

Patriot's Day Celebration: A Great Success

by George Gramlich

The 240th anniversary of “The Shot Heard Around The World” was celebrated in grand style last Saturday at Veterans Park in Cañon City with music and speeches by local, state and national political figures. April 19, commonly known as “Patriot’s Day,” commemorates the first shot fired at the British in Lexington, Massachusetts, in the Revolutionary War in 1775.

The event was organized by Mara and Jack Roberts of the Liberty Action Group in Pueblo West. Sponsors included the *Sentinel*, Warrior Kit in Pueb-

Retired) was the Master of Ceremonies for the event and led the audience with the Pledge of Allegiance at 1 p.m.

Speakers included former U.S. Congressman Tom Tancredo, Colorado Senator Kevin Grantham, Colorado Representative James “Jim” Wilson, Chairwoman Becky Mizel of the Pueblo County Republican Party, Custer County Sheriff Shannon Byerly, nationally known patriot Mike Vanderboegh, founder of the Three Percent movement, author of the Sipsey Street Irregulars blog site and one of the sources that broke the Fast and Furious scandal a few years ago,

was the featured speaker at last year’s Southern Colorado Patriots Club entry in the Independence Day Parade in Westcliffe) energized the crowd with a rousing speech entitled, “The “Law” Versus the Rule of Law” where he expounded on the unconstitutional laws being passed all over the country and especially here in Colorado with our recently passed unconstitutional gun laws including the magazine ban. Near the end of his speech, Mike’s assistant opened a box and dumped fifty 30-round AR15 magazines in front of Mike on the grass. Mike then ended his speech with these words:

“Here’s a box filled with fifty misdemeanors -- magazines that mysteriously appeared in your state yesterday coincident with my arrival. Now these are “politician grade” magazines. We have smuggled hundreds of perfectly reliable magazines into Connecticut and Colorado over the past two years. We call those “freedom fighter” grade magazines -- you can bet your life on them. But politician-grade magazines. . . well, like politicians they are unreliable and probably won’t work as advertised. They are perfect, therefore, for presentation to anti-gun politicians.

What I am looking for here today is co-conspirators in liberty. I am looking for volunteers to take these misdemeanors, present them to the politicians in this state in whatever otherwise legal method that you choose, along with the message -- “This was smuggled into Colorado in violation of your law. Now that you’ve taken possession of it, why don’t you go arrest yourself?

So the alternative is yours -- will you join the nationwide conspiracy for liberty? It is not without risk, but somewhere the Founders will be smiling. And remember this -- THE ENEMIES OF LIBERTY CAN ONLY MAKE YOU A SLAVE TO THEIR APPETITES WITH YOUR OWN PERMISSION AND INAC-



Stewart Rhodes, Founder of Oath Keepers

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TION. The choice is yours. Do I have any volunteers?”

At that moment dozens of audience members rushed

to the front of the dais and picked up every single one

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*Join us to celebrate the freedom and liberties
that Americans have sacrificed to preserve!*



Mike Vanderboegh, founder of the Three Percent movement and author of the Sipsey Street Irregulars blog site, with a pile of 30-round AR15 magazines.

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lo West, and Raft Masters/Colorado Jeep Tours in Cotopaxi. Music was provided by George Rivera and his Fat Chance Blues Band who rocked the crowd from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. when the speech making began. Joseph Santoro (U.S. Army,

and finally, the featured speaker, the founder of the Oath Keepers Organization (Oathkeepers.org), former U.S. Army paratrooper, and Yale scholar, Stewart Rhodes.

Mike Vanderboegh (who

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OATH KEEPERS: COURAGEOUS PATRIOTS



Last Sunday was Patriots’ Day: April 19, 1775. On that day the “shot that was heard ‘round the world” was fired. It was the day when the colonialists had had enough and took the first step in achieving liberty and freedom. It was the real birth of America. On Sunday, April 19, 2015, over 150 liberty- and freedom-loving patriots assembled at Veterans Park in Canon City to commemorate the Battles of Lexington and Concord exactly 240 years ago. We listened to a bevy of great speakers reminding us about the courage and sacrifice many of those brave men and women exhibited to secure their break from the tyranny of the British King. One, Mike Vanderboegh, founder of the Three Percenters, came to Colorado to help the state legislature understand why the ban on high capacity magazines is unconstitutional and wrong and why it should be repealed. The repeal attempt failed. The liberal progressives still don’t get it.

The main speaker was Stewart 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, former member of Rep. Ron Paul’s DC staff, and was a volunteer fire-fighter in Montana. 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, and was a Yale Research Scholar.

Here is what the organization says about itself: “Oath Keepers is a non-partisan association of cur-

rently serving military, Reserves, National Guard, Veterans, Peace Officers, and Fire Fighters who will fulfill the Oath we swore, with the support of like-minded citizens who take an Oath to stand with us, to support and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic, so help us God.

***“I will support
and defend the
Constitution of
the United States
of America,
against all enemies,
foreign and
domestic...”***

Our Oath is to the Constitution, not the politicians, and not to any political party. In the long-standing tradition of the U.S. military, we are apolitical. We don’t care if unlawful orders come from a Democrat or Republican, or if the violation is bi-partisan. We will not obey unconstitutional (and thus unlawful) and immoral orders, such as orders to disarm the American people or to place them under martial law. We won’t “just follow orders.”

There are growing concerns about so many government para-military forces and their potential use against American citizens. You might recall the heavily-armed BLM forces and their contract snipers that threatened the Bundy family and their supporters last year in Nevada. That standoff came within minutes of an armed clash between the government and the citizens. Oath Keepers were there, et al.

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We will NOT obey orders to disarm the American people.

We will NOT obey orders to conduct warrantless searches of the American people.

We will NOT obey orders to detain American citizens as “unlawful enemy combatants” or subject them to military tribunal.

We will NOT obey orders to impose martial law or a “state of emergency” on a state.

We will NOT obey orders to invade and subjugate any state that asserts its sovereignty.

We will NOT obey orders to blockade American cities, thus turning them into giant concentration camps.

We will NOT obey any order to force American citizens into any form of detention camps under any pretext.

We will NOT obey orders to assist or support the use of any foreign troops on U.S. soil against the American people to “keep the peace” or to “maintain control.”

We will NOT obey any orders to confiscate the property of the American people, including food and other essential supplies.

We will NOT obey any orders

which infringe on the right of the people to free speech, to peaceably assemble, and to petition their government for a redress of grievances.

Today Oath Keepers are in southwest Oregon helping protect gold-claim miners from the threat of force by BLM to close their operation. The mine owners are concerned and asked for help. This might be another Bundy-like situation and bears close watching to see what happens. The BLM has given the mine owners until April 24 to appeal. Armed Oath Keepers are already there providing security and protection to the lawful citizens-miners and owners. The Administration and BLM blinked at the Bundy Ranch one year ago. Will they blink again? Way too much land in the West is owned by the government. One might wonder why?

If you want to know more about Oath Keepers please go to www.oathkeepers.org. If you have previously served, you may want to support this patriotic group by renewing the oath you once took. The key phrase in that familiar oath, which you can find on the website, is that “I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, against all enemies, foreign and domestic...” Ask the ranchers in Nevada or the miners in Oregon if they believe there are domestic enemies of our liberty and freedom. Oath Keepers are Patriots. It’s good to know that America’s militia exists and there are those willing to confront government tyranny if and when necessary. We encourage you to check them out.

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To Law Enforcement Officers Everywhere: Thank you for Freedom Your vigilance and dedication are essential to maintaining the American way of life, but many people have forgotten that fact.

by Dave Smith

Recently a young crime fighter wrote to ask me how he could keep a positive attitude in a time when so many people are expressing negative feelings toward law enforcement. How indeed? I have never seen our media, our social institutions, and our political leaders turn so negative toward this country's peacekeepers. And this in spite of the fact that we have done everything short of grabbing cats from trees to try to be liked.

Law enforcement agencies have put sports leagues and youth clubs in poor areas to curb crime, taught drug awareness, conducted gang resistance training, resorted to calling ourselves euphemisms such as “guardians” to endear ourselves to the public. And all to no apparent avail.

Despite it all, the American media, much of the public, and even some of our elected officials have been throwing a collective anti-police fit. Professional athletes run onto fields or courts pantomiming the oddly phrased falsehood, “Hands Up, Don't Shoot,” while major networks parade groups of self-promoting charlatans and “experts” to expound upon the “failings” of law enforcement.

I have had it, and here on my short soapbox of a column I want to make a few things clear.

First, our whole darn species is nasty and brutish. History is literally the slow, difficult journey of the oppressed learning to live

free. In the era when Leonidas fought at the “Gates of Fire” against the Persians, Egyptian culture – the most advanced of that time – didn't even have a word for “freedom.” That's how rare the concept was in the ancient world. But today we have peoples from all over the planet living side by side as neighbors in remarkable peace and tranquility.

My first political science professor, an Orange Irishman, opened my Political Theory 1 class with this stunning statement: “The history of mankind would show us that our natural state is to be at war, enslaved, and starving, while today in our country we find a people who have known little conflict, are free, and overweight.” We spent the rest of the semester learning about Plato, Jefferson, and Marx and the political theories that shaped the modern world.

Freedom, historically a rare status for the average human, takes great sacrifice. It requires force to get it and force to keep it. Go to Washington, D.C., and walk from The Lincoln Memorial to the Smithsonian, and then take a left; there you will find the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. The names of fallen officers carved into the walls of this memorial are a sobering reminder that freedom requires constant vigilance and sacrifice. I don't know if the American people will ever remember this, but the men and women who serve and protect never have forgotten it and never will; the walls have empty spaces

waiting for the names of the vigilant officers who will continue to sacrifice their lives for “the rest of us.”

So when will there be an awakening, a remembrance by the media and many in the public about the nature of freedom and its creation? I don't know and can't do anything to make it so; all I can do is speak truth to lies and keep living my mission to keep crime fighters as safe as I can. All any of us can do is to keep following our paths, keep our heads high, and keep moving forward. You may not be able to make people like you but you can help them stay safe and free. Each of you is a single atom of freedom that collectively forms a mass that composes a free society of people who live with liberty and trust because you are there, whether they realize it or not.

Tell others that if they want to protect freedom they should wear the uniform, military or civilian; the uniform symbolizes an essential mission in a free society. People who live in fear are not really free, or cannot stay free long with such anxiety, and you are the ones they call in a crisis. Believe in your mission, keep your sense of humor, support each other, and stand against the lies. And if you really need to be loved, wear a uniform that says “Fire Department.”

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Former Westcliffe Town Manager Disputes Tribune's Claims

In the spirit of full disclosure I will say I am Mary Seifert's brother and a 40 year friend of Kit Shy. I am proud to make that statement. I know full well that disclosure automatically disqualifies me from having any credibility on the subsequent topic at hand in the eyes of some in the valley. I suppose that won't matter much since the ones that would object most to my letter don't read this paper anyway. Mary tried to talk me out of submitting this but I will no longer sit still for this unwarranted character assassination of either of them. You would be hard-pressed to find two more compassionate and honest individuals than Mary and Kit. Both sacrifice considerable personal time and expense in service to the residents of Custer County. If being friends and doing business together is a conflict of interest, you will have to shut down all government entities. I say “shame on you” to those who viciously criticize without knowing them or the facts. I just feel sad for those of you who do know them and the facts and still criticize. Envy is a mental monster. Pick on me, one who is more deserving of your disrespect than either of them. Be forewarned: I will bite back. They have to live among you up there, I don't. Let's get to the other purpose of my letter.

I have lived in Custer County off and on since 1961, 42 years in total, so I know some about the valley. I was the Westcliffe Town Manager from April 1999 through July 2005. In the February 5, 2015 issue of the *Tribune* Mr. Little was quoted saying: “The *Tribune*.....has never had any problems or made any mistakes with them (the County)”. That is not a truthful statement. In the

early 2000's (I can't recall the exact date) it was discovered that the *Tribune* had been over-billing the Town for a period of time for publication of notices. The over-billings to the Town of Westcliffe were in excess of \$4,000 according to the allowable Colorado Statutory maximum rates. Silver Cliff and the County also had the same problem with over-billings by the *Tribune*.

The Westcliffe Town Board, against my fiscal advice, accepted less than half of the over-billed amount (\$1,700 if my memory serves me correctly). Had the *Tribune* not been guilty of over-billings, what would have been their incentive to write a reimbursement check to the Town? I do not know if the County or Silver Cliff were reimbursed any of their over-billed funds. I am not surprised that none of the Town Trustees in place during that episode come forward and disclosed that “little” falsehood. Why would they subject themselves to the vitriol aimed at Mary and Kit? If records destruction statutes have not kicked in and allowed the elimination of the minutes of the past Town Board meetings and financial records, they may still be available to corroborate my statements.

I have read the *Tribune* for 42 years. Not once did I nor the Conservative political majority in the valley complain publicly about its liberal slant. Now there is competition to the liberal paper and the differences between Conservatives and liberals rears its informative head. In my book “Freedom Permits” I go into more detail about the differences but I will compress it here. Conservative people are more tolerant of opposing viewpoints and have a “live and let live”

attitude. Leftists on the other hand will not tolerate opinions contrary to their own. They will deny facts, make up their own reality, start name-calling and personal destruction, all of which we are witnessing in this particular situation. The sudden appearance of a patriotic Conservative Christian newspaper has brought all the ugliness of liberalism to the forefront in glaring fashion.

No one seems to be able to dispute the fact that the County Commissioners adhered to the County's bid process. No one can dispute the fact that the *Sentinel* submitted a lower bid. In this time of financial uncertainty, why is the commissioner's fiscally responsible approach even in question? This liberal uprising is not over a few thousand dollars. It is not about availability of the notices, because if the liberals want to read the County's notices they can read them in the courthouse. I read a Letter to the *Tribune* Editor and the writer stated that the valley liberals would now be forced to buy the *Sentinel* in order to read County postings.

Welcome to the position the valley Conservatives have been in for the 35 years Jim Little has owned and edited the *Tribune*. And all that gets us to the real basis for all this brouhaha: this entire mess is based on ideology. The local liberals are offended by a “Tea Party” (code word for racist), “Christian” (code word for homophobe), “patriotic” (code word for bigot) newspaper that offends all of their self-absorbed sensibilities. There, I dipped my toe into the name-calling cesspool.

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Thank you from Mikey's Family

Dear Editor:

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to all of the people of our community for their love and support that was given during our loss of Mikey. The cards, flowers, food, and donations were so appreciated, but the thing that mattered most was the personal visits, hugs, and words of comfort expressed by everyone, both young and old. The help that was given to Robert while planning the memorial service for his

brother was awesome and the huge number of people who attended the memorial to say goodbye to the young man who had yet to reach his potential was amazing. We are truly humbled by the love that surrounded our family during this devastating time. Thank you to each and every one of you.

*Debbie and Al Spatziani
and Robert Weidinger,
Silver Cliff*

Thank you to Mountain Shot Photography from the Saddle Club Royalty

We would like to take the time to send a huge thank you to Brianna Livengood Cozzetto of Mountain Shot Photography! This past Sunday she took our Rodeo Royalty pictures. Brianna was very easy and fun to work with and we highly recommend using her for all of your photography needs! Brianna is a very talented photographer, and she donated her time to work

with the WMVSC Royalty to have professional photos!

Brianna can be reached at mountainshot-photography@gmail.com.

*Thank you,
2015 Wet Mountain Valley
Saddle Club Royalty*

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of the "illegal" magazines as the crowd roared with applause.

Finally, the featured speaker, Stewart Rhodes, rose to speak. Mr. Rhodes described the sacrifices that our militia members went through in the Revolutionary War and that victory was achieved because virtually all adult males in the northern colonies were militia members. He spoke

eloquently of the need for us to support our sheriff's posse as they represent the militia concept today. He encouraged all citizens to join the posse as it is the final bulwark for freedom and liberty.

The event concluded with Mr. Santoro leading the entire assembly in taking or re-taking our sacred Oath to the Constitution of the United States of America.

(Editor/GG: Next week we will be printing Mike Vanderboegh's speech in its entirety. Be sure to check it out!)

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It is time to end my ramble. Now is also the time to put an end to the waste of taxpayer time and money spent on endless meetings that will accomplish nothing constructive. Mr. Little and his entourage need to accept the fact that the bidding is over for this year. Put this matter to bed.

If Mr. Little wants to win back the county business next bidding cycle, I recommend he sharpen his pencil and bid \$.15 per line inch! Paraphrasing the words of our illustrious top man in Washington to the Republicans: "I won, you lost, get over it".

*Respectfully submitted,
Don Stuart
Southwest Florida*

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Philippians 4:7, NKJV

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Propane Tank Endangers Firefighters

by Katherine Brenchley

Wet Mountain Fire Chief Dave Tonsing was pleased with the prompt response to a chimney fire in the Antelope Valley subdivision south of Rosita last Thursday, April 16th. Firefighters, with the new engine from the Rosita station, responded to the scene within seven or eight minutes, and quickly realized they needed additional resources. Within two minutes of arriving, they called for support. The fire had already expanded with heat and gases accumulating in the upper portion of the home causing the fire to flash over.

While waiting for additional support, the first firefighters on scene were able to get the homeowners outside and backed out of the structure, taking a defensive position and doing an outstanding job of containing the fire to the home. Additional resources from the Wet Mountain Fire Department arrived on scene roughly 20 minutes later. The effort to fight this fire involved eight engines and 14 firefighters fighting for six hours under the direction of Incident Commander Kenny Patterson, Jr. An additional three days were spent dealing with flare-ups with the situation coming to an end Saturday afternoon.

The primary concern for everyone involved was the fact that a 500-gallon propane tank, which was 72% full, was buried under the deck of the home. This created a very unsafe situation and required one engine, substantial water, and multiple firefighters to be pulled away from the task of fighting the fire, so they could keep this tank cool and prevent an explosion. This is something that homeowners and propane companies alike (with the liability falling on the propane company) must keep in mind when setting up tanks and building additions to their homes.

This fire was handled in a purely defensive manner because of the propane tank and the instability of the structure. A debris field was created by the fire – an area approximately three-feet deep – that could only be attacked from the outside rather than the preferred approach of raking and digging through it to insure the fire was extinguished because of the hazards involved. There was so much latent heat in this area that it continued to flare up from time to time over the next few days, even after thousands of gallons of water and foam were applied.

All in all, Chief Tonsing praised a good turn-out by the firefighters, a timely response, good incident command system, and a good aggressive (defensive) attack, for containing this fire to the primary structure. Custer County residents are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team working to keep them safe! Job well done!



The above photos show how quickly the fire expanded to the entire structure and became a very dangerous situation. Wet Mountain Fire Protection District did an outstanding job in containing this fire, and although the house was a total loss, no other structures were impacted.

Thank you to all the first responders who assisted with this incident!

Courtesy photos



Welcome: New Sheriff's Office Detention Officers On-Board

The Custer County Sheriff's Office has recently hired two new Detention Officers for the Custer County Jail. The new hires are Steven Staton and Samantha Moos, both Custer County natives.

Steve grew up ranching with his family here in the valley and was a 2009 graduate of CCCS. He is a graduate of the Colorado Department of Corrections Academy and worked in the Colorado Sterling Correctional Facility for a year and a half.

Samantha was also born in Custer County and moved to Cañon City when she was four years old. The family then relocated to Florence where Samantha graduated from Florence High School in 2010. She then went on to college at CSU Pueblo where she graduated with a B.S. in Sociology/Criminology in 2014.

Welcome back, Steve and Samantha, and thanks for helping out with our law enforcement needs here in Custer County.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

Patriot's Day

April 19, 2015, at Veterans Park
in Cañon City



Pictured to the right:
Members of the crowd picking up the now "illegal", high-capacity mags.



Sentinel pictures by Carol Clemenson, George Gramlich, and Paul Sage.

Local Mountain News & Notices

CES: RETAC Confusion

At the April 14th meeting of the Custer County Emergency Services committee (CES), the recommendations of last year's Regional Emergency Trauma Advisory Committee (RETAC) were discussed.

CES is designed to be made up of representatives of groups that would be key players in response to any emergency situations arising in the county. While a number of these agencies were represented at this meeting, some were not. Most notably absent was any representation from the town of Westcliffe. In addition, some of the representatives present didn't understand what their role was. Silver Cliff Town Trustee Mary Behrendt was not aware that she should have discussed the matter with the Town Board to make a recommendation. Silver Cliff Mayor Larry Weber didn't feel like he should be a representative of the town or of Search and Rescue and didn't feel like he could make any recommendations.

The administrator of the clinic, Delwin Lester was absent from the meeting.

When quizzed on her take on the current arrangement with the EMS under the clinic management, EMS Manager Jen Anderson talked about how she and the clinic management were starting over from "square one" and were

"building a new foundation" for the EMS service.

County Commissioner Bob Kattnig questioned, "If this worked so good under the Hospital District for the last 20 years, how come you're just now developing this information?" There was no clear answer to this question. While the Commissioner and several others expressed great confidence in the current EMS operation, they also expressed questions and doubts about the clinic management.

Questioned about the separation of the EMS and clinic budgets, the EMS director expressed with great confidence that this had been done in great detail by Hospital District CFO Theresa Kennedy and that her door is always open for anyone wanting to find out about this.

Sheriff Byerly pointed out that, as with any organization or company suffering from a tarnished public image, it is their responsibility to improve that image. He said, "It is not the community's responsibility to seek out the financial director or people at the clinic to get information. It is incumbent upon the clinic to improve their image by reaching out to the community and giving information."

When Commissioner Kattnig pursued this issue further and questioned Hospital District Board

Chairman Bob Tobin whether it might be timely to present the promised financial information to the public, his only response was, "Duly noted. Thank you." During the drive to obtain the over a quarter of a million dollars in public funding last fall, promises were regularly made by Mr. Tobin and others that this information would be published monthly on the district website, and periodically in the county's newspapers. Throughout the first quarter of the year, this has not been done.

A representative of Solvista Health was critical of the public criticism made about the clinic operation during this process, indicating that instead we should all just be in agreement and put a positive face on everything for the sake of the greater good. Commissioner Kit Shy pointed out that "if we're not honest with each other here, it's certain we won't be honest with others." Her response was that "being honest here is one thing. Being honest in huge arenas out there is different," implying that honesty with the public that pays for the operation is of questionable value.

The results of this vote on the question of how the CES group felt the recommendations of the RETAC review should be followed up on will be delivered to the county commissioners who requested the review in the near future.

Obituary

Charles L. Tomsick March 18, 1924 ~ April 15, 2015

Charles was born March 18, 1924, in Cañon City, Colorado, to Frank and Clara Tomsick. He is the last of 10 children.

At age three, his family moved to the ranch ten miles east of Westcliffe, where he resided until recently. He entered the United States Army in 1943 and served in the 35th Regiment, 25th Infantry (Tropic Lightning) division of the 6th Army. He shipped to Guadalcanal and then fought in the Luzon, Philippines campaign. As the war ended, Charles was part of the occupying forces sent to Japan. He was honorably discharged in 1946 and was a Purple Heart recipient.

Soon after returning from the war he met Dorothy Drod, whom he married in 1947. They were married 65 years before Dorothy passed in 2012.

Charles worked on highway construction throughout Colorado (including the Custer County Highway Department), operated a saw mill with Kenneth Hoza, and continued ranching until he retired.

He is survived by two children, David Tomsick (wife, Leanne) of Franktown, Colorado and Gary Tomsick of Pueblo; two grandchildren, Carey Burden (husband Rob) of Houston, Texas



and Jeremy Tomsick (wife Alicia) of Cañon City; one great grandchild, Chandler; and sister-in-law, Marion Cowley Savage (husband Denzel) of Pueblo.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at the Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Cañon City, with interment following at Lakeside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Honor Flight of Southern Colorado, In Memory of Charles Tomsick, 6547 N. Academy Blvd., #533, Col-

orado Springs, CO. 80818-8342; 719-287-6095 or honorflightsoco.org. Honor Flight honors veterans by sending our heroes free of charge to Washington, D.C., to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to the senior veterans and those who have a terminal illness. Donations can also be made to The Denver Hospice, 501 S. Cherry St., Suite 700, Denver, CO 80246. Arrangements are under the care of Holt Family Funeral Home. Online condolences @ www.holtfamilyfuneralhomes.com

U.S. Forest Service Reminds Visitors to Protect Roads and Trails During Spring Wet Season

The U.S. Forest Service, San Isabel National Forest, is reminding visitors to protect your precious natural and cultural resources while recreating on roads and trails this spring.

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Please follow these road and trail etiquette tips:

- Stay off of muddy or wet roads. Driving on these roads can create ruts and destroy roads. Repairing the damage can be expensive.
- Avoid wildlife and driving over young trees, shrubs, and grasses.

- Stay out of meadows, steep hills, stream banks, and lake shores. They are easily scarred by spinning wheels. "Mud bogging" causes severe damage to sensitive wetland environments.
- Resist the urge to blaze a new road or trail or to cut across switchbacks.
- Be courteous when you meet others. Pull to the side and yield to horseback riders and hikers. Shut off the engine when you are near horses.
- Obey gate closures and regulatory signs and stay out of designated wilderness areas.
- Respect the rights of private land owners. Always obtain permission to travel across private land.

Wild West Cowboy Church Summer Events

Free Country Dance Lessons every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. for all ages

Free Archery Lessons Starting May 3rd every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 1 - 3 p.m. for all ages (some equipment provided.)

Gymkhana Buckle Series from ages 1 to 100... 9 Buckles will be awarded to winners of each age category. The Gymkhana dates: May 30th, June 27th, and August 15th. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Event starts at 9 a.m.

Team Penning Buckle Series with payout: Dates May 23rd, June 13th, and August 22nd.

Buckles awarded to top team. Registration begins at 5 p.m. 1st and 2nd place will receive a payout.

You can contact: Bonnie Yarbough at 719-942-3682, Larry and Jane Smith at 719-783-2676 or Twyla Geroux at 719-371-4344

Cowboy Church Services every Sunday at 4 p.m. with a potluck dinner to follow after service each week.

Bible Study at 3 p.m. Sunday for all ages.

Each Tuesday night is a potluck dinner that begins at 6 p.m. followed by a Bible Study for all ages at 6:30 p.m.

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The course will be held along the Rainbow Trail in Custer County. The 2015 course schedule is:

- Basic Botany – May 16th, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00

p.m. at the Custer County Annex (not required).

- Course II – June 6, 13, and 19th. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the Rainbow Trail

There is a fee of \$90 for the course. The course consists of three, three-hour sessions. The cost is reduced to \$60 for participants who agree to teach at least 20 people per year per course about Colorado plants and agreed upon with the extension agent. Participants who pass three courses and satisfy the teaching requirement become certified Native Plant Masters. More courses will be offered in the future. There is a Botany class offered on May 16th from 9-12 p.m. at the Custer County Annex that is not required but highly recommended for those taking the class. It is open to all with priority given to the NPM participants. The charge is \$5 for NPM participants and \$10 for those just wanting to take the class.

Registration is limited. Applications are due into the Custer County Extension Office by May 8th. Contact the Custer County Extension Office at 719-783-2514 for an application. Slots are filled on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, visit www.conativeplantmaster.org. For the latest information on more than 1,000 Colorado plants, browse the website at <http://coloradoadoplants.jeffco.us>.

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Wet Mountain Saddle Club

Due to the bad weather last weekend, the Saddle Club has rescheduled the Vet Clinic/Tack Sale/ Dressage Demonstration for Saturday, April 25th.

9 a.m.-noon: Vet Clinic

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Tack Sale

1 p.m.: Dressage Demonstration

9 a.m. - 1p.m.: Royalty Fundraiser

Morning refreshments, and a Hot Dog Lunch contact Erika at 783-0162 or 371-7448 if you are bringing tack



Day at the Airport

Last week was "Week of the Young Child" and there were many special activities planned in the Preschool Program. They had a special trip to the library, a nature walk, bowling and pizza, and a trip out to the airport to see a plane and sit in the cockpit.

The trip to the airport was made possible because Allen Butler and Monty Lee volunteered their time and Mr. Lee's plane to let the kids come out and see it, sit in it, and play with the controls as it sat in the hanger. The kids had fun riding the bus out to the airport and an even greater time seeing the plane.

Courtesy photo

Be still, and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

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Bobcats Track Team Does More Than Run, Jump, And Throw Things!

by Jim Silver

This past Saturday, April 18th, the "9 Health Fair" was again held in Custer County School, accomplished with the help of many local "veteran" volunteers assisting the health-care professionals. Behind the scenes was another group of volunteers serving the community, hours before the doors opened to the public on Saturday morning. The Custer County High School track team showed up to help those other--mostly seniors--volunteers, doing whatever was needed by them to get everything in place ahead of time. Track team Head Coach Bruce May mentioned that the 9 Health Fair has been helped for about that many years--9--by the students on the track team. He made the observation

that this is a good thing for everyone--seniors and other volunteers get to spend time with the young athletes as they're serving the community, and the high school students can make quick work of some hands-on tasks. Many senior citizens don't otherwise have the opportunity to be around "some good kids," said Coach May.

A second, regular volunteer opportunity for the student-athletes is Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in Silver Cliff. Here, the need is once again manual labor: moving boxes of clothes on hand for donation up or down the stairs, and doing other heavy lifting much more easily than would the adults in charge--again, senior citizen volunteers.

Michael Franta, a high

school senior on the track team, coordinated getting his teammates involved in this effort just days ago. A couple other seniors, Denver Mullett and Dillon Wommack, each said in similar words that it felt good to help the community, to give back. That helping those who need their help is a good thing for them to be doing. These two events were a whole-team effort (see the team picture in the center photo feature), but the students pictured worked both events, led by Coaches May and Parrish. Having the opportunity to make this known to *Sentinel* readers, we also, on behalf of all, say a big THANK-YOU! to the Bobcats track team for their time and muscle, and their willingness to do something for others.



Bobcat track team volunteers, pictured left to right: Kirsten Benoit, Hannah McNeal, Sarah Gerring, Emily Crossley, Audrey Hollinger, Denver Mullett, and Dillon Wommack.

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

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Symposium Tackles Drug Abuse Problem Among Local Youth

by Candy Thompson

The first meeting of Fremont County Youth Symposium was held at Evangelical-Free Church on April 16, 2015, for the purpose of creating a coalition of organizations and individuals whose objective is to find ways to reduce substance abuse in the youth of the community.

Attending were over 50 citizens representing various agencies, education, law enforcement, and vigilant parents who are concerned about the impact that drugs, especially marijuana, are having on the youth of Fremont County. Also, representing our youth were six students from Cañon City High School National Honor Society who assisted and contributed in the discussion and brainstorming sessions following the keynote speaker, Dr. Kenneth Finn, M.D.

Dr. Finn practices in Colorado Springs and is certified in Pain Medicine and Management as well as Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He is a member of the Governor’s Task force on Amendment 64, the Colorado Medical Marijuana Scientific Advisory Council and Colorado SAM (Smart Approach to Marijuana) and presented the latest scientific data on the effects of marijuana on our youth.

Admitting that tackling the marijuana problems that have resulted from legalization is like “flying a plane while you’re building it”, Dr. Finn said that we have to start where we are and go forward since the Genie is out of the bottle. He presented the latest statistics regarding the effects on youth in Colorado targeting primarily ages 12-17 and in almost every chart a dramatic

increase was evident with the passage of Amendment 64 in Colorado.

Lasting, permanent effects on developing brains is a major concern. The science is still coming in and will be for a long time, but the evidence is pointing in that direction. There is concern that unborn babies who are exposed to THC can have impaired brain development even affecting them into adolescence with memory and coordination problems as well as possible schizophrenia, depression, and suicidal problems.

What science doesn’t know about this substance is astronomical with many unanswered question. There is no control over dosage or strength of medical marijuana and Dr. Finn says that 100% of these “patients” never have a follow up appointment and are self-med-

icating. Only 3% of medical is for cancer.

Studies show that Colorado went from 14th to 3rd in marijuana usage in 12-17 year olds after legalization. Because of brain development, teens are much more likely to become addicted than adults. 12-20 year olds make up 30% of those addicted in the state of Colorado. This puts a huge strain on services and law enforcement costs.

Documented poisons in the 0-5 age group is also up and the cost to healthcare for emergency room visits is also up. Dr. Finn cited known suicide and murder cases that occurred while ingesting marijuana in Colorado. People are “medicalizing recreational use”, Dr. Finn said, “and also using it for benign pain problems when other drugs would work.”



Student participants, from left to right: Axel Bonney, Erin Ewerg, Chad Haunschild, Kyndra Tezak, Meg Branine, and Kelsey Miles.

Courtesy photo by Candy Thompson

There is a lot of misinformation and confusion surrounding this substance on the internet and the industry is targeting youth in their marketing. There is a nine million dollar grant for an ongoing study in Colorado going on and they have found out that it is not a “miracle” drug, he emphasized, not even for pediatric seizures.

After Dr. Finn’s presentation, breakout groups met and brainstormed to find what venues might be used to prevent students from getting into marijuana. They then combined their lists to come up with the top 5. Heading the list was Parent Education and Involvement along with a Local Media Campaign, Mentor Relationships, and

Positive Incentives. Student participants were Axel Bonney, Erin Ewerg, Chad Haunschild, Kyndra Tezak, Meg Branine, and Kelsey Miles.

It was also concluded that there is great need for collecting solid data from Fremont County agencies, medical providers, etc. to determine the extent of the problem with abuse among our youth locally.

This meeting set the groundwork for an ongoing coalition. The next meeting is on June 2, 2015, 6-7pm at E-Free Church. For more information contact Jen O’Connor at 719-276-5600 x3917 or jloconnor@canon-city.org or James Berg at james.bergl@state.co.us . It is open to everyone.

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Talent Show is Big Success; After-Prom Fundraising Hits \$3,500 Mark

by Troy Bomgardner

The “Westcliffe’s Got Talent” show was held on Wednesday, April 15th and met expectations for another great show. The standing room only crowd was treated with a number of acts that included magic, dancing, piano solos, flying drones, singing, and roller skating. This year’s show included the most variety of any show in recent memory. Taking home the 1st place award and the 50 dollar prize was an eighth grade duet which included Dakota Schoch. Second place went to 4th grader Kylee Morrell, and 3rd place went to the 5th grade duo of Mara Backsen and Harrison Walter. “The Student Council did a great job of putting on the show even after a set back in scheduling”, noted STUCO sponsor Jack Swartz. “They would like to thank everyone who came out to support the performances and the Jr - Sr After Prom.”

In addition to the on stage acts, STUCO also held an auction for assorted items from pies to DVD sets. The auction is always a lively segment of the evening and this year proved no different. With the talent show ticket sales and auction, over \$500 was raised for After-Prom activities which takes place this weekend following the annual Junior-Senior Prom. Total fundraising for After-Prom will top the \$3,500 mark with donations still coming in at press time. “Our community once again stepped up in a big way to support our youth and the After-Prom activity which is a great party free of alcohol and drugs for our students,” commented After-Prom committee member Troy Bomgardner.

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Cotopaxi Trounces Cripple Creek Victor 30-5

by Jim Silver

Cotopaxi posted a decisive win over Cripple Creek in a non-league, away game on Tuesday, April 14. The Pirates lead all the way, starting with a 4-0 first inning, followed by a crippling 12-2 second inning. They never let up, outscoring the Pioneers 14-3 in the next 3 innings, with the game ending after 5 innings of play. Offense was impressive in several ways in this trouncing, a notable stat being the number of players in the Pirates roster who contributed to the win—17. Justin Walden scored 6 runs off of 4 hits and 2 walks and was credited with 2 RBI's. David Kinsey got 3 hits in his 6 times at bat, scored 4 times and batted in a run. Kobe Lewsader scored 5 runs off of 3 hits and 2 walks and posted 5 RBI's. Quinten Richards scored 4 runs off of 2 hits and 2 walks and 1 hit-by-pitch. He showed 3 runs-batted-in. Edgar Pedigo crossed homeplate 3 times, getting his start around the bases by being hit-by-pitches 3 times—a hard way to go. These are just the offensive stats leaders in what was decidedly a team effort to arrive at those 30 runs scored.

Reporting on the Pirates at bat is a much larger story than is the telling of their time on the field. David Kinsey started on the mound and pitched two innings. He faced 9 batters, struck out 2 and walked



Justin Walden “crushing” the baseball.

just 1, and is given credit for the win. Three more Pirates took the mound and pitched an inning each—Lyons, Lewsader, and Walden. Kobe Lewsader faced 3 and struck out 2 batters, and Justin Walden ended the Miners' chance of scoring in the 5th inning with 3-up-and-3-down pitching.

Now, let's hear it from, Head Coach Ryan Christensen: “The Cripple Creek win is a huge win for us! Everyone saw playing time. We set a school record with 30 runs. We lost to them early in the season, and I had told the team, ‘let's see which team improves more?’ We answered that with a big win on Tuesday.”

Speaking of the team, the coach says, “I am so proud of the kids, as they are really getting to know each other (that is, Cotopaxi and Custer County players) and are starting to learn the

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

game. We are still a little ways off, but the improvement over the last month has been amazing.”

Then in particular, “Justin Walden is ‘crushing’ the baseball, and all out athletes are improving daily! I have not seen a kid come as far as Isaac Richards has as catcher. It's all a lot of fun, and it's really too bad the season is just about over.”

And looking at the schedule for the Cotopaxi Pirates—with relation to this April 24th issue of the *Sentinel*, a make-up “away” double-header will have been played on Tuesday, April 21st against Sierra Grande. All the following games on the schedule are at home: On Saturday, the 25th Manzanola will be in Cotopaxi, games starting at 11:00. Cripple Creek-Victor then comes to town on Wednesday, April 28, games starting at 3:00. GO PIRATES! FINISH STRONG!

Bobcats Sport Schedule

TRACK

Friday, May 1
12:30 p.m.: Pueblo Twilight at CSU - Pueblo

Saturday, May 9
8 a.m.: Cyclone Invite at Pueblo West

Pirates Sport Schedule

VARSITY BASEBALL

Saturday, April 25
11 a.m.: Manzanola at HOME

Tuesday, April 28
4 p.m.: Cripple Creek - Victor at HOME

San Isabelle View Cemetery (Hillside Cemetery - Hillside, Colorado) Community Clean Up Day Saturday, May 9th, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Bobcat Menu • April 27 - April 30, 2015

Monday breakfast	Tuesday breakfast	Wednesday breakfast	Thursday breakfast
Waffles Ham Fruit, Milk	Scrambled Eggs W. W. Toast Fruit, Milk	Blueberry or Banana Muffin Loaves Fruit Milk	Sausage Gravy Biscuits Fruit, Milk
lunch	lunch	lunch	lunch
Chicken Patty Sandwich Choice of Veg. Choice of Fruit Milk	Ground Beef & Mac Banana Bread Choice of Veg. & Fruit Milk	Hot Turkey Sandwich Choice of Veg. Choice of Fruit Milk	Ital. Sausage Pizza Choice of Veg. Choice of Fruit Milk

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

Cotopaxi's Battle of the Books

On February 23, 16 Cotopaxi Middle School students attended the annual “Battle of the Books” competition in Cañon City. The students read from a list of 7 books and then met for the competition. They participated in four rounds and answered a list of over 100 questions generated from the books. Four Cotopaxi teams competed against eight other teams from surrounding middle schools. Sage Laymon, a Cotopaxi 7th grader said, “Higher level readers got a chance to show their knowledge and passion for reading.” “It was also a great chance for us to have fun while increasing our knowledge of reading,” said Alexandra



Pictured here, front left: Peter Belt, Sage Laymon, Savannah Estrada, Dominic Will, Amelia Tonnesen, Claire Carlson; back left: Savannah Serfoss, Thunder Burnham, Annabella Drummond, Koylynn Gulliford, Shealee Coleman, McKenzie McGinniss, Jacob Maestas, Haylee Samples, Alexandra Cole

Courtesy photo

Cole. As first year competitors in the battle, the students were excited to walk away with both second and fourth place wins in the competition. Middle school language arts teacher Kris Schoech said, “The

kids loved it, and I loved watching them devour the books. It was fantastic to see them so engaged and excited about reading. We'll definitely participate again next year.”

KIDS

Friday, April 24, 2015

“Hammerin’ Hank” Aaron Hits His First Major League Baseball Home Run - April 23, 1954

On this date, just ten days after he played his first game for the Milwaukee Braves, Henry “Hank” Aaron connected for his first home run – the first of many.

Henry was born in Mobile, Alabama, in 1934. His all-black high school did not have a team, and his family, consisting of eight children, was too poor to buy baseball equipment. His first bat and ball was a stick and bottle caps. However, as a junior in high school, he began to play for a semi-pro team in Mobile earning \$3 per game.

Hank Aaron's entry into major league baseball in 1954 came just eight years after Jackie Robinson had integrated the sport. The Milwaukee Braves purchased Aaron from the Indianapolis Clowns of the Negro league. He was moved to outfielder, where he played throughout his career. He quickly established himself as an important player for the Braves, winning the National League batting title two years later, in 1956. The following season, Hank helped his team beat the Yankees - Mickey Mantle's team - in the World Series.

The achievement Hank Aaron is best known for came on April 8, 1974, when he broke Babe Ruth's record of 714 home runs. He retired from baseball in 1976 with 755 career home runs. This record stood until 2007, only to be broken by the controversial Barry Bonds.

During his 23-year career, Hank posted some other impressive numbers: games played- 3,298, at bats-12,364, hits- 3,771, runs- 2,174, runs batted in- 2,297, All Star player- 21 seasons, and highest paid ball player in 1972 at \$200,000 per year. Hank Aaron was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1982.

He currently lives in Atlanta and owns car dealerships throughout Georgia.

Sources: www.history.com and www.wikipedia.org

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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.

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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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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.

Colorado Attorney General
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80203
(800) 222-4444
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov

Federal Consumer
Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(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.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

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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

Virginia Trujillo
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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Custer County BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Tentative Agenda

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2015
9:00 AM
Meeting Location:
County Courthouse /Court Room

Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Audience introduction
Approval of minutes
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
Review Vouchers and Sign Checks
Resource Center Annex – R. Mitchell
SECOND READING/PUBLIC
HEARING/ADOPTION (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

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.
(audio recordings of the BOCC meetings are available for public review or purchase)

Published 4/24/2015
Name of Publication:
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Westcliffe, Colorado

SHERIFF'S COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE FOR PUBLICATION

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

Sheriff's Foreclosure Sale No. 15-CCSS-

001 was commenced in the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to that certain Order for Entry of Judgement and Decree of Foreclosure ("Judgement and Decree") entered on December 31, 2014 by the District Court of the County of Custer, Colorado in Civil Action No. 2014 CV 030015, The Hatchet Cattle Company v Jeremy M. Kibler, as Trustee of the Jeremy M. Kibler Living Trust and Kaycie P. Kibler, as Trustee of the Kaycie P. Kibler Living Trust to foreclose the deed of trust described as follows ("Deed of Trust"):

Original Grantor:

Jeremy M. Kibler, as Trustee of the
Jeremy M. Kibler Living Trust and
Kaycie P. Kibler, as Trustee of the
Kaycie P. Kibler Living Trust

Original Beneficiary:

Jerald A. Seifert and Robert A.
Jolsen, Jr.

Current Beneficiary:

The Hatchet Cattle Company

Date of Deed of Trust:

September 8, 2008

Recording Date of Deed of Trust:

September 11, 2008

Recorded in Custer County:

Reception Number 211086

Original Principal Amount:

\$457,268.96

Outstanding Balance:

\$529,315.69

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 38-38-101 (4)(i), you are hereby notified that under the Judgement and Decree, which is the subject Evidence of Debt, I am ordered to sell the property more specifically described as follows:

A parcel of land in Section 23, Township 22 South, Range 70 West of the 6th P.M., Custer County, Colorado, being more particularly described as follows:

All that portion of the SW1/4 of said Section 23 lying East of the Easterly right of way line of Colorado State Highway No. 165 And All that portion of the W1/2SE1/4 of said Section 23 lying East and North of the Easterly and Northerly right of way line of said State Highway No. 165 And All that portion of the S1/2NE1/4 of said Section 23 lying East of the Easterly right of way line of said State Highway No. 165, Less a parcel described in Book 299 at Pages 242-243 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of Custer County, State of Colorado.

WHICH IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

LEIN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

As of December 31, 2014, the outstanding balance due and owing pursuant to the Judgement and Decree is \$ 529,315.69

NOTICE OF SALE

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will, at 10:00 a.m., in the forenoon of June 11th, 2015, at the office of the Sheriff, 702 Rosita Ave., Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness evidenced by the judgement and Decree secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale, and other items allowed by law, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication: April 24, 2015

Last Publication: May 22, 2015

Published in: Sangre De Cristo Sentinel
Westcliffe, Colorado

** Bidders are required to have cash or certified funds to cover their highest bid at the time of the sale. Certified funds are payable to the Registry of the Custer District Court.

DATE: March 10, 2015

Sheriff of the County of Custer,
State of Colorado

Shannon K. Byerly

By: Shannon K. Byerly, Sheriff

The name, address and telephone number of the attorneys representing the legal holder of the evidence of debt are as follows: BuxmanKwitek, Douglas J. Kwitek # 23268 & Buxman Kwitek P.C., 601 N. Main, Suite 200, Pueblo, Colorado 81003. Telephone number, 719-544-5081.

THE ATTORNEYS LISTED ABOVE ARE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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 May we especially like National Lost Sock Memorial Day (9th) where do they go? and National Limerick Day (12th). Or maybe National Barbecue Month would better suit you - get your grill out! Anyway, we are sure you can find some reason to smile. See you on the 8th for Coconut Cream Pie Day!

May 1

National Chocolate Parfait Day
National Loyalty Day
National Space Day

May 4

National Star Wars Day
National Weather Observers Day

May 6

National Nurses Day
National Crepe Suzette Day

May 7

National Bike to School Day
National Day of Prayer Day

May 8

National Military Spouse
Appreciation Day

May 13

National Frog Jumping Day
National Apple Pie Day
National Receptionists Day

May 14

National Dance Like a Chicken
Day
National Buttermilk Biscuit Day

May 15

National Police Officers
Memorial Day

May 16

National Sea Monkey Day
National Armed Forces

May 18

National No Dirty Dishes Day
National Cheese Souffle Day

May 21

National Strawberries and
Cream Day

May 30

National Hole in My Bucket Day
National Water a Flower Day
National Mind Julep Day

The month of May is also observed as the national month of:

**Chocolate Custard Month
Get Caught Reading Month
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Strawberry Month**

Find your day and celebrate!



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Custer County Bobcats Track

Salida Invitational with 17 schools participating
on April 11, 2015



Michael Batson, Shot (Personal Record)



Back row from left: Dillon Wommack, Michael Franta, Denver Mullett, Madeleine Woods, and Casey Brandon. Middle row from left: Jess Franta, Michael Batson, Corey Lewenkamp, Emily Crossley, Katlyn Freeburg, and Caessa Moon. Front row from left: Audrey Hollinger, Sarah Gerringer, Hannah McNeal, and Kirsten Benoit. Not Present: Serenity Ham.



Dillon Wommack, High Jump
(3rd place)



Serenity Ham, 100 meter Hurdles (1st place)



Denver Mullett, High Jump (4th place)



Coaches: Assistant Coach Joy Parrish (sitting), Assistant Coach Jack Swartz (in blue), and Head Coach Bruce May (in beige hat).



Corey Lewenkamp, crossing the finish line in the 1600 meter Run
(1st place)



Sarah Gerringer, Long Jump



Dillon Wommack, 110 meter Hurdles (2nd place)



Katlyn Freeburg, Triple Jump (4th place)



Casey Brandon, 100 meter Dash (Personal Record)



Emily Crossley, Discus
(Personal Record, 2nd place)

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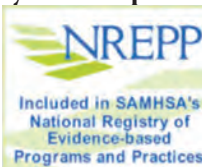
Next class begins May 1 and runs for 12 successive Fridays 6-8:30 p.m.

**Cañon City, Colorado
Registration is required.**

For more information and to register call Anne 719-964-1160

Message line: 719-315-4975

namipueblofremont@gmail.com



Thank you for Supporting Our Ft. Carson Wounded Warriors... More Help is Needed

When Americans are sent into harms way to stand up for freedom and protect our rights, we owe a debt for their sacrifices. American service members returning from Iraq and Afghanistan often need help transitioning back into civilian life or continuing active duty. Hundreds of them. And many of those men and women are nearby at Fort Carson in the Warrior Transition Battalion.

Custer County is blessed to be able to offer an extraordinary opportunity for healing at Dave Roevers' 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.sdcsentinel.com.

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

J. Kent and Jeanne Houston

Southern Colorado Patriots Club

T. Barron and Joan Broadston

Ben Rooke

James and Martha Davis

Lori and Dan Fox

Steven and Rena Seifert

Joseph Santoro, U.S. Army, Ret.

(3) Anonymous - Westcliffe, Colorado

Anonymous - Colorado



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The Competitive Dance Team has qualified to compete at Nationals in Long Beach California. The girls need your help in making this dream come true.

Homemade Desserts and Treats will be for sale! Buy something yummy for Mom for Mother's Day.

Menu
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If the girls do not raise the funds to attend Nationals this summer the money raised will be saved for the next Competitive Dance Season.

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A Return to Vietnam

by Katherine Branchley

Westcliffe resident Ron Taylor is a Vietnam Veteran and one of the presenters at Eagles Summit Ranch. In March, Ron journeyed back to Vietnam. This trip was in partnership with the Roever Foundation's R.E.A.P. International (Roever Educational Assistance Programs International) and Global University (GU). As Zollie Smith, one of the main speakers stated, "When we went over [the first time] it was with M-16s; when we went back over it was with John 3:16." Global university is a fully accredited, non-profit, Christian University whose mission is: Impacting Eternity - winning the lost and training the found - everywhere! In Vietnam, there are 20,000 GU students, and approximately 1,500 pastors with hopes to train another 1,000.

Dan Dang oversees GU's work in Vietnam and, along with Rupert Harrell with Rupert Harrell Ministries, helped organize this trip with several Vietnam veterans and one Iraqi war veteran. The group visited places of heavy battle during the Vietnam War – places like Da Nang, A Shau Valley, Dong Ha, Hue, Con Tien, and Phu Bai. They also visited Hanoi and the Hanoi Hilton. Walking some of the same grounds some 47 years later, gave Ron a feeling of "strange nostalgia". In Hue City, the veterans ate at a restaurant overlooking the Perfume River and the bridge across it, a bridge that took the U.S. Marines two weeks to take, and another 90 days to take the city with fierce house-to-house fighting. At the DMZ (De-Militarized Zone, which separated North and South Vietnam during the war) they toured a tunnel the NVA had used, which included water wells, latrines, and even a hospital, and that is now a museum.

Ron describes the experience as "powerful, overwhelming at times, to be there, and to be with the guys that I was with – bronze star recipients" and now these guys are all back in Vietnam, this time fighting for Jesus. Ron met one man who had served in the North Vietnamese Army, and was later saved. He told Ron's group, "I used to fight you all – for what?? Now we fight for Jesus."

The church services throughout Vietnam

Upper right: Ron met and talked with this former member of the North Vietnamese Army, now a Christian, who told Ron, "I used to fight you all – for what?? Now we fight for Jesus."

Courtesy photo

Right: Ron and three of his fellow veterans pose for this photo at the DMZ, identified by the white line on the bridge.

Below: Ron Taylor and his fellow veterans who returned to Vietnam last month.

Courtesy photos

were powerful experiences. The people worshiped very seriously – their faces glowing as they sang songs of praise.

Global University, in partnership with Dave Roever and R.E.A.P., offers the Military Online Bible School, which exists to provide spiritual discipleship and training for ministry for military personnel, their families, and veterans. This is available at no cost to veterans. For more information, please visit <http://enus2.globaluttraining.com/>

If you aren't familiar with the work at Eagles Summit Ranch, located just east of Westcliffe, Colorado, the directors Jerry and Beverly Shoemaker are doing so much for our Wounded Warriors, mothers who have lost sons, with the Precious Tears program, and a session for fathers who have lost sons is in the works. This fall, there will be the annual Mens Conference, and the Just Gals Conference for women. And in November or December, they will have the first Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Session! Dates will be announced soon.

In June, there will also be a session for soldiers from Fort Carson. The *Sentinel* is asking for your help to make this one happen. Please see page 16 for more information.



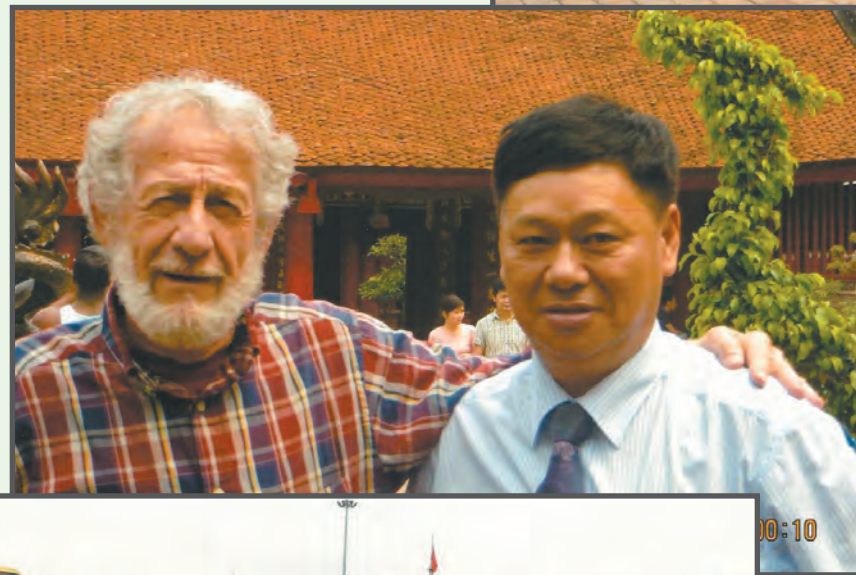
Ron Taylor with Iraqi War veteran, on a tour boat on the Perfume River. The bridge into the city of Hue is in the background.

Courtesy photo



Above: During his time in Vietnam, Ron met this man, who was a Vietcong during the war.

Courtesy photo



Right: Ron and a fellow veteran, a corpsman, at the DMZ.

Courtesy photo



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

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Receptionist Position Available: High Peaks Animal Hospital has a full time position available. Animal handling is required, competitive pay based on applicant's experience. Applications available at 1200 Broadway Silver Cliff or email resumes to highpeak-sanimal@gmail.com. For more information: 719-783-3770.

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Noon. Please plan on attending.

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Court Report...

Criminal Court Report:

Stanley, David Lynn – Charged with harassment (obscene language), and disorderly conduct (offensive gesture). Guilty on first count, second count dismissed by DA. Misdemeanor fine of \$150 suspended on condition of community service. Fined \$36.

Watta, Linda – Charged with ownership of a dangerous dog. Guilty. Fined \$26. Community service within 90 days, the fees waived upon completion of community service.

Jones, Aaron Mervel - Charged with driving under the influence. Guilty. Sentenced to 90 days in jail. Work release granted. Community service set. Assessed - \$1666.95.

Visorro, Shara F. – Charged with driving with no insurance. Guilty. Fined \$519.50.

A juvenile male – Charge with possession and consumption of alcohol by a minor. Guilty. Fined \$152. Community service must be completed within 90 days. Complete alcohol evaluation and treatment.

Montoya, Louise Jean – Charged with driving under the influence and

driver's license not on person. Motion to dismiss granted.

Baturin, Joshua David – Charged with possession of marijuana paraphernalia by a person under the age of 21. Guilty. Fine \$51. Community service must be completed within 90 days. Complete alcohol evaluation and follow treatment as recommended and provide proof to the court. Fees waived due to indigence.

Coleman, Adam S. – Charged with driving without a license. Guilty. Additional charges of driving under restraint, driving with an expired license plate, and failing to report an accident all dismissed by the DA. Fined \$211.

Whitten, Donn Paul – Charged with harassment (domestic violence). Motion to dismiss granted.

A juvenile female – Charged with possession of alcohol by a minor. Guilty. Complete alcohol evaluation and treatment as recommended with proof to the court. Fined \$66.

A juvenile female – Charged with possession of alcohol by a minor. Guilty Complete alcohol evaluation and treatment

as recommended with proof to the court. Fined \$66.

Masset, Jesse E. – Charged with fishing without license. Guilty. Fined \$96.50.

Kaess, Robert Lee – Charged with exceeding safe speed for conditions. Guilty. Fined \$139.50.

Garcia, Matthew J – Charged with failure to display proof of insurance. Dismissed by DA. Also charged with driving without a drivers license. Dismissed by DA. Garcia was found guilty of failing to yield right of way at a stop sign. Fined \$119.50.

A juvenile male – Charged with possession of marijuana paraphernalia by a minor. Guilty. Complete community service within 90 days. Complete alcohol evaluation and treatment as recommended with proof to the court. Fine \$66.

Civil Court Report:

Sluder, John - Judgment entered in favor to Julie Thomson and against the defendant Sluder in the amount of \$1000. With court cost in the amount of \$80. Total payment \$1080. Defendant has to return keys to the RV within 10 days.

Local Mountain News & Notices

Events Calendar

Friday, April 24 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: Movie, "Paddington" - PG	May 6 7 p.m. Open House for Sheriff's Office Explorers Program at Search & Rescue Building
Saturday, April 25 7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: Movie, "Paddington" - PG	May 9 9 a.m. - Noon: Annual clean-up day at the Sangre Shooting Sports Club's Range. Members and potential members bring work gloves, hand tools, rakes, and shovels. Refreshments provided. Thank you! See you there!
Sunday, April 26 2 p.m.: Jones Theater: Movie, "Paddington" - PG 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.: Colorado Life Chain at Custer County School	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.: 2015 BREW LA LA! Veterans Park, Hwy 50 & 3rd, Cañon City, sponsored by Fremont Center for the Arts (719) 275-2790. For info and ticket prices: www.fremontarts.org/brewlala.html
April 30 9 a.m.: BOCC meeting, CC Courthouse	
May 1-30 Tues. - Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.: 68th Annual Blossom Festival Art Exhibit at Fremont Center for the Arts, 505 Macon, Cañon City; \$3 fee	

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	Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.: Library open in downtown Westcliffe; 783-9138
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	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, 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	Thursday Second Thursday of the Month: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., "Ask a Nurse" at the library
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	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
Tuesday 12 - 4:30 p.m.: Bridge Club meets in the library community room in downtown Westcliffe. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Jammin' band at The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff First Tuesday of the Month: 6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes - American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting 6:45 p.m. Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (March-October) at the Saddle Club.	Saturday 10 a.m.: Wet Mountain Al-Anon Family Group meets at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 201 Third St.; Call Dee (719) 404-1851 or Jean (719) 371-1229 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.: West Custer County Library open in Westcliffe

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below there were 136 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 10 to EMS, and 6 to the Fire Department. On April 21st there were 5 males in the county jail.	04/16/15 I-15-2006 1846 hours - An officer responded to Ohio St. to take a report of an older, hispanic male - driving a white (or red) compact car - who approached two female juveniles, to ask for assistance in "locating his missing dog". The juveniles ran home and were unharmed. Report is informational.	1606 hours - Responded to VALI Assisted Living to check on the condition of a resident. The 57-year-old male party had passed away and was on a do not resuscitate order.
04/15/15 I-15-2038 1128 hours: A deputy served civil papers to a party on Gem Drive in Antelope Valley.	04/16/15 WMFD 1900 hours - WMFD responded to 224 CR 240 for carbon monoxide alarm.	04/18/15 WMFD 0230 hours - Responded to the area of a previous housefire in the Antelope Valley to make sure there were no further flare-ups.
04/15/15 I-15-2040 1227 hours: A deputy was dispatched to CR 125 for a Civil Stand-by.	04/16/15 WMFD 2119 hours - WMFD responded to 82 CR 321 for flare-up from fire earlier in the day.	04/18/15 I-15-2090 0730 hours - Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 24000 block, of HWY 96. Argument was found to be verbal in nature and both parties agreed to separate for the time being. No charges were filed.
04/15/15 EMS 1246 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to Valley Assisted Living in Silver Cliff for a 94-year-old female suffering from anemia. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.	04/16/15 WMFD 2334 hours - WMFD responded to 82 CR 321 for additional flare-up from fire area.	04/19/15 O-15-052 0930 hours - Officers arrested party (Matott, Dustin) for Domestic Violence at 706 Butler Street #14. Party was booked into the Custer County Detention facility.
04/15/15 I-15-2044 1606 hours: A deputy arrested Stuart, John Michael (DOB in 1949) of Westcliffe on several outstanding warrants.	04/17/15 EMS 0852 hours - Responded to 101 B 1st Street in Silver Cliff for party on oxygen who lost power.	04/19/15 EMS 1013 hours - EMS responded to Oak Creek Grade for an assist with a potentially suicidal party.
04/16/15 WMFD 1310 hours - WMFD responded to a 911 call involving a chimney fire at 82 CR 321.	04/17/15 WMFD 1532 hours - Responded to Antelope Valley area to check on housefire location from the previous evening/possible flare-ups.	04/19/15 EMS 2150 hours - EMS responded to the Custer County Sheriff's Office for an assist with a potential-
04/16/15 EMS 1645 hours - EMS transported party to Parkview Medical Center.	04/17/15 EMS	



The Sheriff's Corner from Sheriff Byerly

Main Office: 783-2270 TIPS Line: 783-2847



What a great week we had here in Custer County. As I write this today, I see snow on the grass and mountains and am certainly thankful we are receiving some much need moisture. We celebrated Patriots Day over the weekend as a very important date in the history of our country. April 19th is the anniversary of the events that forged the greatest nation in the history of civilization. I hope you were able to take a few minutes to remember all those who have paid a price for what we enjoy as Americans today. This week's question was submitted by the *Sangre de Cristo Sentinel*:

Can you speak to how your office is coordinating with other agencies (ie: CSP, neighboring counties, DOW, etc.) to improve the law enforcement coverage of Custer County, and do you plan on any changes to this in the future?

Anytime organizations try to work together for a common goal, communication is the key to really being effective. Having some solid personal relationships with leaders in these other agencies has helped me get a few things done and create a few goals to work towards through the year. Here is a list of some of the things we have conducted or are currently involved with other agencies:

- Firearms and Arrest Control Training with Fountain Police Department
- Emergency Vehicle Operations Training with Fremont County Sheriff's Office
- Dispatch training on the new CAD system with Florence Police Department
- Deputy ride along with Fremont County Sheriff's Office
- Combined Investigation with Pueblo Police Department on a homicide
- Combined Investigation with Colorado Parks and Wildlife on a poaching case
- Fremont County Sheriff's Office assisted us with a high speed pursuit
- Decisional shooting exercises with Colorado Springs PD and Cañon City PD
- Colorado Department of Corrections drug dog through the high/middle schools

We are also planning to work together with some of these agencies as the summer approaches and our busy weekends are drawing near. Colorado State Patrol is going to assist us during some of our parades, as well as being here to help with traffic control for the Ride the Rockies event and the 4th of July weekend with the rodeo. These are a few examples of how we work together to try and improve our service to the community.

I really appreciate the collaboration we have in the region when it comes to Law Enforcement. Most of these agencies will help with anything we need if they are able to. I expect this will continue and the only significant change I would expect is in the area of training where we will continue to build on what we are doing and expand this into other areas of our agency.

I would also ask the community to call the Sheriff's Office anytime you need assistance or witness suspicious activity. Recently, we have received some calls a week or longer after they occurred, which makes it extremely difficult to investigate. We want to help you and ask that you assist us by reporting these incidents quickly so we can serve you efficiently and professionally. Your vigilance and assistance with suspicious activity or criminal behavior is valuable and a resource we appreciate. If you have questions, comments, or want to report suspicious activity, please contact the Sheriff's Office at 783-2270 or anonymously on the TIPS line at 783-2847.

*Until next time, may you be blessed,
Sheriff Shannon Byerly*

ly suicidal party. Party transported to Parkview Medical Center.	1109 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to Ohio Street in Silver Cliff for a 81 year old female who fell. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.	Smith, Donald (DOB in 1965) of Pueblo was issued a summons for speeding 10-19 mph over the limit.
04/20/15 O-15-53 0930 hours - Officers arrested a party (Allen, Melonee - DOB in 1964) for disorderly conduct at the Mtn. View Apartments.	04/21/15 EMS 1311 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to the Custer County Clinic to transport an 87-year-old male experiencing respiratory issues. The patient was transported to St. Mary-Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.	04/21/15 Deer Mtn EMS 1649 hours: The Custer County Sheriff's Office dispatched Deer Mountain EMS to CR 215 for a nine-year-old female who fell and had a seizure.
04/20/15 EMS 1622 hours - Responded to the clinic to transport party to Parkview Medical Center.	04/21/15 T-15-304 1559 hours / Hwy 96 MM 28 / Traffic Summons:	04/21/15 Deer Mtn EMS 2024 hours: The Custer County Sheriff's Office dispatched Deer Mountain EMS to 22nd Trail in Cotopaxi for a female possibly having a heart attack.
04/20/15 EMS 1641 hours - Transported party to Parkview Medical Center.		

Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

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**

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Medical Pot Moratorium Passes but Not Everyone Has the Warm Fuzzies

by Barbara Penezic

Since the introduction of marijuana into Fremont County the Commissioners have found themselves in a rather difficult position of trying to following state law and still do what is in the best interest of the county and its residents. The people of Fremont County and Penrose in particular have been crying foul and pleading with the board for justice. The small rural community is already home to 80% of the legal medical marijuana facilities in our county.

"In consideration of (a) resolution placing a 24-month temporary moratorium on the construction, alteration, or use of any building, structure, or properties for a medical marijuana business facility (optional premises cultivation, marijuana infused product facility, medical marijuana center) and also upon the submission, acceptance, processing, and approval of Fremont County Medical Marijuana Business License, excepting however, such medical marijuana businesses that are lawfully established as of the date of this moratorium and are holding or pending issuance of valid state and local licenses." This passed unanimously and received a partial standing ovation from the public in the chamber.

Commissioner Payne said he felt the medical marijuana would go by the wayside after recreational marijuana was approved in 2012. "The exact opposite happened," he admitted, "and it blew up on us. Now that the cow is out of the barn, we're trying to get it back in." Payne added borrowing a much repeated quote from the public, "Enough is

Enough." Bell added it is imperative that the board step back, take a deep breath, and look at the licensing regulations to see what is or isn't working. "I think most of those in the audience would agree that, the monster, kind of got out of control, and we are doing everything we possibly can to bring it back under control." Commissioner Norden stated that the moratorium is the result of public input and will allow the board to see how existing businesses are functioning while giving the board time to consider more permanent restrictions going forward.

Kate Kyle, Penrose resident, was the first public speaker to address the board telling them she was very excited when they were elected because she felt they would make decisions that would lead our county and its citizens to a better future. "I have to say it has been a surprise and disappointment. Some of the decisions you have made have made it easier for the pot industry in our county. We, in Penrose, are a small community, but we are a proud community, and we really felt that you would have our back ... that you would make decisions that would help us to grow in a positive way." Penrose is rapidly becoming known as the pot capitol of Fremont County and Colorado.

The next speaker had two questions: (1) How will this affect License renewals? (2) How will this help to heal the wrong that has been done to our community? Commissioner Norden responded to part one of the question. Those in operation or lawfully established will not be affected. Part 2, Norden said, "It stops where we're at." It will

give us a chance to see if those that are licensed can operate legally. It gives this board an opportunity in 24 months to consider if we want to do something more permanent.

Dr. Richard Hildebrand also addressed the Commissioners thanking them for taking this step in the right direction. "In two years I believe we will have data on what is really happening in particular with our schools ... drug use in the work place is going up, so I think it is important to take this 2-year period and step back." There is a legal challenge to the states right to bypass the Controlled Substance Act, and we may really see what is happening with our adolescents.

Prior to closing the meeting Commissioner Bell expressed her surprise, "I thought there would be a lot more happy people." Instead what we have is controversy and angry people. A man I can only identify as Jake told me, "If this had been done while we (Penrose) were at 40% she'd have been dancing in the #### streets, but for me this is too little, too late. Susan Hildebrand did not speak during the hearing but she is reminding everyone, this is a victory, FREMONT COUNTY NOW HAS A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA! The Commissioners have expressed a desire to look at the current county rules and regulations and figure out what is working and what is not working and to revise the regulations. We can't undo what has already been done but, at least, this gives us a chance to contain it.

Be informed

Get involved

Names Released in Officer-Involved Shooting in Cañon City

by Barbara Penezic

The identities of a couple killed at a Cañon City RV campground have been released by Fremont County Coroner Randy Keller. A media release from the Office of the Sheriff, Fremont County, has made known the names of the deputies in the officer-involved shooting.

CCPD Captain Jim Cox said officers were called to the campground at 3120 E. Main on a report of a man threatening to kill his wife and commit suicide. The police arrived on scene a mere 48 seconds after receiving the call and found the woman, Marsha Watson, 60, dead directly in front of her vehicle. Her dog had also been shot and was reportedly found next to the woman. The dog was transported to animal care for medical assistance. Her husband and alleged shooter, Stanley Watson, 72, had barricaded himself inside a trailer. Cox said they tried to negotiate with the man but he was not responsive. It is not known at this time if Mr. Watson had a prior criminal history, but unconfirmed reports say he was suffering from declining health issues.

The Fremont County S.W.A.T. team decided to use OC gas (pepper spray) to force Mr. Watson out of the home. Police Chief Schultz said, "As soon as the projectile hit the window, instantaneously the door to the

motor home swung open and he was standing in the doorway, that's when he started shooting." Stanley Watson allegedly used two .45 caliber hand guns firing simultaneously at law enforcement. "One round hit the front of our police car, four rounds hit the window of the Florence Police Department's MRAP vehicle. CCPD Chief Schultz said, "An unnamed Fremont County Sheriff's Office deputy was inside the bullet-resistant MRAP."

The deputy reported that bullets hit the glass right alongside his head, but he was not harmed. The MRAP was also used to evacuate approximately 25 residents to the Quality Inn until such time as they were able to safely return home.

The names of the Fremont County Sheriff's deputies in the officer-involved shooting incident are Detective Mike Miller, Deputy Michael Fetterhoff, and Deputy Arin Hart. Officer Kevin Easter of the CCPD was also involved in this incident. All the above-named have been placed on paid administrative leave as is routine pending an investigation and review by the District Attorney's Office. The Colorado Bureau of Investigations is the lead investigative agency in the shooting.

This is the third office-involved shooting in Cañon City in the past four months

KOPS 4 KIDS

Florence Police Department will be holding its first KOPS 4 KIDS golf tournament May 9, 2015, at Sumo Golf Course

Money raised from this event will go to benefit the underprivileged children in our community. The goal is to raise enough money to sponsor 10 kids to be able to take a day and buy Christmas presents for their loved ones with an officer escort. Our goal is to have a meaningful impact on an entire family who would go without during the holiday season. If you are interested in participating or sponsoring, please contact Officer Cline 719-269-0407 byron.cline@pd.florencecolorado.org or Officer Sweeney 719-240-4873 josh.sweeney@pd.florencecolorado.org

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IS at U.S. Border
Of Misinformation
and Lies

(Editor/GG: Please see the Judicial Watch story referenced below on page 25.)

It's really difficult these days to distinguish between truth, lies, and deception, especially when it concerns the U.S. government. Prior to beginning The Daily Jot in January of 2002, I had worked as an award winning journalist for a major news organization. Our primary audience was the financial industry where our stories moved markets. It was drilled into us each day that we must have our facts right. We were required to have two unrelated sources confirming the same news event. There were three levels of editors that our stories passed through before being released on the wire--all in very competitive time. This is the same journalistic approach that is taken each day for The Daily Jot. I strive to be careful.

There has been a steady stream of reports from border-area media about Muslim prayer rugs, Arabic literature and other documentation indicating that Islamists have been crossing into the U.S. The current Administration has encouraged this "immigration." There is also documentation that there are at least 23 terrorist training camps located across the U.S.--something the FBI has known about since the Bush Administration, but has done nothing. Dearborn, Michigan and St. Paul, Minnesota are essentially Muslim colonies where some of the most extreme anti-American teachings emanate from mosques each week. The Islamic threat from within this country is well-documented despite government inaction.

Some sources are tried and true. One such source

is government watchdog Judicial Watch (JW). Tom Fitton and his crew are top-notch at what they do--which is often more than what Congress does--holding the government accountable. In the face of government denial, Homeland Security in particular, JW is documenting the existence of an Islamic State camp just eight miles from the Texas border. Immediately, websites like truthorfiction or snopes go into action printing government denials and discrediting sources. I don't put much stock in these types of websites. Sometimes investigative stories take a while to develop and the government is not a good source on things it wants to keep quiet.

As an update on the JW story, JW reports that a "high-level intelligence source confirmed that the FBI called a special meeting at the U.S. consulate in Ciudad Juarez to "to address a press strategy to deny Judicial Watch's accurate reporting and identify who is providing information to JW. FBI supervisory personnel met with Mexican Army officers and Mexican Federal Police officials, according to JW's intelligence source. The FBI liaison officers regularly assigned to Mexico were not present at the meeting and conspicuously absent were representatives from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)." JW is standing by its story despite the government denials. If only Congress were so diligent. There is a lot of smoke on this, and the fire may be forthcoming. As Jesus said in Matthew 24:4, "Take heed that no man deceive you."

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
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by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: How far out of touch with reality and common sense are the libs in Colorado? They have gone way past being socialists....)

Has the sting from Tax Day worn off yet? Yes? Good thing we're here to rip the scab off. If you thought a billion dollar tax increase for Amendment 66 in 2013 was bad, brace yourself for Democrats' latest tax increase ballot initiative. It's a \$25 billion tax increase for a state-run health care system. Yes, that's billion with a "B".

Martha Tierney, Common Cause lawyer, and Mark Grueskin associate, delivered a whopper at yesterday's title board hearing. According to Initiative 20, "Coloradans need the security of knowing that they can afford health care for themselves and their families and businesses need relief from the unsustainable financial and administrative burdens of providing health insurance for their employees." So far, sounds good, right?

But, then, comes the proposed solution to this problem: "Colorado will finance health care through ColoradoCare, a political subdivision of the state governed by a twenty-one member board of trustees that will administer a coordinated payment system for health care services and control the per capita cost of health care...."

[Record screeches]

by Allen West,
AllenBWest.com

They've dedicated themselves to defending our freedom and safety, put themselves in the line of fire, risking life and limb, and now tens of thousands of veterans are being called mentally defective and banned from gun ownership?

Yep, you read that right.

As The Hill reports, The FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) is filled with military veterans who are essentially banned from owning guns, even though they may not be a danger to society.

According to a 2013 Senate report, the Department of

Veteran Affairs is responsible for reporting more than 143,000 beneficiaries, including about 83,000 veterans, to the "mental defective" category of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

Any federal agency can report people to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, but the VA's recommendations account for about 99 percent of the people who are listed in the mental defective category.

The VA recommends many military veterans who it deems "incompetent" and in need of financial assistance to manage their benefits be placed in the "mental defective" category of the national gun ban list.

The solution to an over-regulated, bureaucratically-bloated industry is not an even larger state-sponsored bureaucratic organization. Talk about coming to the exact wrong conclusion. Perhaps Common Cause and Ms. Tierney have missed the terrible news coming out of Connect for Health Colorado – mismanagement of contracts, cronyism, cost overruns, and more. Or maybe they didn't miss it, and are hoping to get ridiculously rich off the fat these programs deliver to democratic firms. Either way, the solution to the disastrous Colorado health exchange is not a Colorado health exchange on steroids.

And, here's where the \$25 billion comes into play. According to the Colorado Legislative Council staff, this brilliant money making scheme for Democrat's terrible idea will cost a mere \$25 billion. To put this in perspective, in 2012, Colorado collected a comparatively paltry \$10.3 billion in taxes. With a current tax rate at 4.63%, Colorado would have to raise taxes to well over 10% (the initiative claims 10% even) in order to even begin paying for this, putting Colorado at the highest state income tax in the nation.

Here's how Leg Council says the initiative proposes paying for this boondoggle:

"To fund the provider, the initiative proposes a premium tax on most sources of income, including:

- wages, salaries, and tips
- dividends, interest, and rent
- business proprietors' income, including farm proprietors' income
- capital gains
- pensions, annuities, and social security benefits, to the extent taxed by the state under current law
- the \$10 your grandmother sends you in a card with Strawberry Shortcake on the front for your birthday each year."

Fine, we made up the last one, but this is literally taxation on almost every penny that one earns. Finally, the Democrats' have revealed what their true agenda is – not to levy a "fair share" tax, but to take all of the money that you earn. We'd advise gathering pitchforks, but this idea is so crazy that we are having a tough time taking it seriously.

Say what you want about TABOR, but asking taxpayers' permission to raise taxes is looking pretty darn good in the face of this proposed tax hike.

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What the DOJ is Doing
to Gun Rights of Veterans
is Appalling on Every Level

by Allen West,
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They've dedicated themselves to defending our freedom and safety, put themselves in the line of fire, risking life and limb, and now tens of thousands of veterans are being called mentally defective and banned from gun ownership?

Yep, you read that right.

As The Hill reports, The FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) is filled with military veterans who are essentially banned from owning guns, even though they may not be a danger to society.

According to a 2013 Senate report, the Department of

Veteran Affairs is responsible for reporting more than 143,000 beneficiaries, including about 83,000 veterans, to the "mental defective" category of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

Any federal agency can report people to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, but the VA's recommendations account for about 99 percent of the people who are listed in the mental defective category.

The VA recommends many military veterans who it deems "incompetent" and in need of financial assistance to manage their benefits be placed in the "mental defective" category of the national gun ban list.

Wait, so if you need financial assistance to manage your benefits, you're mentally defective? You mean, like calling an accountant is a sign of mental illness? This is outrageous!

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) wrote a letter this week to Attorney General Eric Holder saying the gun ban "effectively voids their Second Amendment rights."

"It's disturbing to think that the men and women who dedicated themselves to defending our freedom and values face undue threats to their fundamental Second Amendment rights from the very agency established to serve them," Grassley wrote.

"A veteran or dependent shouldn't lose their constitutional rights because they need help with bookkeeping," he added.

This is how it starts, folks. And don't forget – all of your medical records will be accessible by the government. Ever confess to your doctor that you're feeling stressed? Need anti-depressants? You better not mention you blow off steam at the range with a couple of boxes of 9mm. Just sayin....

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9,000 Drop Food Stamps After Maine Begins Work Requirement

by Eric Scheiner, CNSNews.com

A Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) spokesman tells the Associated Press that 12,000 non-disabled adults were in Maine’s SNAP program before January 1 - a number that dropped to 2,680 by the end of March.

More than 9,000 Maine residents have been removed from the state’s food stamp program since Republican Gov. Paul LePage’s administration began enforcing work and volunteer requirements.

The new rules prevent adults who are not disabled and do not have dependents from receiving food stamps for more than three months -- unless they work at least 20 hours a week, participate in a work-training program or meet volunteering requirements.

DHHS Commissioner Mary Mayhew said the goal of the requirements is to encourage people to find work.

“If you’re on these programs it means you are living in poverty and so the more that we can help encourage people on that pathway to employment and self-sufficiency

the better off they’re going to be,” Mayhew told the Associated Press.

In Maine, once someone loses their benefits, they cannot regain assistance for three years.

Maine was one of at least eight states that declined to use the federal waiver this year out of the 37 states that had been eligible, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service.

State Rep. Scott Hamann (D –South Portland) has introduced a bill that would direct the administration to seek a waiver for

certain counties with high unemployment or a lack of jobs.

The measure may not gain support from LePage’s administration. HHS spokesperson David Sorensen says, recipients only need to volunteer for 24 hours a month to comply with the requirements and the administration believes there are enough opportunities even in the most economically depressed regions.

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Two Days After Sharing This 'Open Letter' to Obama on Facebook, Veteran Coach Was Handing in His Resignation

by Jason Howerton, TheBlaze.com

Two days after posting a controversial open letter to President Barack Obama, written by “An American Citizen,” on his personal Facebook page, a lacrosse coach said he was forced to resign by school officials at Fryeburg Academy in Fryeburg, Maine.

Scott Lees, who was the head coach of the boys lacrosse team for four years, said he shared the open letter because he thought it was “interesting.” The letter asks a series of questions about Muslims and their contributions to America. The author eventually suggests that Muslims do not do “anything that contributes positively to the American way of life.”

“I thought it was an interesting letter to President Obama and his current administration who are not paying attention to Israel and focusing on Iran,” Lees told the Conway Daily Sun.

Read the entire open letter, seemingly written in response to Obama’s 2009 speech in Cairo, below:

Dear Mr. Obama:

Have you ever seen a Muslim hospital?

Have you heard a Muslim orchestra?

Have you seen a Muslim band march in a parade?

Have you witnessed a Muslim charity?

Have you seen Muslims shak[ing] hands with Muslim Girl Scouts?

Have you seen a Muslim Candy Striper?

Have your seen a Muslim do anything that contrib-

utes positively to the American way of life????

The answer is no, you have not. Just ask yourself WHY???

Were those Muslims that were in America when the Pilgrims first landed? Funny, I thought they were Native American Indians.

Were those Muslims that celebrated the first Thanksgiving day? Sorry again, those were Pilgrims and Native American Indians.

Can you show me one Muslim signature on the United States Constitution? Declaration of Independence? Bill of Rights? Didn't think so.

Did Muslims fight for this country's freedom from England? No.

Did Muslims fight during the Civil War to free the slaves in America? No, they did not. In fact, Muslims to this day are still the largest traffickers in human slavery. Your own half-brother, a devout Muslim, still advocates slavery himself, even though Muslims of Arabic descent refer to black Muslims as “pug-nosed slaves.” Says a lot about what the Muslim world really thinks of your family’s “rich Islamic heritage,” doesn’t it Mr. Obama?

Where were Muslims during the Civil Rights era of this country? Not present. There are no pictures or media accounts of Muslims walking side by side with Martin Luther King, Jr. or helping to advance the cause of Civil Rights.

Where were Muslims during this country’s Woman’s Suffrage era? Again, not present. In fact, devout Muslims demand that

women are subservient to men in the Islamic culture. So much so, that often they are beaten for not wearing the ‘hajib’ or for talking to a man who is not a direct family member or their husband. Yep, the Muslims are all for women’s rights, aren’t they?

Where were Muslims during World War II? They were aligned with Adolf Hitler. The Muslim grand mufti himself met with Adolf Hitler, reviewed the troops and accepted support from the Nazis in killing Jews.

Finally, Mr. Obama, where were Muslims on Sept. 11th, 2001? If they weren’t flying planes into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon or a field in Pennsylvania killing nearly 3,000 people on our own soil, they were rejoicing in the Middle East.

No one can dispute the pictures shown from all parts of the Muslim world celebrating on CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, and other cable news networks that day. Strangely, the very “moderate” Muslims who’s asses you bent over backwards to kiss in Cairo, Egypt on June 4th were stone cold silent post 9-11. To many Americans, their silence has meant approval for the acts of that day.

And THAT, Mr. Obama, is the “rich heritage” Muslims have here in America...

Oh, I’m sorry, I forgot to mention the Barbary Pirates. They were Muslims.

And now we can add November 5, 2009 – the slaughter of American soldiers at Fort Hood by a Muslim major, a doctor and a psychiatrist, who was supposed to be counseling soldiers returning from battle in Iraq and Afghanistan.

That, Mr. Obama is the “Muslim heritage” in America!

P.S. Now, you can add the Boston Marathon bombings, too...

Lees said he has never been fired in his life and has been coaching since 1992. He reportedly asked the school if they would consider allowing him to resign rather than putting the firing on his record, a request they apparently granted.

Lees also defended himself against claims that he is a bigot, noting that he once let a Muslim student stay in his home for nine days because he had to appear in court for a minor offense.

“If I had a problem with people who are Muslim, then why would I have allowed a Muslim to stay in my home?” he said.

Head of Schools Erin Mayo confirmed to the publication that “Scott Lees did post a message on Facebook regarding Muslim people last week that was negative and, of course, public in nature.”

“When it was brought to my attention, I requested that he remove it, which he did. Charlie Tryder and I then made an appointment to meet with Scott last Thursday morning. When he asked, (Thurston) recommended resignation. He did then resign, and the meeting didn’t happen,” Mayo said.

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Dear Colorado Democrats: Not Everything Is Personhood

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

It's time for the left to give the personhood drumbeat a rest. As much as they would love to have the public believe that every bill Republicans introduce is some clandestine attempt to pass personhood legislation, it's not.

So to hear Democrats, like Sen. Pat Steadman (D-Denver), cry personhood over Senate President Bill Cadman's fetal homicide bill is hugely disappointing.

Cadman's bill would enable Colorado prosecutors to file murder charges when an unborn baby is killed. Like

in the case of Michelle Wilkins whose baby was horrifically cut from her womb. No murder charges were filed against the perpetrator of this attack because there was no mechanism in Colorado law to allow such charges to be brought.

According to the *Colorado Springs Gazette*, "Cadman's bill specifically exempts from prosecution of homicide or assault of a fetus: mothers of a fetus, medical procedures performed by physicians at the request of a mother or the mother's legal guardian, or the lawful dispensation or administration of lawfully pre-

scribed medication."

He went to great lengths to make sure that this fetal homicide bill was not hijacked by the personhood crowd and is simply a bill that will bring justice to murder victims, like Michelle Wilkins's baby. Democrats need to give the personhood shtick a rest on this one and stop being so beholden to Planned Parenthood and NARAL that they're unwilling to take action.

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Study: EPA Global Warming Rule to Kill Nearly 300,000 Jobs

by Michael Bastasch, Daily Caller News Foundation, DailyCaller.com

(Editor/GG: Folks, the libs are simply insane. There is ZERO proof that these power plants are contributing to "global warming". In fact, there is ZERO evidence that mankind is contributing to global warming. It's all about liberalism and their quest for a statist society ruled by the nut-case lib elite who will control us and dictate our lives. They know what's good for us peasants. And the power grid, take these plants off-line and we are going to have problems when the wind stops blowing and evening comes.)

The EPA's carbon dioxide regulation could end up destroying nearly four times as many jobs as the agency said it would by 2030. A report by the American Action Forum found that job losses from EPA's carbon rule could be as high as 296,000.

AAF's report found the EPA's rule to fight global warming endangers the viability of more than 90 power plants across the country that produce 50 gigawatts of power. These plant closures, the EPA says, will put 80,000 people out of work by 2030. But once economy-wide impacts are taken into ac-

count, some 296,000 jobs could be lost during that time, notes AAF.

"It's no surprise that EPA's greenhouse gas rule will eliminate tens of thousands of jobs in the energy sector; the agency admits the rule will cause steep jobs cuts, up to one-fifth of coal generation. But that's not the entire story," write AAF energy analysts Sam Batkins and Catrina Rorke.

"The 80,000 in possible job losses could easily translate into more than 296,000 jobs throughout the economy and \$29 billion in employment costs," Batkins and Rorke add. "EPA might tout the benefits of its proposal, but the significant job losses are just as noteworthy."

The EPA's carbon dioxide regulation is set to be finalized this summer and would force states to cut power plant emissions 30 percent below 2005 levels by 2030. The rule has already been challenged by at least a dozen states — oral arguments were actually heard Thursday.

The Obama administration has spun the regulation as one that will spur green energy development, reduce carbon dioxide emissions, and improve public health as the power sector shuts down coal plants. But the administration

has obscured the fact their own estimates show about 80,000 job losses from power plant closures alone.

But AAF points out that secondary job impacts — those outside jobs that also depend on power plants — could be as high as 296,000. This is about "the population of Cincinnati, Ohio and more than the total number of jobs the economy created in February 2015."

Given the high costs, some Republican lawmakers have encouraged states not to implement the global warming rules because they could be overturned in the courts or by a subsequent administration.

"Don't be complicit in the administration's attack on the middle class," wrote Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. "Think twice before submitting a state plan — which could lock you in to federal enforcement and expose you to lawsuits — when the administration is standing on shaky legal ground and when, without your support, it won't be able to demonstrate the capacity to carry out such political extremism."

Republicans have also suggested using the Congressional Review Act to stop the rule from going forward. But so far, lawmak-

ers have done little to actually prevent the EPA from regulating carbon dioxide emissions.

As for state legal challenges to the rule, it's unclear which way the courts will lean. Two of the three federal judges presiding over oral arguments Thursday were skeptical of allowing states to challenge a rule before it's been finalized.

"Do you know of any case in which we've altered a proposed rule-making," Judge Thomas Griffith asked West Virginia's solicitor general Thursday during oral arguments.

"For us to get in the middle of this before that happens is highly unusual," echoed Judge Brett Kavanaugh.

But Judge Karen Henderson seemed open to the idea of allowing the challenge to proceed saying the EPA has already made up its mind to proceed this way despite not having finalized the rule.

"I see a closed mind in terms of the legal issue," Henderson said. "That's not going to change with the comments."

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Felon Attacks Open Carrier for His Weapon in Washington Walmart

by Bob Owens,
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(Editor/GG: Bob's points are well taken, but it is our RIGHT to be able to open carry a firearm. One must be extremely vigilant when open carrying in public. But, at least for many of us, when we see an open carrier, we know that safety is close by.)

A Yakima, Washington, man was attacked in a Walmart by a suspect armed with a bat, and the local media reported part of the story:

A 32-year-old man who was shopping with at least three children at a Yakima Wal-Mart was the victim of an unprovoked assault when a stranger picked up a metal tee-ball bat and struck him, according to Yakima police.

The victim was not injured, but he did have a concealed weapons permit, which he immediately put to use, police said.

A store security officer reported hearing a man in the sporting goods department yelling "Get on the ground!" and found one man pointing a pistol at another, who was lying on the floor.

Police arrived a short time later and arrested the 30-year-old suspect, who remains in Yakima County jail in lieu of \$30,000 bail set Monday.

That's part of the story, but definitely not all of it, or even the most important part. As is so often the case, the real story emerged in the comments to the article, where Brad Walker, who self-identified as the father of the victim, explained that the criminal's apparent goal was to steal his son's openly carried Sig Sauer pistol.

The attacker swung full force for his head. The gun was carried "open Carry" It was a .357 Sig We think this person was trying to get the handgun by knockout hitting him in the head with an aluminum bat. He side-stepped the blow and took the impact in the neck and shoulder. He is receiving doctor's treatment. He thanks God that no one else was hurt and that he did not have to use lethal force. I was in law enforcement and during my academy training, my son helped me study. He knew how to safely defend himself and his family lawfully. Hopefully, this attacker will not be released to hurt other people.

Mr. Walker goes on to state that the man who attacked his son for his weapon was a convicted felon with previous assaults on his record.

He also stated that he thinks that his son will now follow his advice and carry his weapon concealed from now on.

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Open carriers have been robbed of their weapons before, and it appears that the victim in this case, and in prior instances, was set upon by a criminal in a crime of opportunity.

While open carry is legal in most parts of the nation, comparatively few people who have the option exercise it, and almost none who have considerable self-defense training take this route. Well-trained gun owners instead prefer to carry concealed so as to maintain anonymity so that they don't stand out as a target for criminals and retain the tactical advantage of being armed, but not visibly so.

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Colorado: Pro-Gun Bills Defeated by House Committee

by NRA Institute for Legislative Action,
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(Editor/GG: Colorado Democrats again violating our 2nd Amendment rights. And don't forget our local Custer County Democrat party is all in with this, e.g., attempting to ban the carrying of firearms at our Independence Day Parade. One more successful election and we will overturn these unconstitutional laws. And keep the local pressure up, folks, by attending our July 4th parade and showing the libs that we won't be intimidated by a minority of limousine liberals.)

Unfortunately, yesterday evening, the House Committee on State, Veterans, and Military Affairs voted down Senate Bill 86 by a 4-7 vote and Senate Bill 175 by a 5-6 vote. SB 86, introduced by state Senator Kent Lambert (R-9), would have repealed the egregious legislation passed in 2013 that requires a background check for the private transfer of a firearm between law-abiding citizens. SB 175, introduced by state Senators Chris Holbert (R-30) and John Cooke (R-13), would have repealed another anti-gun piece of legislation passed into law during the 2013 legislative session that arbitrarily limits the number of rounds of ammunition you can use to protect yourself and your family to 15. However, the House, still controlled by some of the same misguided legislators who stripped away your rights in 2013, continues to burden Coloradans by upholding cumbersome mandates and restrictions on the lawful purchase and possession of firearms and ammunition.

As previously reported, SB 86 passed the Colorado Senate by an 18-17 vote. "Universal" background checks do nothing to reduce violent crime and only burden law-abiding gun owners.

SB 175 was introduced after the House Committee on State, Veterans and Military Affairs' politically motivated dismissal of House Bill 1009 and passed in the Colorado Senate by a 21-13 vote. The arbitrary ban on magazines holding more than 15 rounds of ammunition is an attack on a law-abiding citizen's fundamental right to self-defense by inhibiting their ability to protect themselves and their family members.

Please see: www.nrila.org/articles/20150414/colorado-pro-gun-bills-defeated-by-house-committee

Home Invader Killed By Armed Man and Pregnant Fiancée Who Refused To Be Victims

by Bob Owens,
BearingArms.com

Don't mess with momma.

A pregnant woman and her fiance fought for their lives against a pair of armed home invaders in Indianapolis earlier this week, leaving one of the criminals dead of multiple gunshot wounds at the scene, and his partner on the run.

Home invasion suspect Dequan Cummings was DRT (dead right there) when Indianapolis police arrived. Cummings had forced his way into a residence Sunday

evening and struggled with the couple over the control of a firearm kept in the home.

It didn't go his way, and the IMPD doesn't seem the slightest bit upset that Cummings is now deceased.

Homicide detectives said the suspect forced his way into the victim's apartment, pulled his gun and disarmed the would-be victim. But the victim and his pregnant fiancée wrestled the gun back and shot the suspect.

The suspect, identified as Dequan Cummings, of Indianapolis, was pronounced

dead at the scene.

"We are in support of legal gun ownership, make no mistake about that. Those are some of the basic tenets of our constitution. We want people to exercise caution, wisdom, and proper gun safety," said IMPD Spokesman Christopher Wilburn.

Unspoken but seemingly implied in Officer Wilburn's statement is that the judicious use of marksmanship is appreciated in armed self-defense.

The second home invader fled the scene alive, but his

troubles are far from over.

Once captured, he will face not only armed robbery and other charges, but will face murder charges under Indiana's version of the felony murder rule for Cummings' death. The felony murder rule holds criminal actors responsible for any death resulting from a felony crime that they participated in, even if they did not directly cause the death themselves.

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Indiana Governor Pence Is Right

by Karl Denninger,
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To the loony-left: Shut Up (Editor/GG: from Foxnews.com):

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence said Sunday that a new state law that attempts to protect long-standing religious freedoms “is not about discrimination” and that he and other state lawmakers do not intend to change the legislation.

Pence, a Republican, said the legislation that he signed last week prohibits Indiana laws that “substantially burden” a person’s ability to follow his or her religious beliefs.

He’s right, and by the way, the 1st Amendment **already** prohibits this sort of burden.

Take a Jewish cafe owner. He *insists* that everything that comes into his restaurant to be cooked and served by him must be kosher.

This law says you can’t sue him for refusing to sell you a side of bacon.

Guess what: **Pence is right and those of you who wish to argue that that restaurant owner has to sell bacon are wrong.**

The same is true the other way: A Jewish patron cannot **demand** kosher food in a restaurant. He can ask, but can’t demand.

This also applies to a church. The Catholic Church, for example, demands that (1) marriage be between one man and one woman, (2) both parties be *confirmed* Catholics, and (3) neither have a previous deemed valid, non-annulled marriage. *What the screamers wish to argue and enforce by law is a requirement that a Catholic church be willing to conduct a marriage ceremony for a pair of men.*

So please explain to me how it’s *different* when someone wants a wedding cake with Jack and John instead of Jack and Jill on top?

If you want to argue that the wedding cake baker should be forced to make that cake (even though he is a deeply-convicted fundamentalist Christian) *then tell me why I can’t force the Jewish restaurant to stock, cook, and serve up my side of bacon.*

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ISIS Camp a Few Miles From Texas, Mexican Authorities Confirm

by JudicialWatch.Org

(Editor/GG: **Folks, Judicial Watch is a very, very well-respected organization. If this report is correct, we have serious problems. Nobama’s open border policy is allowing tens of thousands of illegals and illegal criminals to pour over our border and these ISIS muslim murderers will be amongst them. We are being invaded while Nobama plays golf.**)

ISIS is operating a camp just a few miles from El Paso, Texas, according to Judicial Watch sources that include a Mexican Army field grade officer and a Mexican Federal Police Inspector.

The exact location where the terrorist group has established its base is around eight miles from the U.S. border in an area known as “Anapra” situated just west of Ciudad Juárez in the Mexican state of Chihuahua. Another ISIS cell to the west of Ciudad Juárez, in Puerto Palomas, targets the New Mexico towns of Columbus and Deming for easy access to the United States, the same knowledgeable sources confirm.

During the course of a joint operation last week, Mexican Army and federal law enforcement officials discovered documents in Arabic and Urdu, as well as “plans” of Fort Bliss – the sprawling military installation that houses the U.S. Army’s 1st Armored Division. Muslim prayer rugs were recovered with the documents during the operation.

Law enforcement and intelligence sources report the area around Anapra is dominated by the Vicente Carrillo Fuentes Cartel (“Juárez Cartel”), La Línea (the enforcement arm of the cartel), and the Barrio Azteca (a gang originally formed in the jails of El Paso). Cartel control of the Anapra area make it an extremely dangerous and hostile operating environment for Mexican Army and Federal Police operations.

According to these same sources, “coyotes” engaged in human smuggling – and working for Juárez Cartel – help move ISIS terrorists through the desert and across the border between Santa Teresa and Sunland Park, New Mexico. To the east of El Paso and Ciudad Juárez, cartel-backed “coyotes” are also smuggling

ISIS terrorists through the porous border between Acala and Fort Hancock, Texas. These specific areas were targeted for exploitation by ISIS because of their understaffed municipal and county police forces, and the relative safe-havens the areas provide for the unchecked large-scale drug smuggling that was already ongoing.

Mexican intelligence sources report that ISIS intends to exploit the railways and airport facilities in the vicinity of Santa Teresa, New Mexico (a U.S. port-of-entry). The sources also say that ISIS has “spotters” located in the East Potrillo Mountains of New Mexico (largely managed by the Bureau of Land Management) to assist with terrorist border crossing operations. ISIS is conducting reconnaissance of regional universities; the White Sands Missile Range; government facilities in Alamogordo, New Mexico; Ft. Bliss, Texas; and the electrical power facilities near Anapra and Chaparral, New Mexico.

Please see: <http://www.judicialwatch.org/blog/2015/04/isis-camp-a-few-miles-from-texas-mexican-authorities-confirm/>

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1, NIV

‘No Hungry Kids Act’ Would Repeal Michelle O’s Lunch Rules

by Victor Skinner,
EAGNews.Org

(Editor/GG: **You see liberals know whats best for everybody. You have tens of thousands of kids going hungry every week and an additional BILLION dollars of school lunches going into the trash because they are INEDIBLE. All thanks to our glorious, collectivist royalty, Moochelle and her freedom loving husband, Barrack Hussein Nobama. Our local libs worship them. We worship Somebody else.**)

STORM LAKE,

Iowa – Iowa Rep. Steve King wants to dump Michelle Obama’s school food restrictions.

He thinks the federal restrictions on calories, fat, sugar, sodium, and other elements of school food imposed through the Healthy and Hunger Free Kids Act is accomplishing exactly the opposite of what was intended by leaving students hungry and unprepared to learn, according to the The Daily Reporter.

“Spring is here – it’s that time of year again when kids are outside exercising and playing, but also studying and learning,” King said. “I have reintroduced the ‘No Hungry Kids Act’ to help our student be the best they can be.

“The USDA has set a calorie limit on school lunches. The goal of the school lunch program was – and is – to ensure students receive enough nutrition to be healthy and to learn,” he continued. “The misguided nanny state, as advanced by Michelle Obama’s Healthy and Hunger Free Kids Act, was interpreted by Secretary Vilsack to be a directive that, because some kids

are overweight, he would put every child on a diet.

“Parents know that their kids deserve all the healthy and nutritious food they want,” King said.

So King re-introduced his No Hungry Kids Act, which would repeal the federal food restrictions imposed through the Healthy and Hunger Free Kids Act and would prohibit the USDA from setting calorie limits on school food. It would also ensure parents can send their children to school with the foods they want them to eat, according to the reporter.

King first introduced the repeal legislation shortly after the current federal restrictions went into effect in 2012, after sampling the lunch served at Storm Lake Elementary, but Democrats who support the regulations outnumbered critics.

Storm Lake Elementary principal Juli Kwikkel told the reporter she employed King’s help to address school lunches because too many students are forced to go hungry because of the new rules.

“Monday is always the worst,” Kwikkel said. “Often we have kids who haven’t eaten much for the weekend. After lunch, they are still going to be hungry.”

Roughly 70- to 80-percent of Storm Lake students rely on free or reduced-price lunches because many do not get quality meals at home. But the federal restrictions require the school to give those students beets and squash that end up in the garbage, while they’re forced to throw away hash browns or scalloped potatoes they would eat because of the federal regulations,

Kwikkel said.

“We are not a one-size-fits-all school,” she said. “We have some kids who will throw their food away, and others who lick the plate clean and are still quite hungry.”

The principal said she’s certainly not alone in the dilemma.

“In talking to some of my friends who are principals around the country, some schools are starting to opt out of the hot lunch program” because of the regulations, Kwikkel said.

In fact, hundreds of schools across the country have come to the realization that they’re better off, both financially and nutritionally, to abandon the National School Lunch Program to serve students foods they’ll actually eat. Many schools simply can’t afford to participate because the regulations contributed to a drastic drop in lunch revenue, the Associated Press reports.

That issue is in addition to more than \$1 billion in school food waste nationally tied to the federal school food restrictions, particularly the mandate that all students take a fruit or vegetable, whether they want one or not.

Other conservative lawmakers like U.S. Sen. John Hoeven of North Dakota have suggested fixes to the Michelle Obama’s regulations, such as tweaking the sodium or whole grain requirements, but King is the first to pursue a full repeal in the current legislative session.

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Wait: In 2009?

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

Mr. President, impeachment is on line 1.

A 2009 NCIS investigation into Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl’s activities while in Afghanistan reveal that there is clear evidence Bergdahl was “going over to the other side with a deliberate plan,” Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer said on Fox News’ “The O’Reilly Factor” Monday night.

In 2009?

So Obama **knew** when he “negotiated” the “release” of Bergdahl for 5 Tali-

ban “Generals” that this report said he wasn’t just a deserter **he was in fact a traitor?**

That would mean that Obama in fact released 4 Generals for nothing, or if you prefer, **5 Generals in exchange for a Private.**

That changes things a bit, does it not, in that it certainly would imply that this was not a “prisoner exchange” at all **but rather a raw prisoner release during a time of** (undeclared, as our Congress is a bunch of pussies) **war.**

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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.



Dust in the Wind

Being a bit of a news junky, I try to keep up with current events and interpret them in the light of Biblical truth. I often find myself reflecting on the sagging economy, out-of-control bailouts, protesting homosexuals, pervasive energy difficulties, the probability of another terrorist attack, our nation’s wars, the activities of a congress with an incredibly low approval rating, and six years of a failed presidency. Occasionally, one needs to step back from these dismal current events and look at the larger picture.

While driving to town one day I was contemplating some of the aforementioned. Frankly, the accumulation of these thoughts was depressing. Somewhere along that dirt road I encountered a vehicle. The driver waved, and I responded accordingly. It was one of those two- or three-finger waves when the driver’s fingers only lift slightly off the steering wheel. It’s the dirt-road code of conduct, making it easy to identify city visitors because they don’t know how it’s done. It requires little effort, but speaks volumes.

The suggestion is, “I’m your neighbor. I may live 10 miles from you, but if you’re in a ditch, I will stop and help. If you’re caught in a blizzard, we will put you up.”

That briefest encounter brought a Scripture to mind: “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things

are honest, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things” (Philippians 4:8).

In an attempt to obey the passage, my musings shifted to dirt. I wondered why these little indicators of civility conclude when we hit the pavement. The only wave encountered on the freeway is one of road rage.

It cannot be a coincidence that people who live on, and make their living from the soil, are generally more conservative in life and values than their city cousins. Dirt is necessary—it reaches beyond the asphalt, the synthetic, plastic, colored lights. There is something real about it.

Out of necessity, the agriculturist learns patience as he waits for crops to grow or calves and colts to mature. He is not nearly as likely to be infected with the credit-card disease that demands the immediate acquisition of all the material goods that Madison Avenue advertises. When and if he does purchase something new and shiny, it probably won’t become an object of worship. We have city relatives who will not visit us for fear of dust collection on their automobiles.

Over the years I have heard of several teen boys who were sent to their uncles’ farms or ranches to be “re-educated,” but I

can’t recall one occasion where the country kid was sent to the city for the same. The prodigal son left his rural home in search of the high life, but when he came to his senses he returned to his roots.

The preacher stands at the head of the coffin in the cemetery and says, “From dust thou art, to dust thou shall return.” In the end, all of the political intrigue, maneuvering, protesting, debating, and fighting will return to the dust. There must be a higher purpose in this abbreviated journey called life than what is on the evening news.

Several years ago I was visiting a rancher friend in Texas. One fine morning we toured a portion of his ranch on horseback, inspecting the fences and cattle along the way. Our conversation included world events, problems, and possible solutions. When we came to a gate, he dismounted to open it and reached to the ground to grasp a handful of dirt. He looked at me and said, “Preacher, the problem with America is we are too many generations away from this stuff.”

With that, he allowed the dirt to slowly filter through his opened fingers. It was the testimony of the soil. All I am, all I have—all we are, all we possess—in this world will return to it. Thank God I know the One who conquered death and the grave. Real believers anticipate our own victory because of His.

A Sheepdog Barks!

Christians are being persecuted, threatened, having their heads cut off, shot in the head, and being thrown off ships to drown in the ocean and what do we get from this “Christian” president? SILENCE! Actually, he’s not silent all the time. He has spoken out AGAINST Christians on many occasions. Recently he bashed Christians and Christianity during the National Prayer Breakfast and then again during an Easter celebration. It got me to thinking. He’ll call a gay NBA player who has come out of the closet or a female college activist that is complaining that the government won’t support her promiscuous lifestyle by providing her with the birth control pills, but won’t even speak up about this outrageous behavior by Muslims. On a recent Islamic holiday he issued a statement that claimed the many achievements and contributions of Muslim Americans who helped build the very fabric of our nation and strengthened the core of our democracy. REALLY? Who were the Muslims that fought the British or signed the Declaration of Independence? Is Sharia law consistent with democracy? Obama is nuts. Christians wove the fabric of this country. Muslims were the pirates our Navy and Marines were killing on the shores of Tripoli. Does his behavior and his comments, or lack of comments, tell us anything. It tells me he knew to be successful in American politics he would have to claim to be a Christian. Can you imagine his rise to the highest and most powerful position in America happening while praying towards Mecca 5 or 6 times a day? We all know he had to create an image that would sell in America. These are the kind of words we hear from this professed Christian. He morally equates the Crusades and the Spanish Inquisition of almost 1,000 years ago to the present day beheadings, rapes, drownings, and burning a man alive by the Muslims. The big difference is bad Chris-

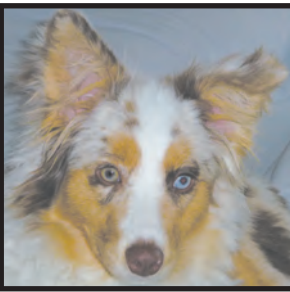
tian behavior was stopped long ago. The Islamic brutality and barbarism is not only on-going but escalating. What will the president do or even say about it? Obama, it’s time you speak up and then do something about it. ISIS and Al Qaeda are completely out of control. You say and do nothing. Act Mr. President. The time has truly come for a real Christian to act. The Pope is speaking out, other world leaders are speaking out, but you, however, are mute. It’s time Barack “Hussein” Obama, oh, wait a second. Maybe he’s not a ... never mind. The world waits to see what he’ll do.

Here are some more examples of liberal America:

OIALPA: DePauw University. The University leaders closed the campus, shut all classes down and required all students, faculty, and staff to attend a mandatory dialogue on “bias” and “white privilege.” They initially threatened the students with not being able to register if they didn’t attend. The dialogue required looking at the “micro-aggression” that Asian and other minority students might be subjected to. This kind of liberal progressiveness is pervasive in our schools and universities. What a shame we let them hijack American education! Be careful where you send your pups and grandpups. WOOF!

OIALPA: New York City. Wacko man threatens police with a machete. Police shoot him in the leg. Liberal Progressive Mayor blames the police and bad police policies and then pays wacko man \$5,000. Wacko man was stupid. If he had threatened the police with a gun he probably would have a protest riot in his honor and gotten \$10,000. What a great country we live in. WOOF!

OIALPA: Berkeley, CA. Here are some of the latest insanities being perpetuated by the city leaders in Berkeley. Tax on sodas/sugar. That’s right - a sweet tax. If you like soda,



you’re going to pay extra for it. Probably to support their “free marijuana for the poor” program. Makes a lot of sense to an LPSD. This last one is really the kicker. They want climate change info (aka global warming nonsense) printed on the gas nozzles so the citizens can be made to feel guilty for not driving an electric car, we guess. One Berkeley leader was quoted as saying they want to be on the “leading edge.” Of what you might ask? The leading edge of insanity. They are already there. WOOF!

OIALPA: University of California, Irvine, CA. Misguided and brainwashed students voted to ban the American flag from the student union because it is “culturally insensitive.” REALLY? This was stopped by more rational Americans, but consider the following ridiculous statement made by the Association of Students of the University of California. Wow, they are really on the way to being good LPSDs. “The American flag has been flown in instances of colonialism and imperialism...flags not only serve as symbols of politics or weapons for nationalism, but also constructs cultural mythologies and narratives that in time change nationalistic sentiments.” Once again our universities are teaching our young WHAT to think, not HOW to think. The sad thing is that our tax money supports this crap! WOOF!

Last thought. We learned this week that we’re going to get Bill with Hillary. The ole “two fer one” deal again. God Help us. WOOF!

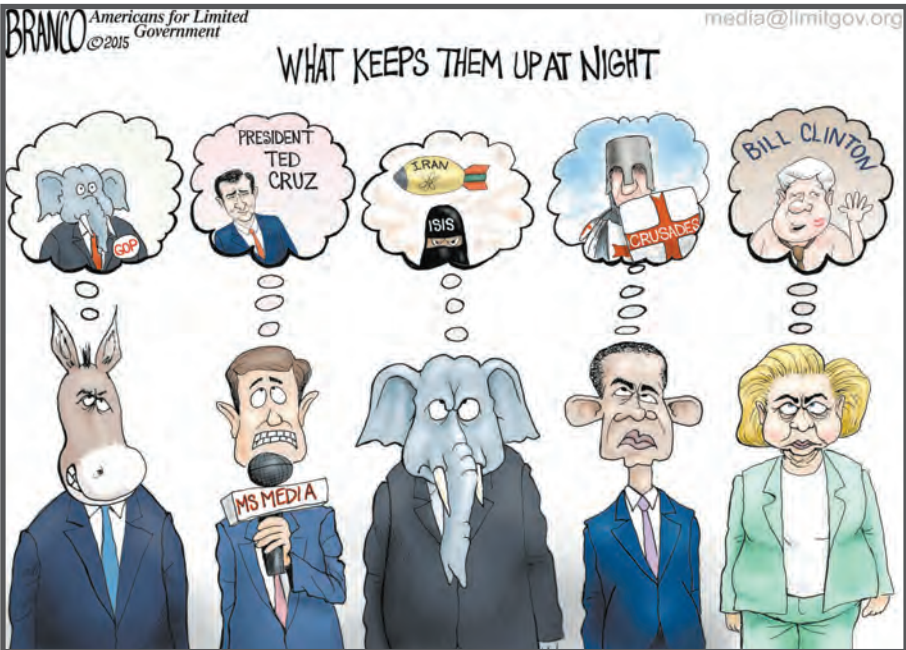
May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite.

James Madison

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Is Colorado #READYFORHILLARY?

10 Reasons Colorado Continues to be Wary of Hillary

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: Truly a living zombie nightmare that will not go away. And it ain't one sided. On the RINO side, we have the night-of-the-living dead Jeb Bush. If either one of these statist, liberal zombie infected creatures becomes President it is literally time, fellow patriots, to terminate contact with what is regarded as "society" today and head into the bunkers for free America's last stand. Got ammo?)

Hillary Clinton's announcement that she was running for president was perhaps the least surprising and definitely the most unnecessarily prolonged process in recent presidential history. While her surrogates claimed she would announce at noon ET, her announcement didn't come until three hours later, invoking the hate and wrath of media (and supporters) across the country, even inspiring hashtags like #Waiting-ForHillary and #WhyIsHillary-Late. We would never do that to you, PeakNation™.

So, Hillary Clinton is in, and without further delay, we give you the top 10 reasons Colorado is not #ReadyforHillary.

10) Hillary's biggest problem in Colorado is simply that she's not in touch with the common man. While she was kvetching about being "dead broke" after leaving the White House because she could barely afford her million dollar house in Chappaqua, New York. We feel great sympathy for her, truly. Let's ask the family who can barely pay the mortgage on their \$325,000 house in Centennial. The difference here is that President Bill Clinton could round up a speaking gig or two and have the money to pay the mortgage for another year. What does the family in Centennial do? What if he's laid off? What if she's laid off? What if they're both working and simply cannot make ends meet?

The difference is opportunity. Her comments, which she attributes to being "inartful" show just how very far removed the Clintons are from the challenges

of everyday people, who really make up the majority of Colorado.

9) Hillary's announcement on Twitter (or maybe by D.C. lobbyist John Podesta?) sounds like a great idea, until you think about all the people not on Twitter. How many Democratic primary voters in Iowa, her achilles heel in 2008, use Twitter? How many Democratic primary voters in Colorado are breathlessly following her on Twitter right now? Then again, if we had as much baggage as Clinton does, we wouldn't announce to a live audience either.

8) Colorado hates a coronation. The last candidate to pursue the coronation route lost big. Mark Udall and his family dynasty were soundly rejected by Colorado voters in 2014. If Hillary thinks this is her election, Colorado will surely set her straight.

7) Perhaps there's no better indication that Colorado is not ready for Hillary than an urban liberal, completely out of touch with reality, breathlessly tweeting that

Colorado is ready for Hillary.

6) Coloradans love them some transparency, and hate the Washington machine. Clinton is a product of the Washington machine, and her scandal-rich history clearly puts her at odds with the Colorado electorate. Missing emails, Benghazi, Vince Foster, and the list goes on and on.

5) Even her loyal subjects are wavering. Her own brother-from-another-mother and former campaign manager, turned reviled Mayor of New York City, Bill DeBlasio, is unsure he will endorse her.

4) Before Obamacare was Hillarycare, it was known as Hillarycare. Colorado has experienced some serious pain as a result of Obamacare. It's unlikely that we will soon embrace the mother of such a beastly idea.

3) Colorado would really like the opportunity to vote Democratic Sen. Bennet out of office. If Hillary anoints him her Veep, she would rob us of the chance to finally put a nail in the coffin of the

Bannock Street Project.

2) Colorado already demonstrated its interest in her presidential run (hint: it's not high). Last May, tickets to Hillary's keynote address at the 1stBank Center in Broomfield ended up on Living Social at a deep discount. The venue held 6,500 people. When we checked, Living Social sold a paltry 286 tickets.

1) Quinnipiac asked whether Colorado was ready for a Hillary presidency. Colorado said no. Last week's Quinnipiac poll showed nearly every Republican contender either beating her, tying with her, or within the margin of error to defeat her.

Colorado is a crucial swing state for any presidential candidate, and a bellwether state for the rest of the country. If Colorado isn't ready for Hillary, is any state?

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Obamacare Architect: "The Stupidity of The American Voter" Got Obamacare Passed!

by Mike Krieger, Liberty Blitzkrieg Blog, via Tyler Durden, ZeroHedge.com

Earlier today, I published a post titled, Inside the Mind of an Oligarch – Sheldon Adelson Proclaims "I Don't Like Journalism," which zeroed in on the condescending attitude oligarchs and their technocrat minions have toward the general population. I wrote:

The term oligarch is reserved for those with extreme wealth who also want to control the political process, policy levers

and most other aspects of the lives of the citizenry in a top-down tyrannical and undemocratic manner. They think they know best about pretty much everything, and believe unelected technocrats who share their worldview should be empowered so that they can unilaterally make all of society's important decisions. The unwashed masses (plebs) in their minds are unnecessary distractions who must be told what to do. Useless eaters who need to be brainwashed into

worshiping the oligarch mindset, or turned into apathetic automatons incapable or unwilling to engage in critical thought. Either outcome is equally acceptable and equally encouraged.

It's quite timely that those words appeared on the site the same day that a video clip emerged of MIT economics professor, and the architect of Obamacare, Jonathan Gruber, admitting that the legislation was intentionally complex and misleading in order to pass Congress and elicit limited

outrage from the "stupid" American public.

The Hill reports that:

An architect of the federal healthcare law said last year that a "lack of transparency" and the "stupidity of the American voter" helped Congress approve ObamaCare.

He suggested that many lawmakers and voters didn't know what was in the law or how its financing worked, and that this helped it win approval.

"Lack of transparency is a

huge political advantage," Gruber said. "And basically, call it the stupidity of the American voter or whatever, but basically that was really, really critical for the thing to pass."

Gruber made the comment while discussing how the law was "written in a tortured way" to avoid a bad score from the Congressional Budget Office. He suggested that voters would have rejected ObamaCare if the penalties for going without health insurance were interpreted as taxes, either by budget analysts

or the public.

The arrogance and destructiveness of this man knows no bounds.

As I have said for years now, these people are sick and dangerous. They are also in power. This needs to change as soon as possible.

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“Takin’ It To The House...”

A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

From: Representative
Jim Wilson, HD 60
April 19, 2015

Last week I reported two big issues would take the spotlight in the House – a list of “Gun Bills” and HB15-1323 (the assessment bill) which is an attempt to reduce the number (and frequency) of assessments. As my Grandma used to say, “Whoa Nellie” -- I had no idea the spotlight would shine so brightly upon one of the gun bills: SB15-175 (repeal of the 15 round limits on ammunition magazines).

With all the drama of a mystery novel, four House Republicans secretly banded together and pushed for a procedural move that placed five Republicans in a no-win situation and put them at risk of facing tough primaries in 2016. Why would four Representatives do such a thing to their own colleagues? Well, the plot thickens... Outside the Capitol, another part of

the drama was revealed. A battle was going on between Jon Caldera (President of the conservative Independence Institute) and Dudley Brown (Executive Director of the Rocky Mountain Gun Owners). Caldera backed a repeal but was willing in the interim to raise the magazine limit to 30 rounds. Brown and the RMGO wanted an “all or none” repeal.

Rep. Ransom (R-Douglas County) moved an amendment to the House Daily Journal that essentially would have overturned committee action in favor of a vote on the House floor. The Speaker ruled the motion out of order. Rep. Everett (R-Littleton) challenged the Speaker’s ruling and asked for a recorded vote on the ruling. The vote was taken, the Speaker’s ruling was upheld and five R’s were placed in a difficult position.

In the end, the Speaker

was ticked, the Republican leadership was blindsided, the decorum of the House was belittled and nothing changed... Actually, some things did change – the R’s lost credibility on the other side of the aisle and the four representatives came off as caring more about the RMGO than their own Caucus. The epilogue to this “novel” is rather sad. SB15-175 is still dead, but the mistrust between colleagues and battered relationships will live on for a long time.

The other issue in the spotlight (HB15-1323) made it through the process and will be heard on the House floor this week. The assessment debate has come down to a “battle of bills” between the House (HB15-1323) and the Senate (SB15-257). These bills present a classic duel between the Senate pushing a “my way or the highway” position, and the House proceeding with a more incremental

and inclusive “let’s at least do something” approach. My Democrat co-sponsor (House Ed. Chairman Buckner) and I are working diligently to make HB15-1323 palatable enough in the Senate to at least get it to a Conference Committee.

If one of the two bills does not make it through the process, nothing will change for our students in the way of assessments for next year. No change in the number of assessments is not an acceptable outcome to me – our students, parents and teachers deserve better. Moving this bill forward has been like herding chickens – you take one step forward, some birds panic and leave the flock. Sometimes it takes a while to get them back together...

There are a lot of bills left on the agenda and little time. We are scheduled to adjourn on May 6th. If you have questions about



bills (or votes) in this race to the finish, please call us: 303-866-2747 or e-mail us at wilsonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.

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