and actions such as those taken by the governor and legislature demonstrate the growing bipartisan consensus that PLA mandates are bad public policy,” he continued.

Bryan Hoylman, ABC state president, argues the law will help lower costs for public projects.

“By prohibiting these costly and unnecessary mandates on publicly funded construction projects, this bipartisan legislation will ensure that every qualified bidder in the state of West Virginia and their skilled craft professionals are given a fair chance to participate in the public procurement process,” Hoylman detailed in a state-

ment.
“Studies show PLAs drive up the cost of public construction projects between 12 to 18 percent and the leadership shown by bill sponsors Sen. Majority Leader Mitch Carmichael and Del. Geoff Foster will increase competition and provide better value to taxpayers by allowing all qualified West Virginia contractors to compete effectively for work on taxpayer-funded projects,” he continued.

According to a report by the libertarian Cato Institute, project labor agreements alone can add 12 to 18 percent to the cost of public projects.

Since the midterm election, the newly elected republican majority within the state legislature has been proposing ideas, including ending PLAs, prevailing wage reform and outlawing mandatory union membership, in the hopes of improving the struggling economy. Union leadership within the state, however, has condemned the ideas as being anti-worker.

Most recently, the state chapter of the AFL-CIO planned a rally at the state capital to protest the policy reforms.

AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades Department President Mark H. Ayers has in the past defended PLAs. Noting a study by Cornell University, he argued they are great at providing jobs to disadvantaged communities.

“The Cornell report confirms and illuminates the ‘untold story’ of PLAs,” Ayers noted in a statement from 2011. “They are extremely effective at providing job and career training opportunities for historically disadvantaged communities. The bottom line, as exemplified by this report, is that PLAs work.”

Despite the adamant opposition, Republican lawmakers have argued the policies will help improve the local economy which has been suffering for years. According to a recent report by Market Watch, West Virginia is the only state where less than half its civilians work.

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posed changes from being implemented.

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs has rendered an opinion that the Board of County Commissioners had 45 days from the date the petition was filed to either seek a court injunction or to take no action, and that if no action was taken within this 45-day period then the modified Service Plan would go into effect. Based on this opinion, the Hospital District has taken the position that its Amended Service Plan has gone into effect by default. The County Attorney has advised the Board that the relevant statutory language

on this issue is rather ambiguous and confusing, and that it is not clear there was a 45-day deadline for the Board to take affirmative action to enjoin the “proposed” changes which were, in effect, a done deal long before the petition was filed. Nevertheless, the Board has decided to defer to the DOLA opinion. If we had chosen the option of seeking a court injunction after the Hospital District had already implemented the changes, we would have been in the position of trying to “unring the bell”. That would have been a futile effort and would have further exacerbated the controversy that has surrounded the operation of the Hospital District.

The Amended Service Plan filed by the Hospital District

is, in the words of the executive director of the District, now in effect by default. We wish the current members of the Board of Directors of the Hospital District well as they work to resolve the problems that have beset the District in recent years. We should all be united in pursuit of the same goal: quality medical services for the citizens of Custer County. It is solely in the hands of the West Custer County Hospital District to assure that this goal is achieved. The Board of County Commissioners is not stalling or otherwise impeding this effort - by law we are simply concerned citizens now; we do not have any authority to say yes or no to the decisions made by the Hospital District Board.

Coffman Proposes Legislation on Aurora VA Hospital

PRESS RELEASE (Washington, D.C.) –

U.S. Representative Mike Coffman (R-CO) has introduced legislation that will help get the Aurora VA hospital built while holding the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) accountable for its failures and ensuring such mismanagement never occurs again.

The bill raises the current authorization cap on the hospital so it can be finished, prohibits bonuses from being paid until the hospital is fully operational, requires an investigation into the billion dollar cost overruns, and transfers all future construction authority for VA hospitals to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

In April 2014, recently ousted VA head of construction Glenn Haggstrom testified at a House Veterans Affairs Oversight and Investigation Subcommittee field hearing in Denver, Colorado, chaired by Coffman, that the Aurora VA hospital would be finished by May 2015 and cost no more than \$630 million.

Last week the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who took over the responsibility for managing the construction of the hospital from the VA earlier this year,

said the hospital is now on track to cost \$1.73 billion. The expected completion date is now in 2017.

“The massive VA mismanagement of this hospital is offensive to the veterans it is supposed to serve and offensive to the taxpayers funding the project,” said Coffman, a Marine Corps combat veteran. “My bill will help get the hospital built for the veterans who deserve the care it will provide, while holding the VA accountable for its failures and ensure this never happens again.”

The VA pays out hundreds of millions of dollars every year in bonuses. In FY2015 alone there is \$360 million authorized for VA bonuses. Rather than improving the quality of VA healthcare, bonus money has fueled corruption by incentivizing the sort of misconduct which led to the ongoing “secret waiting list” scandal. Moreover, Americans are appalled at VA bonuses despite evidence of gross mismanagement and incompetence. This bill would prohibit VA from awarding any bonus until the Aurora replacement hospital is fully operational.

A GAO review of four VA hospital construction projects in April 2013 (which included the Aurora project) found that the average cost overrun of each facility was approximately \$366 million and the average time-delay was 35 months. The recent revelations about the expected cost of the Aurora project paint an even grimmer picture of VA’s ability to effectively manage a large construction program. This bill prohibits the VA from building medical facilities which cost more than \$10 million in the future, and transfers authority for those construction projects to the Army Corps of Engineers.

VA consistently fails to hold corrupt or incompetent officials accountable for their actions. This bill requires GAO to review VA’s internal investigation into the Aurora project, and make a truly independent assessment concerning any VA official’s potential misconduct that may have contributed to the project’s dramatic cost overruns. The GAO would also be required to establish when senior VA officials knew about the excessive cost overruns and the reasons that information was withheld from Congress.

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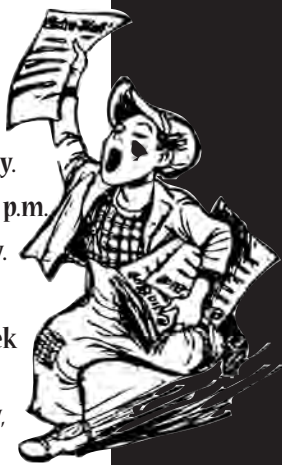
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“Takin’ It To The House...”

A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

From: Representative
Jim Wilson – HD 60
March 29, 2015

March Madness for College Basketball has reached a fever pitch and will spill over into April before the winner is determined. “March Madness” is cranking up under the Golden Dome this week as well. At the end of last week, each of the 100 members of the 70th General Assembly had their copy of the Long Bill (the state’s upcoming budget) on their desk. The Long Bill and the accompanying departmental budgets are over 3-inches thick (591 pages) and deal with over \$26 billion in spending! The madness begins with the Senate reading the bill across the desk for formal introduction. Both the D’s and the R’s will then break out into their separate caucus discussions and plan priorities and strategies. The games really begin when the two “teams” take the Senate floor to do battle over the document (along with a myriad of amendments).

If all goes well, the buzzer in the Senate is set to go off late on April 2nd and the document will be sent

over to the House where the second round gets underway. The House will repeat the process that was followed in the Senate, and the final winner will be declared sometime on Friday, April 10th. It’s kind of like the College Championship not being declared until one team has won both the NCAA and the NIT within a two week span! Oh, how did you do with selecting winners on your NCAA bracket? Your chances of selecting winners in the basketball bracket were far better than being able to predict how the Long Bill will look on April 10th...

The biggest single portion of the Long Bill is the funding of K-12 Education. Education funding takes about \$5.5 billion out of the total state budget. Usually the School Finance Act is the main topic of discussion under the Golden Dome this time of the year, but not this round! This year the heated conversations are taking place over assessments:

- How many assessments should be given -- what kind and at what grade levels?
- What is available other than PARCC and how

much will it cost?

- Who can opt out and when – should schools be penalized for students opting out?
- Should the state continue in the Common Core Consortium?
- What kinds of student data are necessary and what kinds are invasive?

These questions (and many more) are being discussed in both chambers and on both sides of the aisle. Both the House and Senate Education Committees are attempting to address the issues. As this edition is being written, the larger challenges are taking place on the Senate side. The Senate is clinging to an “all or none” approach to the questions. “If we cannot get everything we want in our bill, at least we tried” type of approach. On the House side, both D’s and R’s have been working on a collaborative bill that would address many of the issues, and (perhaps most importantly) would have a chance of getting the Governor to sign it!

Do the math – the Senate will pass a Republican bill, but it still has to pass the Democrat House. What



are the chances of a Republican bill getting through the House and being signed by the Governor? I figure if we are going to get some relief for our students, parents and our schools/communities, we had better find a way to collaboratively address at least some of the issues...

It will be a “long” two weeks with the Long Bill debates. Unlike Washington, by statute Colorado has to have a balanced budget. Balancing that budget is one of the major tasks of the Legislature. Questions? Call us at 303-866-2747 or e-mail us at wilsonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.house@state.co.us .

Yours for HD 60 --
Representative Jim Wilson

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