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Drama at Hospital Board Meeting

by George Gramlich

The September 8, 2014, Custer County Medical Center's Board Meeting had it all: a packed house (21 attendees), factional tension, board resignations, continued cash flow crisis, and a new mill levy tax increase request. Emotions ran high at several points in the long meeting.

Cash flow projections continue to point at a clinic in trouble with Executive Director Delwon Lester stating that the cash on hand positions for the coming months are grim with October coming in at a negative \$28,000, November at a negative \$85,000 and December at a negative \$73,000. On the positive side, Mr. Lester noted that there were some cash flow improvements in July and

that the clinic is current on account payables.

High drama ensued when the EMS/Ambulance Manager Elle Czarnota gave her report. Ms. Czarnota stated that the current staff includes thirteen crew members of whom two are ALS (Advanced Life Support) certified and five of whom are drivers. She then went on to note that about one-third of all calls are at night and that the night shift is an "on-call" shift (the day shift is on-site and paid by the hour). She made the argument that the on-call status incurs a lot of extra cost with the clinic being responsible for travel time to the EMS building for all crew members called in and the wait times can be substantial as some of the staff reside far away.

She proposed changing the night shift to a regular paid shift (ie, staff would be on-site), and projected that the cost would be approximately \$18,000 for the rest of the year. She said that this would be a life-saving measure for many calls due to the long lead time in getting night shift crew members on site and would only be a small increase in cost versus the current on-call status.

Executive Director Lester strongly opposed the idea and stated there was no money available to pay for an on-site night shift. Ms. Czarnota then passionately countered that the clinic doesn't seem to have a problem hiring people on the clinic side of the operation and that she sees no "belt tightening" at all in

the clinic operations. She stated that the EMS employees and the "public wants to see" the real EMS budget numbers. One of the many EMS employees there asked how can the clinic consider itself to be fiscally responsible when it is hiring a new receptionist at \$10 per hour and the highly trained EMS staff are only getting \$8 per hour? There was no substantial answer from the Board or Mr. Lester on that issue. Board President Joe Arbuckle commented that the clinic "has sacrificed". Another EMS employee then stated that the only two ALS certified crew members were considering going "bye-bye" if the renumeration situation doesn't improve. Another EMS staffer noted that the

clinic has treated the EMS employees poorly and the clinic should "show respect to us".

A heated discussion ensued for quite some time between Executive Director Lester and the various members of the EMS crew. When Mr. Arbuckle invited EMS Director Ms. Czarnota to have a sit-down with Mr. Lester and review the budget numbers, Ms. Czarnota responded that she had previously tried that and had got the "run-around" from Mr. Lester. Ms. Czarnota also expressed concern that grant money previously received by the clinic for EMS wound up being used for the clinic instead of EMS.

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Bobcats Take The "Ice Bucket Challenge"

Story and photo by Jim Silver

On Friday morning, August 29th, the Bobcats football team held a final no-pads, helmets-only light work-out before the season opener, a non-conference away game against Dayspring Christian in Greeley on Saturday. At the conclusion of the practice Coach Troy Bomgardner and assistant coaches Mark Pedigo and Navar Sayhouse circled the team, "dropped to a knee." Coach Bomgardner spoke some words of encouragement to honor and show support to one of the team members, C. J. Virden, a senior playing tight end and defensive end. Thus began the Bobcats

version of the "ALS Ice Bucket Challenge," a somber few moments soon broke as each player and coach lined up and waited for a turn to meet up with a 5-gallon bucket of ice water. C.J. Virden administered the buckets, for it is his dad who has ALS disease and is confined to a care facility in Denver.

Coach Bomgardner wanted also for community supporters to be recognized and thanked. The buckets were provided by Valley Ace Hardware, and are just the right color of "Bobcats Blue." The water was truly ice water, courtesy of Antlers' donation of a large supply of ice.



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*For God did not
give us a spirit
of timidity, but a
spirit of power,
of love and of
self-discipline.*

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

THIS ISN'T FUNNY ANYMORE!

Actually, this hasn't ever been funny. America elected an unqualified man to be the president in November 2008 and re-elected him in 2012. His only experience was as a community organizer, a college professor, and a state legislator that accomplished little while voting "present" most of the time. So, when Barack Obama became our 44th President many of us knew America was in for a bad time. We believe that some who voted for him believed he would "grow" into the job. He has had over five-and-one-half years of on-the-job training and has really learned nothing. He is simply not a leader. He is a talker. He has no real vision for our country. He is an ideologue with a very naïve and sophomoric view of the world. His view is based on how he thinks the world ought to be, not a view grounded in any realities. For example, he continues to say that Russian bad boy Putin "is on the wrong side of history." What does that even mean? It means nothing. It means the president doesn't have a clue on what Putin is up to and certainly has no ideas on how to stop him from simply invading and taking

over another sovereign nation. He provides Ukraine with meals-ready-to-eat and a few other non-lethal items to help them stop the Russian Army. He believes sanctions are all that is necessary. We all see how that's not working. This last week the headlines went something like this: Putin lied about Russians in Ukraine and a "statehood" vote is being planned so Russia can annex eastern Ukraine and the Crimean Peninsula. And Obama's response, "We need more sanctions."

Obama's unrealistic view of the world is summed up by two recent actions. During a fundraiser he was attending last week, instead of attending to the world's crises, he said this: "The world has always been messy. It's worse now because of social media." That's absurd. The second ridiculous action was to instruct Eric Holder and the FBI to launch an investigation to find the ISIS man who beheaded the American journalist, James Foley. On Tuesday ISIS beheaded another American so now apparently there are two investigations. This man is totally out of touch from a reality-based foreign policy. Meanwhile a

real leader, Prime Minister Cameron of Great Britain, stops his vacation and goes back home to deal in a serious manner with ISIS. It was totally embarrassing to watch our president finish his vacation and then go on TV and say "We don't have a strategy to deal with ISIS." When the expected "heat" came from all over the world, and even from U.S. Democrats, he and his White House staff blamed the military. That was outrageous. All veterans and most other Americans who are intellectually honest know that is blatantly false. In fact, on Monday, a pentagon source leaked information that Obama has been briefed and warned about ISIS daily for the last year.

We continue to be amazed that some of the highest ranking flag officers don't resign and call this president out for what he really is – the weakest Commander in Chief the United States has ever had. The world is indeed a mess and what is Obama doing about it? Don't say he is doing nothing. He's doing a lot. It's just all wrong. He is unbuilding our military when we need them the most. We are rapidly on the way, under Obama's leadership, to

having the smallest Army since 1940, the smallest and oldest Air Force ever, and our Navy down to the size it was in 1912. This is what he is doing. This is not ignorance. This is willful and deliberate negligence. He knows exactly what he is doing. Instead of immediate action, like the Secretary of Defense and the ranking military general said was required, he is once again slowing everything down. In August 2013 when asked a question about new radical terrorist groups like ISIS, the president said, "We need a strategy and we are going to put one together." That was over a year ago and last week he still says we have no strategy. That is simply untrue. What HE means is HE has no strategy and doesn't want one. Even Democrat Senator Diane Feinstein said this week that "Obama is cautious, maybe too cautious in this situation." That's powerful criticism from a member of the president's party. Republican Senators McCain and Graham told Obama to quit "dithering." They are absolutely right. Prime Minister Cameron said that "terrorism flourishes when there is dysfunctional and weak leadership." That

is exactly what we have in the United States. McCain and Graham rightly went on to say "ISIS cannot be contained. It must be confronted. This requires a comprehensive strategy, presidential leadership, and a far greater sense of urgency." Absolutely correct! We have none of those. Obama says "we have no strategy" and then leaves Washington, D.C., to attend three fundraisers. How can the American people tolerate this? Why doesn't he stay home and lead the way in developing a much needed strategy to deal with this growing evil. We remind you. He is not doing nothing – he is doing exactly what he wants to do. And what he is doing is not what America needs. America needs a leader. And that journey starts in November of this year. The first and best thing we can do is remove Senator Harry Reid from protecting this non-leader. A new Senate with a new leader will be a good start. Please plan to vote for Corey Gardner to replace Udall. This is what we can do right here in Colorado to help begin this much needed change. VOTE FOR COREY GARDNER FOR U.S. SENATE!



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John Adams



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The Job of The Police and the Implications of Self-Defense

Dear Editor,

It was good to see a thank you letter to our local police force from Regis Frank. After weeks of police bashing generated by the police shooting in Ferguson, Missouri, it is refreshing to hear something other than anti-police hyperbole. Like many Americans, Mr. Frank, may have an unrealistic perception of community police. First, all citizens must recognize that every police department and sheriff's office is reactive by law. They can't do anything until a crime takes place. So many police departments have as their slogan, "Protect and Serve" or some other variation often displayed on their patrol vehicles. The Supreme Court has ruled that local police have no responsibility to protect citizens from crime. That's right, until some bikers harass you, the police can do nothing.

This brings us to the recent harassment of the car with three tourists near Hard-scrabble Canyon. It is true that the sheriff's office investigated the incident, issued arrest warrants, and did manage to arrest a cou-

ple of the offending bikers. Let us not forget that the driver took a beating which required emergency room treatment following the incident. I would hate to think that I'd have to take a beating before legal action can take place, but that is the reality of our system. What I'd like to know is what options, I have when facing a motorcycle gang committed to have some "fun" at my expense. This could have been a more serious matter because as reported in the press, one of the motorcycle members did produce a handgun.

Unfortunately, when a private citizen defends him/herself when being accosted, they often find themselves in the sights of the local prosecutor. There are all kinds of examples of victims being indicted for defending themselves. What would be helpful is for the sheriff, the district attorney, a local lawyer, or judge or all four to provide some guidance for locals to consider if any one of us find ourselves in a similar road side predicament. What should we do? Do we fight back or is it better to flee? What if the attackers

pursue?

I took a self-defense class some years ago given by John Farnam, a well-known firearms instructor. At the class, he had as guests a former prosecutor and a local Colorado attorney (also a class member). Since the class was about the use of handguns for personal protection, the issue of what citizens face if they use deadly force to protect themselves or a family member. There were about twenty of us in the class and we all were stunned to discover when Farnum and his colleagues told us that if we had to use deadly force, we should plan on spending \$40,000 or \$50,000 on legal fees to defend ourselves in criminal court or civil court or both. This is reality that all citizens face.

So, how about some help? Is there anyone in the community who would be willing to write a letter or participate in a forum that will help citizens to make the right decision when faced with a deadly situation like the one that occurred near Hardscrabble Canyon?

Joe Cascarelli
Westcliffe, CO

Thanks, From the Main Street Manager

I want to thank the people and businesses of The Cliffs for making me feel welcome in my first month as Main Street Manager. I look forward to bringing new, and supporting existing, activities for our community. By attracting quality visitors to the area and coordinating a cohesive event cal-

endar, we can increase commerce for local merchants while putting Silver Cliff and Westcliffe in the minds, hearts and travel plans of Coloradoans and beyond.

*Karen Loucks Rinedollar
Silver Cliff & Westcliffe,
Main Street Manager*

Real Leadership is Across The Pond

by Bill Bailey,
Westcliffe, CO

What a delight it was to listen to David Cameron today speaking to the Parliament in the United Kingdom. There was an obvious difference between the dispassionate remarks made by Obama which I view with little trust and the passionate discourse made by Prime Minister Cameron on how he proposed combating terrorism. He laid out several possible actions he wanted to undertake to oppose terror threats to his nation which maintain their safety and sovereignty at the same time not reducing their compassion and openness to all ethnic groups. Contrast that with the total passivity of our president and lack of

any plan or “strategy” to deal with terror threats here in America. It’s too bad Cameron is British or he would have a good chance at being U.S. president material. With our open borders (sorry, Harry Reid, our borders are not secure) it is just a matter of time before ISIS enters the U.S. and does significant damage somewhere. But then in this world it may be only a phone call or email away from instructing a local radical on how to wage Jihad. It is quite obvious to me that this is not the time to get rid of the 2nd Amendment and our local militia. We may be called upon to protect our families when national forces are occupied elsewhere, IF we can find the ammunition. God help us all.



Ask a Pro: Is my well log accurate? Are dry holes...?

A wells log is a product of the man who actually drilled the hole. A lot of times it's just a reflection of his memory. A good driller will take notes as the well is being drilled. One driller who proclaims himself to be: "the best driller in the State" dictates his logs from **memory** many weeks after actually drilling the well.

Experience has shown that even simple things like, how many sections of well screen were used sometimes vary greatly from what is written on the log. We were called to evaluate a dry hole. We obtained the log which simply stated the well was drilled in red sandstone. A site inspection revealed only black granite cuttings! Come on 'red vs. black' really!?

This same well was drilled on the toe of the hill; the worst geologic spot. Moving the new well to a better geologic spot we found 30 GPM at 400 ft. versus the 575 ft. dry well. These folks wisely shut the first driller down, as he only wanted to drill deeper. Then they called to get a second opinion; always a good thing to do. I wish all my wells were this good and that my well logs were perfect but...

- David Nequette Lic.1043

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The Dust-bin of History

by J. Cascarelli

I fear that we are watching September 11, 2001, 9/11, join other significant dates in American history's dust-bin. If you try to find the 9/11 memorial agenda for New York City, here is what you will find. There will be tours of "Ground Zero" available...\$22 for adults and \$17 for students, children under 12 free and don't forget to stop by the gift shop. Ground Zero, oft heralded as "Hallowed Ground," is now a money-making site like the Empire State Building and The Statue of Liberty. How could this happen in just 13 years? It's hard to believe after all those flags and all the overt displays of patriotism.

What other days are in the dust-bin? Well, there is April 19 (The Battle of Lexington and Concord, the shot heard 'round the world); there is December 7 (attack on Pearl Harbor); January 8 (the Battle of New Orleans); May 8 (VE Day...look it up), and August 6 (the bombing of Hiroshima...it only saved 1 million American lives). Also in the bin is June 6 (better known as D-Day which is recognized now that so many of the Greatest Generation are dying).

More obscure dates in the bin are October 19 (the Battle of Yorktown and America's long fought for freedom); July 1 (the Battle of San Juan Hill, the Spanish American War); November 9 (the fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of the Cold War); and let's not forget July 24 (Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walking on the moon).

Are these dates important? Sure they are and many more dates, too. They are milestones on the road of American greatness. Sadly, teachers no longer make students memorize significant dates in history as they did in my generation (1950-1962). Back then, citizens cared about the significance of passing time. It also helped us remember why it was great to



World Trade Center, September 11, 2001, New York City

courtesy photo

be an American. We were proud because we got hit, came back, and were victorious. Time and time again, America prevailed.

In preparation for this article, I searched the internet and found plenty about the New World Trade Center. Sure, it isn't fully occupied, but one can discover that it is 1776 feet high; one can get floor plans and find out how much concrete and steel it took to build it. There is no agenda for the day, however. There is nothing about those who jumped to their deaths to get away from the flames and nothing about the dead first responders. It is a sad commentary that those 8th graders born on September 11, 2001, will likely not discuss the attack in their class rooms...oh, a national holiday, and no school.

America's enemies tried to remind us with their attack on the American Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, on 9/11/12. For the foreseeable

future, many countries will up the alert status on 9/11 as Great Britain did this year. Many will ignore the warning and it will take another attack to wake-up the civilized people of the world. The sophisticated of New York are too consumed with their expensive lifestyles to show concern. We were asleep at the switch on September 11, 2001, and we are asleep once again today. As I write this, a second American reporter had his head cut off and the murderer said to Obama, "I'm back." Still many in policy making positions don't see the significance of these acts. Here is another dust-bin date, February 26 (the First World Trade Center attack). For those of us in Custer County, the Blind Sheik master mind of the attack lives just 35 miles away at "Super-max". It should remind us of the patience that our enemies have.

I do not know what the

president will be doing on the thirteenth anniversary of the worst domestic attack in American history, but I do know that nothing of significance will happen here in Custer County to commemorate the day. It looks like few in New York City will be doing anything special. It is just another national holiday...a day off. Sure, the families will never forget, but what about us private citizens?

Maybe someday Custer County will come up with something. Until then, I'll remember all those American flags on vehicles. They were displayed until they fell apart. Well, that was something.

(Editor/GG: God speed to my good friend, Robert (Bob) Gerlich, who was killed on 9/11/2001 in World Trade Center Tower 2 by the muslim murderers. It was his first day on the job after being unemployed for over a year.)

Westcliffe Town Board Tables Road Closure Request July 4 Parade Request Dominates Meeting

by Larry Luikart

The Town Board met on Tuesday night September 2, 2014, to discuss the important and necessary issues involved in the operation of the Town of Westcliffe. After the Pledge of Allegiance the clerk called Roll Call. Mayor Veltrie was absent but the rest of the members were present.

Visitors were recognized, three previous meetings minutes were approved and the Treasurer's report and bills were approved. During Old Business TTG / CLA (Thad Taylor, Gates / Clifton Larson Allen) Consulting Group was approved to help carry out the Capital Improvements Asset Inventory plan. This measure was approved. The Board approved option two of Resolution 3-2014 to amend the 2014 budget. Please call the clerk if you want to know the particulars on this measure.

Cindy Howard requested vacating three easements described as Lots 1 and 2 of Howard Minor Subdivision. Ms. Howard explained these easements while listed in the plat in reality did not exist. A resolution from the Board was necessary as part of the process to remove the easements from the plat. Approved by the Board.

Three requests for events on the same day, October 4, 2014, were considered simultaneously. The High School Homecoming Parade, Wild Bill Toy Run, and Arts Hullabaloo were all heard and approved by the Board.

A consideration for the May 23, 2015, and July 4, 2015, parades were next on the docket.

The Cowboy Church representative Mike Wilhite

and The Sangre de Sentinel's President Mike Hess outlined the progress to date. The Custer County Democratic Party representative, the third group in these discussions was not present. Mr. Wilhite explained a meeting took place on August 25, 2014, with the three parties involved in finding a way to have a parade that in the words of Mayor Veltrie's letter to them, "are divided over the gun issue...."(Reporter/LL: There. It's out in the open. This is about the right to open carry and carry concealed versus those who find the constitutional right to display those guns, (Second Amendment, state law) and to carry signs supporting the Second Amendment of the Constitution (First Amendment) somehow, offensive. If you keep this in mind, the rest of this discussion will make more sense.)

The August 25, 2014, meeting resulted in an agreement where Mr. Wilhite would draft a letter to the Patriot's Club. Mr. Wilhite explains in the draft, (this reporter has a copy) "that the open carry of firearms together with banners related to second amendment rights have been received by some members of the community as threatening and offensive." "The Parade Committee has agreed to make a written request to you when you march in the parade you do so without firearms or banners carrying political messages."

Mayor Pro-Tem Audrey Gluschke produced a letter from Roland Williams, Chair of the Custer County Democratic Central Committee dated September 2, 2014, and hand-delivered to the Board just before the

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Last Tuesday was a beautiful day for Custer County's annual Cancer Walk!

There were 108 people who walked and 16 on horseback who started from the Cowboy Church. So far, \$6,900 has been raised, which is



Pictured above (L to R) June Unger (Julie's aunt), Don Halford (Julie's father), and Julie Olomon.

Left and below: People who attended the Walk on Monday released balloons to honor cancer victims and survivors.

Sentinel photos by Claricy Rusk



\$5,000 less than last year. Twelve applications have been turned in so far, which is six more Custer County residents who are battling cancer and in need of financial assistance compared to last year. Applications will be accepted until September 10th. Donations can still be made until September 9th for this year's distributions.



For applications, and to make a donation, please see Julie Olomon at the Mane Attraction Salon, at 411 Main Street in Westcliffe or call 783-4300.

Just Gals Conference at Eagles Summit Ranch September 27

by Yvonne Phillips

Ladies, do you love food, music, games, prizes, and most of all, Jesus? If your answer is yes, come join me and 70 other women for a fun-filled, spiritual day on Saturday, September 27th.

This is the 4th annual 'Just Gals Conference' hosted by Mrs. Kathy Wampler of Eagles Summit Ranch. The theme for this year's event is, 'His Light Shines Bright'. Come and see how a metal building can be transformed into an elegant, bright, breathtaking theme, intended for Jesus' pleasure and delight.

The guest speaker is a very special lady, Mrs. Brenda Roeber, wife of Mr. Dave Roeber of Eagles Summit Ranch. Mrs. Roeber does very few speaking engagements, so this could be the one and only chance you

will have to hear her speak. I'm sure it will be awe-inspiring.

Special guest this year is Mrs. Kathy Wampler. You cannot find a lovelier lady. Her love for God shows in everything she does. It will be a great pleasure for us if she will agree to sing that afternoon, but there are no promises.

Praise and worship songs are to be led by Michele Perko. She attends Pueblo Christian Center, Pueblo, Colorado. She has performed for 'Just Gals' for the past three years. You can't help but to stand up and praise the Lord when these ladies are performing.

A lot of special attention has been put into the fun games and wonderful door prizes. Love, laughter, and getting closer to Christ is what this special day together is all about.

Throughout the day, help yourself to plenty of tasty snacks, cold drinks, and coffee. Then, just wait until you taste the delicious lunch the ladies of Eagle Summit Ranch will prepare for us. Save room for the fabulous desserts! No one should leave this day hungry.

An admission charge of \$35 per person helps pay for this spectacular luncheon. Doors open and registration starts at 9 a.m. with the conference commencing at 10 a.m.

Reservations are required. RSVP to justgalsconference@gmail.com or call 719-783-9729 by Wednesday, September 17th. Be sure to join us this year, Saturday, September 27th, at Eagles Summit Ranch, Westcliffe, Colorado.



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Alexander Hamilton - Founding Father

Joe D'Angelo Still Running Strong

by Jim Silver

For many *Sentinel* readers, featuring this Wet Mountain Valley resident at this time, September 2014, will serve as merely an update. For others of us—"newcomers"—let this be an introduction. Joe D'Angelo and his wife, Lenora, moved here 17 years ago after he retired from Jefferson County Schools, where he worked as a construction project manager until 1997. As was often noted during the course of an hour-long conversation, there was always more to his story. For instance, not only was he involved with school construction throughout the county, Joe was also "Coach D'Angelo" in wrestling for 12 years at Golden High School (in Jeffco) until 1992. Joe's coaching wrestling actually goes back to 1973 in Pennsylvania, and fast-forwarding to Custer County, he also joined Coach John Tillotson and the Bobcats wrestlers as a volunteer coach for a couple seasons.

The focus at this time, however, is another athletic passion of Joe's—running, and in particular running marathons. On August 17th, Joe and his running partner, Robert O'Callaghan, went all the way to Alaska to run in the Anchorage marathon. This was the 37th state in which he has run a marathon, "37 states plus D.C., and that means 13 to go," says Joe.

In 2014, before Anchorage came North Carolina, and before that, South Carolina—each spaced about 3 months apart. North Carolina was particularly notable to Joe, since the race was from Fayetteville to Ft. Bragg, where he had spent some time a few years earlier. Joe was assigned to the 82nd Airborne from 1953-1956, where he trained recruits in "Heavy Weapons" as Staff Sgt. D'Angelo. It was at this duty station that Joe also competed on the regimental cross country team.

To round out 2014, Joe anticipates running in Delaware in December. He looks ahead to 2015, still with the three-month intervals, and plans on competing in Kentucky in March. He would like to do a four-per-year plan. Joe's United States map exhibits the progress of his quest with colored pins on the appropriate states and the relatively few states still unmarked. Joe and Lenora enjoy driving around the country whenever possible, but it's helpful that their son is a United Airlines employee, which qualifies them for the economical option of stand-by flights.

Running goes back many years for Joe, with many 5K and 10K races—too many to count. He didn't begin running marathons until age 45, but since then has run about 120 of them. He has ultra-marathons in his history as well: Laramie-Cheyenne 50-miler—eight times, and a 100K race in New Jersey some 30 years ago.

More of the Joe D'Angelo story which is common knowledge to many, but new information to others of us, is that he started the first cross country team ever for the Custer County Bobcats in 2002. Joe related that Glen Livengood was Athletic Director at that time, and Harvey Goodman was the Principal. He gives credit to a student, Amy Hardy, whom he appointed as "recruiter," to round up some team members. Judging by the team pictures on Joe's game room wall, the teams from that first to 2009, when Joe retired as coach, numbered about the same size as the present-day Bobcats cross

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

country team. Joe was joined from 2002 to 2009 by Assistant Coach Robert O'Callaghan—as noted previously, still his running partner. It just so happens that the assistant coaching position is presently filled by Robert, and he's in charge of the middle school runners.

Again, old news to those acquainted with Joe, he was the victim of a collision followed by roll-over on Hwy. 69 in 1999 which almost ended not only his running career but his life. The doctors credit his physical conditioning with his survival, but Joe gives God that credit. Rehab was a long and difficult process, and Joe is left with what he calls a "drop foot." His right foot doesn't return reflexively, and he has numbness on his right side from the pelvis down. Joe is grateful for the encouragement of his running partner during his recovery. "God bless Rob," added Lenora. The two men ran their first marathon following the accident in 2007 in Idaho, building up to that with a number of 5 and 10K races. Joe runs in the "impairment division" due to his injuries.

Joe recalled something he used to tell his kids: "If you have something you like to do, do it often, and do it well." That describes not only his running but also his caring for the 35 acres he and Lenora live on. About running, Joe says it gives him time to get in touch with himself and with God; "He and I are good friends." Joe and Lenora celebrated 59 years of marriage in July. Joe, by the way, will be 81 on Sept. 27th.

Update: Earlier this week, eighty-one-year-old retired CCHS cross country coach Joe D'Angelo and youngest Zeller child, seven-year-old Laurel Zeller hiked 13,450ft. Horn Peak together. Seven other members of the Zeller family accompanied them.



Joe and Lenora D'Angelo.

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Bobcats Battle Defending State Champions

by Troy Bomgardner

The CCHS Bobcat football team traveled to defending state champions Dayspring Christian School on Saturday to open the 2014 season. It was a challenging opening game as the Bobcats moved to the 8-man division and met the powerhouse 8 man program of Dayspring Christian. DCHS has won 3 of the last 6 state championships and returned the top rusher in 8 man football in Kylar Mai. The final score of 44-0 was somewhat deceiving as the Bobcats battled to a 8-0 score for 3 quarters.

“I was extremely proud of the effort by our players,” expressed head coach Troy Bomgardner. “We knew it was huge challenge traveling to Dayspring to open the season. It was a challenge our seniors wanted and our goal was to play with Dayspring and I felt like we did for 3 of the 4 quarters.”

The Bobcats opened the game with a 9-play drive that ended on the Eagles 34 yard line. A touchdown and extra point by the Eagles

made it 8-0 but the Bobcats came right back with another drive for 8 plays that ended with a fumble on the 12-yard line. “How can you be upset with the 2 opening drives we had against arguable the best team in 8-man football?” noted Coach Bomgardner. “No doubt we made mistakes that kept us from the endzone but a score in the 1st quarter would have been a huge momentum builder for us.”

The 2nd quarter went south quickly for the Bobcats as they gave 3 touchdowns to the Eagles in turnovers with an interception returned for a touchdown, a fumble on the Eagles 1 yd line and a snap over the quarterbacks head which gave Dayspring the ball on the 15 yd line. “They are a very solid football team, but in the 2nd quarter we kind of unraveled with the turnovers and giving them very easy scores. On top of the turnovers, we had a poor punt that gave them the ball on the 28. So 4 touchdowns came easily for them,” commented Bomgardner.

In the 2nd half, the Bobcats

held the Eagles scoreless and ended the game on a positive note. “At halftime, our captains, Kody Aldrich, Jordon Rhodes, CJ Virden, and Conner Rowley did a great job of rallying the team and establishing the goal of shutting down Dayspring in the 2nd half,” Bomgardner said. “All in all, I was very proud of our effort, we didn’t give up after the 2nd quarter and played a very competitive 2nd half. We are excited about the rest of the season.”

The Bobcats were led in rushing by Conner Rowley with 11 carries for 79 yards. Jordan Rhodes completed 5 of 16 passes with Kody Aldrich leading receivers with 3 receptions. Rhodes also had 2 kickoff returns for 75 yards. Leading the Bobcats on defense were CJ Virden and Kody Aldrich with 14 tackles each. Sam Dunlap added a pass interception.

The Bobcats host Sangre de Cristo Saturday at 1:00pm. It will be a special day in which the Bobcats will be honoring the late Gary Henrich in dedicating the football field Henrich Field.

Bobcats Cross Country at Rocky Ford

by Jack Swartz

Another hot one for the boy and girls cross country teams as they traveled to Rocky Ford for a 10K last Friday. The boys were led by Michael Franta (13th) with a season best time of 19:14. Kaylan Stoering (19th) 19:43, Dillon Wommack (37th) 20:59, Wesley Kagan (57th) 23:21, and Scott Freeburg (66th) 26:27 rounded out the scoring for the boys who placed 8th

overall. Running a personal best but just out of the scoring was Michael Batson with a time of 27:47.

Running well for the girls team again was Kayli Short placing 23rd in a time of 25:25. Katyln Freeburg also finished for the girls in 31:05 for 44th place.

Both the boy and girls travel to Lyons, CO this weekend for an early and fast race.



Awana Kick-off Night

Awana starts Tuesday, September 9th, with a Kickoff Night at 5:00 p.m. with registration and dinner for parents and kids at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 410 South 6th Street, Westcliffe. Come and bring a friend! The Awana program here in Westcliffe is for ages 4 years old through 6th graders.

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church leaders. Awana offers fun, scripture-based programs and exciting games attracting families, promoting Bible literacy, and helping kids develop lifelong faith in Christ. Awana gives kids from every background and cultural setting a place to belong, build confidence, and grow in faith. Awana reaches kids where they’re at and walks alongside them in their faith journey. Come join us!

Cotopaxi Takes the Heat to Aguilar

by Aspen Serfoss

The Cotopaxi Pirates Football team started the season off strong Friday with a win of 37-0 against the Aguilar Wildcats. Due to an injury on the opposing team the game was forfeited in the first period. The players, as they relaxed on the sideline afterward, seemed relieved the game was over. Starter Brandon Kohl, who scored a touchdown and a two point conversion, describes the game perfectly by saying, “It was the longest first quarter ever and the shortest game ever”. The first quarter did indeed seem to crawl along with a contin-

uous stream of touchdowns from Cotopaxi as well as little progress from the Wildcats due to the Pirates’ solid tackles. Overall, the game was quick and simple leaving the Pirates’ coaches pleased. Afterward, Coach Jeremy Cole commented on his team’s win expressing how pleased he was to see his players executing in all areas and getting a win under their belt. In the end, with five touchdowns, two field goals, and a two point conversion the Cotopaxi Pirates are satisfied with their victory and anticipating their home game against La Veta on Friday, September 5th.



Cotopaxi Pirates take on the Aguilar Wildcats.

Courtesy photo by Kayla Sawyer

Bobcats Sport Schedule

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Saturday, September 6
8 a.m.: St. Vrain Invitational at Lyons

Wednesday, September 10
3:30 p.m.: Husky Invitational at Florence

Friday, September 12
9 a.m.: Air Academy at Colorado Springs

Saturday, September 13
9 a.m.: Pueblo Central Invitational AWAY

Saturday, September 6
1 p.m.: Sangre de Cristo at HOME

Saturday, September 13
1 p.m.: Swink at HOME

Friday, September 19
TBA: Fowler AWAY

GO BOBCATS!

Saturday, September 6
10 a.m.: Sanford/Del Norte at HOME
8:30 a.m.: Florence Tournament AWAY

Thursday, September 11
5 p.m.: Cotopaxi at HOME

Saturday, September 13
10 a.m.: Sargent/Center AWAY at Sargent

KIDS Friday, September 5, 2014

JAPAN SURRENDERS September 2, 1945

On a Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was bombed by 360 Japanese warplanes. The assault was a disastrous, surprise attack against our naval base on the island of Oahu which drew the United States of America into WWII. By the end of that war of four years, 400,000 American lives would be lost.

By the summer of 1945, Japan’s defeat was imminent. Their navy and air force had been destroyed. U.S. General Douglas MacArthur had an extensive plan to invade the main islands of Japan from the recently captured island of Okinawa. The casualties would be great. On July 16, 1945, the U.S. secretly tested an atomic bomb in the New Mexico desert. The allied forces issued an ultimatum for Japan to surrender to which their Prime Minister replied to the press that they would “pay no attention” to. So on August 6, 1945, President Harry Truman ordered the U.S. B-29 bomber, the Enola Gay, to drop the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima. On August 8th, USSR declared war on Japan and began an attack on Manchuria. The very next day, the second atomic bomb fell on Nagasaki. Japan recognized their defeat.

President Truman appointed General MacArthur to lead the Allied occupation of Japan. Japan’s formal surrender on September 2, 1945, was on the battleship USS Missouri with the Allied flags of the U.S., Britain, USSR, and China on deck.

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Nacho Mamas Grand Re-Opening

Nacho Mamas in Silver Cliff had its grand re-opening last weekend with new managers Brandon and Samantha Rutt in charge. The Rutts have done a remarkable job in redecorating the entire interior creating a bright and airy environment filled with mementos and artifacts. They have a full service bar and kitchen and are very excited about the great kitchen staff that they have hired. The new managers are striving to use as much local produce as possible in the menu, including local beef and vegetables. Nacho Mamas has a large, beautiful outdoor sitting area with stunning views of the Sangres. They are open seven days a week. Please stop by a welcome this new business to our community.

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PARADE

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meeting. In his letter Mr. Williams states, "The outcome of the August 25, 2014, meeting resulted in identifying the divisive primary obstacles to a unified parade effort. These were noted by the CCDCC (Custer County Democratic Central Committee) to be the statewide 2nd Amendment Rally and the display of firearms as props during the parade. The CCDCC expressed those known concerns about the irresponsibility, recklessness, and accident potential of such actions." Mr. Williams further states in his letter that Mr. Wilhite agreed to write the draft to the Patriots Club and present it to all concerned by Thursday, August 28, 2014. He further states, "To date said letter has not been received by any CCDCC members present in the meeting." This reporter has a copy of the email containing the letter date stamped August 25, 2014, sent at 9:01 p.m. to Ronald Williams, one of the individuals from the CCDCC who was present at the meeting.

Understandably, Mr. Wilhite and Mr. Hess had no answers for the Board regarding this letter since neither one of them had seen it. A discussion ensued between Mr. Wilhite and Trustee John Johnson where Mr. Johnson suggested having a parade on the day the Bill of Rights was signed. His implication seemed to mean it would be a way to placate those wishing to celebrate the Second Amendment. Mr. Wilhite answered he thought the committee would "be happy to have a parade on that day, too." Trustee Paul Wenke then made a declarative statement to Mr. Wilhite, "We're going to do what is right for the town." Mr. Wilhite asked, "What did you mean by that?" Mr. Wenke responded, "Harmony."

Mr. Wilhite explained he did not see how any group could be prohibited from participating in the parade. He sited the LGBT community as an example, explaining they

had applied this year to participate but then did not make it. Mr. Printz, town attorney stated, "They are a protected class and the Southern Colorado Patriots Club is not." Mr. Wilhite went on to ask, "How do you legally prohibit anyone from participating in the parade?" Mr. Printz chose not to answer.

One guest in the audience wanted to know if the parade participants, (those carrying guns) were required to pass a background check. Mr. Hess answered, "No, there would be no reason to do a background check and there is no law requiring a background check for open carry in Colorado."

In the end the Board tabled the request for a road closure on Main Street for May 23 and July 4, 2015. After all there is plenty of time till the parades next year.

Next was a presentation by Jim Bradburn presented a lengthy program on Westcliffe becoming a Certified International Dark Skies community. It would involve some code changes inside the city so that only a specified number of lumens would be emitted downward over a specified area. Mr. Bradburn thought this designation would be a boon to the winter doldrums and business slump by bringing in astrologers who would observe the constellations from a small observatory constructed at the base of the Bluff Project.

During the staff reports a bone of contention seems to have been dug-up regarding the relationship between the town and Round Mountain Water. Apparently a pot hole on Second Street has gone unrepaired and RMW has not completed the task. There was other discussion regarding the fact that the Capital Improvement Project would go forward only to have Round Mountain come along a dig-up a shiny newly paved street.

So it goes! Pot holes, dark skies, and parade permits, oh, my.

Board of County Commissioners Meeting

by Larry Luikart

The Custer County Board of Commissioners opened their meeting promptly at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Attebery and Shy were present. Commissioner Butler was absent but excused for medical reasons. Several previous meetings minutes were quickly approved and there were no public comments.

Commissioner Shy offered comments concerning the recent Resources Advisory Council meeting. This event spanned two days in Crestone where the majority of the meeting revolved around discussions of the Bureau of Land Managements twenty year plan. It takes about ten years to develop their twenty year plan so one plan comes close to overlapping the other. The project is immense involving travel, cattle leases, oil and gas regulations, campground assessment, and funding. BLM hires a consulting firm

at several million dollars to put the plan together. The e-process is currently in the research phase with public scoping meetings involving Custer County sometime in the future.

The Commissioners had no items for executive session and there was no old business. Cathy Reis, from the Conservation Trust Fund 2015, reported an inspection of the park playground equipment revealed hazardous chemical contamination. The equipment must be replaced. The cost will be in the range of twenty to twenty-two thousand dollars. Ms. Reis requested some support from the County in this endeavor. Instead, a discussion ensued precipitated by Mr. Attebery regarding the Wetmore Park playground equipment and the idea of combining the entities requests for funding to a GOCO (Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund) grant. The issue was left open ended for further review.

Nora Drenner, speaking as a private citizen, gave a presentation to the Commissioners regarding community development. Ms. Drenner is giving this presentation to all the governmental entities and most of the other community and civic organizations in Custer County. If you would like specifics please contact Ms. Drenner.

The Commissioners opened a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. sharp for public comments regarding adopting amendments to the traffic code section 14-3. This amendment resolves state auditor concerns with the way fees are collected while streamlining the process. There were no public comments and the measure was adopted by the Commissioners. The public hearing was closed and returned to regular session.

Bill Cullison reported on activities involving the Senior Center and the regular staff meeting took place.

Free Day at Weisbrod Aircraft Museum

The Pueblo Chemical Weapons Depot is sponsoring a free day at the Weisbrod Aircraft Museum this Saturday, September 6th. They will be showing off their chemical weapons demolition vehicle all day with demonstra-

tions, mini robots, etc. The museum be adding new displays to the space exhibit as well.

The museum is located right next door to the Pueblo Airport on the east side of Pueblo.

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Events Calendar

Friday, September 5

7:30 p.m.: Jones Outdoor Amphitheater: "An Evening with Will Rogers: The Ropin' Fool" performed by Tom Scott, co-founder of Camino Real Playhouse
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.: "Alive at 25 Class," at school; Ages 5 - 24 for driver's awareness class; Register at <https://aliveat25.us>; bring photo ID; Workforce scholarship call 720-269-4046

Saturday, September 6

7:30 p.m.: Jones Outdoor Amphitheater: "An Evening with Will Rogers: The Ropin' Fool" performed by Tom Scott, co-founder of Camino Real Playhouse
8 a.m.: Trade Days by Deer Mountain Community Organization, 2995 CR 27A (Copper

Gulch Rd next to the store); Jerry 942-3368

Tuesday, September 9

4:30 - 6 p.m.: School board mtg., Great Room

Wednesday, September 10

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Farm Market on Main Street
10 a.m.: Community Action Team meeting at Methodist Church; More info: 783-2511

Friday, September 12

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.: John Fielder Wilderness Slide Show by Custer County Conservation District at school's multi-purpose room

Saturday, September 13

6 p.m. - 10 p.m.: FREE Concert by Christian Bands (see page 1 for details) at 830 Bridge Street in Cañon City

Recurring Events and Business Hours

Monday

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

Monday through Friday

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

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

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

Monday and Thursday

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

Tuesday

12:30 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. at Hope Lutheran Church, Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (March-October).

Tuesday through Friday

10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.: Library open in downtown Westcliffe

Wednesday

Line dancers meet at the Saddle Club Building from 9:30 to 11 a.m. thru the summer starting June 6. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370

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

Thursday

5:30 p.m.: Weight Watchers meeting in the Hope Lutheran Church basement. Call 783-4144

Second Thursday of the Month: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., "Ask a Nurse" at the library

Friday

6 p.m.: Open discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Lisa (719) 783-0809

Friday and Saturday

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.: Share Center adjacent to Hope Lutheran Church in Westcliffe

Saturday

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Library open in Westcliffe



Daughters of the American Revolution to Honor Jean Rusk

Jean Rusk was a very active member in the Daughters of the American Revolution for many years. To honor her contributions, the General Marion Chapter will be installing the DAR Insignia on Jean's gravestone at the Ula Cemetery on Saturday, September 13th, at 1 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend.



Howard/Cotopaxi Christian Women's Connection Bargain Hunter's Paradise

The CWC Luncheon for September will be held at the Coaldale Community Building on 17 September, from noon to 1:45 p.m..

A former high fashion model, Mary Lou Powell is now the Queen of Denver's Thrift Shops. Come and

hear her tips on shopping as she shows fabulous thrift shop bargains. She will also give a talk on "The Greatest Bargain of All."

Music will be by "The Saddle Strings", an outstanding western duo from Bandera's Bunkhouse in Howard.

Cost is \$10 for the luncheon and program. For reservations or more information contact Kathryn Spight 719-942-3052 or Monte Hess 719-783-2300, or email howardcotopaxicwc@live.com. All are welcome!

HOSPITAL

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strong opinions that "nobody's listening" and their concerns over budget issues are falling on "deaf ears". One EMS staffer stated that the ambulance service is in a "state-of-emergency". Ms. Czarnota also criticized the clinic for failing to properly "prep" patients who were at the clinic and needed to be transported to a hospital. One failure she noted was that a patient (or patients) did not have IVs started before the ambulance trip and on at least one occasion, the EMS staff had to take medication from its ambulance to give to the clinic as the clinic had run out. Executive Director Lester disagreed with her statements. The discussions between the EMS staff and Mr. Lester and the Board were quite emotional and heated and went on for about an hour.

Finally, Board President Arbuckle made a motion to allocate up to \$20,000 to run an EMS night shift from September 1 to December 31 of this year. Over the objections of Mr. Lester, the Board passed the motion. The Board also stated that they would approach the Bluegrass Festival folks and see if they would donate \$20,000 to pay for the night shift. It was noted by board members that the Bluegrass Festival organization has not donated any money to the clinic this year and had indicated that if they do, it would have "strings" attached to it so it could only be used for EMS services.

Board President Arbuckle announced that there were two resignations recently from the five member board, Ken Lankford and Joe Ippolito. The Board is currently looking for two replacements to fill the remaining terms of the two who left.

Next, the new mill levy tax increase proposal came up. The Clinic Board is proposing a 3 mill levy tax increase ballot measure for this November. The levy would be retroactive for 2014. The 3 mill levy tax increase would bring in approximately \$265,000 (or \$279,000 using current assessments). Some discussion ensued about why the prior mill levy increase ballot was

defeated. The Board stated the new mill levy request will have wording in it that restricts the funds for EMS operation only. EMS head, Ms. Czarnota, stated that she was opposed to the request at this time and that the clinic should wait till the EMS assessment study be completed. Resigned Board member Joe Ippolito raised his hand and stated that he was opposed to the mill levy increase. Mr. Ippolito voted "no" in the August 20 Special Board Meeting. There was no discussion on how this new mill levy tax increase would impact local business property owners who would pay, according to Colorado tax law, a disproportionate amount of the levy.

The Clinic Board then criticized the Custer County Commissioners for not responding to the Board's Service Plan changes requested a few months ago. Noting that they had requested four changes, Mr. Arbuckle stated that there have been no communications between the two parties concerning the written request.

In one of the few bright spots of the meeting, the Board noted that they are working with the Veterans Administration to be a certified medical facility for veterans who live more than 40 miles from a VA facility or have to wait more than 30 days to get an appointment at a VA site (Editor/GG: This service might be predicated on new legislation that is still in Congress. Any questions, please call the clinic.)

No mention was made concerning the on-going lawsuit by ex-EMS personnel against the clinic over unpaid wages currently in Federal District Court in Denver.

The *Sentinel* would again like to request that the clinic announce its board meetings in the local papers at least one week in advance. The Board held a meeting on August 20 that discussed very important matters, including the new mill levy tax increase proposal and another possible lawsuit, without informing the public in a reasonable manner. One must wonder why there is such reticence on informing the public of these meetings especially in light of the crisis level issues facing the clinic, which IS publicly funded.

Inspiring Concert at Sangre de Cristo Fellowship

by Carol Clemenson

The Sean Bontrager family performed a wonderful performance at Sangre de Cristo Fellowship (formerly the Sangre de Cristo Mennonite Church) in Westcliffe on Friday night August 29th. Their children range from ages 8-18. Their program provided a wonderful blend of vocal arrangements along with personal testimonies.

They are promoting their new CD, "His Life For Mine," on which Sean composed five of the songs himself. Their music may be ordered online at www.gospelexpressonline.org/ministry-teams/bontrager-family.

The family moved from Westcliffe to North Carolina last September where they joined The Gospel Express as a family singing

team. During the times that they are not on tour Sean stays busy helping at the office with various maintenances and janitorial jobs. They are a very happy and joyful family. Lori says she will always call Westcliffe her home. The little hills they call mountains in North Carolina have their own beauty to them, but are nothing like the Sangre de Cristos.



The Bontrager Family Singers: Kacie, Erin, Haley, Dakota, Brody, Tayler (back row), Jake, Lori, Sean.

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

Olde Schoolhouse Quilters Quilt Show

For the 16th year, the Olde Schoolhouse Quilters presented a quilt show from Thursday, August 28 through Sunday, August 31 at the Old 'Westcliff' Schoolhouse & Museum. Approximately 80 quilt projects were on display. One quilt each year is raffled with a portion of the proceeds going toward fabric and materials for the comfort quilts. The quilt raffled this year is pictured directly below. For more information on the Olde Schoolhouse Quilters, please contact Deb Rimmer at 783-2199.



Sheriff's Report...

As of Tuesday, September 2, there were 3 men and 2 women in jail.

ACCIDENTS

September 1 At 2038 hours, John May, age 29, of Silver Cliff was driving his vehicle on Highway 96 when he wrecked and overturned his 2001 Mazda at mile marker 11. May was pinned in his vehicle and extricated by the Wet Mountain Fire Department. Alcohol is believed to have been a factor. Any injuries are unknown at this time. He was transported to Parkview. Colorado State Patrol investigated this accident.

August 30 At 1605 hours, a 1996 Chevrolet suburban driven by Phillip Brooks, age 66, of New Mexico was backing from a parking space on South Fifth Street in Westcliffe, when he hit a parked and unattended 2006 Subaru. Minor damage was sustained to both vehicles. The owner of the Subaru is unknown. Brooks was ticketed for driving in an unsafe manner.

August 28 A 2011 Nissan pickup truck driven by Miriam Rehkop, age 73, was backing out of a parking space at 320 Fourth Street in Westcliffe when she hit a parked and unattended 2008 Cadillac belonging to Shelly Nordyke of Westcliffe. Minor damage was sustained by both vehicles.

August 27 At 0950 hours, a 1985 Jeep driven by James Dennis, age 74, from Tuttle, Oklahoma, was driving eastbound on Rosita Avenue and failed to see the stop sign at the intersection of Rosita Avenue and Fourth Street in Westcliffe. Dennis ran into the side of a 1972 Ford pickup truck driven by Basil Lane, age 48 of rural Westcliffe. Lane was northbound on Fourth Street. Moderate damage was sustained to both vehicles. Dennis was ticketed for disregard of a stop sign.

OFFENSES

August 31 Dawn Turbyfill, age 36, of Pueblo was arrested following a traffic contact for improper passing. It was also found that she was driving with her license under revocation. Turbyfill was booked into the Custer County jail. A \$1,000 bond was posted. She is scheduled to appear in Custer County court at a later date.

August 30 James McFarland, age 39, was arrested in Fremont County off of a Custer County bench warrant for failure to appear. He was held on a \$250 bond. McFarland later posted bail and was released. The original charge was trespassing.

August 28 Dale Gonzalez, age 46, of Pueblo was arrested at the intersection of Main and Sixth Streets in Westcliffe after a traffic contact for driving with his license under restraint. He was booked into the Custer

County jail, posted \$1,000 bond, and later released. Gonzalez is scheduled to appear in Custer County court at a later date. He was also charged with fictitious plates on the vehicle.

August 27 John Stuart of rural Westcliffe reported that someone stole his 1970 Chevrolet pickup truck. A short time later it was recovered. Lauri Bunce, age 44, of Pueblo was arrested for aggravated motor vehicle theft. Bunce was also charged with her license under revocation. She was booked into the Custer County jail and is being held on a \$5,000 bond.

August 27 At 2341 hours, Richard Sherman, age 64, of rural Westcliffe was arrested in Westcliffe (on County Road 243) for driving under the influence of alcohol, no insurance, driving with his license under restraint, and other minor traffic offenses. He was booked into the Custer County jail, posted \$1,000 bond, and later released. Sherman is scheduled to appear in Custer County court at a later date.

August 22 Joshua Baturin, age 37, of Silver Cliff was arrested in Silver Cliff on South Street for menacing, disorderly conduct, and second degree assault. He later posted \$1,000 bond and was released. Baturin is scheduled to appear in Custer County court at a later date.

THEFTS

September 1 The sheriff's office responded to a report by Michael Melgosa from Lamar, Colorado, who reported that while his 2009 Lexus was parked at Bishop's Castle, it was broken into; \$400 stolen was from a purse along with miscellaneous card.

INCIDENT and ARREST

August 16 At 1300 hours, the sheriff's office was notified that Mr. Bishop of Bishop's Castle was waving a gun around. At least one shot was fired. It was reported that he had the barrel of the weapon in his mouth. Sheriff Jobe was first on the scene and attempted to discern what was going on when Bishop started a verbal confrontation. Bishop attempted to pull a weapon from his pants pocket when it would repeatedly get hung up in his trousers. He reportedly said it was just a pump gun. When Sheriff Jobe said to show it to him, Bishop took off running. After a foot chase, the sheriff took him to the ground to disarm him. During the struggle, Bishop would attempt to bite Sheriff Jobe while trying to cuff him. At that time, a deputy arrived and assisted in the cuffing of Bishop. Once in custody, Bishop was taken to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo for a psyche evaluation.

August 31 After obtaining an arrest warrant on August 16, Mr. Bishop was arrested for felony menacing, disorderly conduct, obstructing

a peace officer, prohibited use of a weapon, and resisting arrest. A \$500 bond was posted. Bishop was released and is scheduled to appear in Custer County District Court at a later date.

AMBULANCE CALLS

September 1 At 0954 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to Coronado Road for a 64-year-old female who was treated at the scene for low blood sugar. She was not transported. At 1412 hours, an ambulance returned to the residence. Again, she was not transported.

August 30 At 0350 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the north side of Lake DeWeese for a 60-year-old male, James Gonzalez, of Pueblo. When the ambulance arrived, Gonzalez was deceased. The Custer County Coroner pronounced him dead at the scene. He had a history of medical issues.

August 29 At 2330 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the 200 block of Fourth Street in Westcliffe to attend to a 13-year-old male who needed to be transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

August 27 At 1122 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the 100 block of South Sixth Street in Westcliffe for a disoriented and dehydrated male patient. He was transported to Parkview Hospital.

August 27 At 0933 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic for a male patient with possible heart problems. There wasn't any transport.

August 26 At 1117 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic for a 60-year-old male with possible cardiac problems. He was transported to Parkview Hospital.

August 26 At 1138 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic for a 10-year-old child with respiratory problems. The child was transported to Parkview Hospital.

August 26 At 1138 hours, an ambulance was dispatched to the clinic for a 75-year-old male who had a chain saw accident. He was transported to Parkview Hospital.

FIRE CALLS

August 27 The WMV Fire Department assisted with the landing of a helicopter at the clinic for a male with cardiac problems.

August 26 At 1730 hours, a fire truck was dispatched to Discovery Road for a tree on fire by a lightning strike. It was quickly extinguished.

August 26 At 1256 hours, a fire truck was dispatched to the three-mile marker on Highway 165 for smoke investigation. Nothing was found.

August 26 At 1047 hours, a fire truck was dispatched to Highway 69 in Fremont County for an accident.

WHO'S COUNTING?

US NATIONAL DEBT

\$17,702,648,525,861

SCANDAL SCOREBOARD

FAST & FURIOUS: FIRST CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC WITH THE DEATH OF BORDER PATROL AGENT BRIAN TERRY.

NO RESPONSIBILITY YET!

NOW ON DAY #1,361

1ST AMENDMENT ATTACKS ON U.S. PRESS BEGAN WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE APPLIED FOR A SEARCH WARRANT AGAINST JAMES ROSEN.

NO ACCOUNTABILITY YET!

NOW ON DAY #1,033

TERRORIST ATTACK IN BENGHAZI FOLLOWED BY RELENTLESS LIES AND COVERUPS.

NO ACCOUNTABILITY YET!

NOW ON DAY #714

IRS TARGETING OF CONSERVATIVE GROUPS ADMITTED BY LOIS LERNER.

NO ACCOUNTABILITY YET!

NOW ON DAY #483

OBAMACARE STARTED ON OCTOBER 1, 2013, BASED ON LIES, INCOMPETENCE AND BUDGET BREAKERS. NEEDS TO BE REPEALED.

NO ACCOUNTABILITY YET!

NOW ON DAY #340

VA NON-TREATMENT OF VETS LEADING TO EXCESSIVE WAITS AND DEATH LISTS.

NO JUSTICE YET!

NOW ON DAY #137



Olde Schoolhouse Quilters Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Carolyn Reed - winner of this year's raffle! Carolyn just joined the Olde Schoolhouse Quilters a week-and-a-half ago, and at last weekend's quilt show won this beautiful quilt. She came to Westcliffe a year ago from Aguilar, Colorado. This is the first time in the 68 years of the raffle that a member of the club has won the quilt!

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

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All American Freedom Festival

by Barbara Penezic

All American Freedom Festival, hereafter known as (AAFF), is an American first! This is a major, non-biased, unaffiliated political event. Thanks to a very active group of citizen patriots an event that is steeped in American Exceptionalism is about to take place right here in Cañon City.



October 11, 2014, the American flag will wave proudly over Veterans Park as a never before seen patriotic, get-out-the-vote gathering kicks off at 11:00 a.m. This event began as one proud American's vision and has taken wings. A real "grass roots" effort that will put a positive spin on what we all know can become a very negative time, Election Year.

The goal is to 'Get-Out-The-Vote.' It is time for all Americans to stand up for our country. With a past history of 25% to 35% voter participation, we would all have to agree it is high time that the rest of us get up off our duffs and do our fair share. This festival is a major undertaking to get out the vote, and everyone is welcome to attend. Democrat, Independent, Republican, Tea Party, it does not matter! Everyone is encouraged to attend and to vote. Don't pass up the opportunity and your CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT to have a voice in the way our great nation is governed. Remember this is not just a right and a privilege, it is an obligation. This is a debt we owe to our loved ones who have given up so much; time missed with little ones, lost limbs, and yes, even their lives, to preserve our right to vote. Please don't let their sacrifice be in vain. Vote the way your heart dictates.

The AAFF will offer a fun-packed, interesting day in the park. We

will be entertained with live music by Freedom Band of Colorado, informative freedom speakers, a vendors market, and, of course, A GET-OUT-THE-VOTE CALL. The hat will be passed for Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi (USMC), the young marine who made a wrong turn and is being held in a jail cell in Mexico. The money collected will go to his legal defense fund. This is our chance to make those words "Thanks for your Service" really mean something, so please be generous. AAFF is also sponsoring, Freedom Rings Scholarship. High school seniors from all over Fremont County are being asked to write an essay detailing "What Freedom Means to Me in 2014". The first place winner will receive \$1000, second place will receive \$750 and third place will receive \$500. The scholarships may be used at any institute of higher learning. More detailed information will be available in all area high schools.

Another really great feature of this event is the free BBQ. That's right, a real honest to goodness, old fashioned BBQ featuring hot dogs, burgers, beans, potato salad, and soda. The event organizers hope to encourage voters to think as American's First and Party Liner's Second. "It's Time for all Americans to Stand Up for OUR Country" The place is Veterans Park, in Cañon City, Colorado, October 11, at 11:00 a.m. Please 'be informed and get involved.' It is the season for Patriots to Engage!

Beware: Tax Bills May Jump with De-Brucing

by Steve Barton

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors unanimously placed on the November ballot a **permanent** measure having a misleading title beginning "Without raising taxes." While the measure does not affect **tax rates**, it could skyrocket **tax bills**. This measure allows the county to keep "excess revenues," thereby keeping "mill-levy" tax rates the same even if real-estate values soar. Measures like this are called "de-Brucing" because of the role Douglas Bruce played in passing Colorado's Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR).

When home prices rise, tax bills rise in proportion if tax rates stay the same. Rising prices can be triggered by announcement of jobs coming to Cañon City, aggressive development leading to a housing shortage, a fed-induced market "bubble," an end to glut of foreclosed houses on the market, or a return to aggressive lending and "normal" prices of 2006-7—prices in some areas, particularly in California, New York, and London, have sometimes **doubled** in as little as 5 years. When tax bills jump due to rising home prices, those on fixed incomes (such as retired folk) may have no choice but to sell because assessed value jumps are **unrealized** gains—**not cash in their pockets**.

Real estate assessed values should rise when the economic repression of the Obama administration end, and the "great recession" really ends—when that happens and this measure passes, tax bills will jump—ending recession alone could give a 20% jump in home prices and tax bills. It is this "end-of-BO-era" jump that our supervisors hope for. Rising tax bills and

county revenue is not guaranteed - in normal times, with stable home prices, de-Brucing has no effect.

TABOR (Article X, section 20, Colorado Constitution) requires votes for tax rate increases, and votes to allow exceeding revenue caps. The revenue cap is base-year revenue increased by tax rate hikes passed by the voters, plus "inflation" (the federal CPI for Denver), and plus "local growth." For counties, local growth is the increase to tax rolls from new construction adjusted for demolitions, for school districts it is a change in student counts.

Whenever revenue caps are exceeded, TABOR paragraph one requires refunding the excess by "any reasonable method for refunds under this section, including temporary tax credits or rate reductions." Had temporary de-Brucing not been in effect, Fremont County would have had to refund in the last years of the Bush administration and (because of assessment lags) the first years of the Obama administration.

While TABOR prevents county-wide **average** tax bills from rising when home prices skyrocket, TABOR does not keep **individual** tax bills from rising because of home upgrades or shifts in neighborhood demographics. Voters must understand that the claim "Without raising taxes" applies to **tax rates**, not **tax bills**, and that **tax bills** will rise if this measure passes. If they want to give the county more money, or think increases will be as tiny as politicians claim, vote YES. If they want to keep Government from profiteering from any recovery, or jumps, in home prices, vote NO. Be informed, get involved. Patriots Engage!

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

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

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

Royal Gorge Tea Party
2nd & 4th Thursday
of each month
6:30 p.m.
Core Knowledge
School Gymnasium,
890 Fields Ave.
Cañon City
www.royalgorgetea-party.com
or find them on Facebook

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

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Hotel St. Cloud Putting On A New Face

by Barbara Penezic

This once elegant hotel has stood empty and decaying for years but now new hope for this historic building may be on the horizon. The Future of Yesterday Foundation, has plans to restore this build-

ing and reclaim the grandeur of times gone by. The hotel is one of the oldest in the state of Colorado. Restoring this iconic building would certainly be an added draw for tourists to visit Historic Downtown Cañon City.

Hotel St. Cloud was originally a Silver Cliff establishment but was moved to its current location on the corner of 6th and Main Street in Cañon City in 1888. What stories those old rooms could tell! Just imagine the romance, tragedy, and history that has occurred in this amazing building. How fortunate we are to have the chance to bring this once thriving hotel back to life right here in our town.

Old buildings always seem to accrue a rich history of ghost stories and hauntings. The Hotel St. Cloud, is no exception to this rule. All of the old timers I have

spoken with have a memory or two that is somewhat spine tingling. I was fortunate to have been given a tour of the second floor rooms nearly 15 years ago and I must admit walking through those halls can definitely affect your imagination!

Can you just imagine spending the evening listening to the piano playing in the background while you enjoy drinks at the old western bar before dining on a real western steak? It would truly be a step back in time that tourists would cherish long after their vacation was over. What a treat it would be to spend a

night in the newly restored hotel!

A fundraiser is scheduled for September 20th and 21st at the Robinson Mansion, another wonderful old building in our history rich city. This event will offer something for the entire family and give us the opportunity to be a part of the restoration effort. All of the profits from the Elite Outdoorsman Expo will be used exclusively for the Hotel St. Cloud renovation. Plan to spend some time at the Historic Robinson Mansion with your family and be part of the future of Cañon City.



St. Cloud Hotel at 6th and Main Street in Cañon City.

Sentinel photo by: John Penezic, Jr.



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Warnings of a Coming Apocalypse

Former CIA chief retired General Michael Hayden told CNN that the Islamic State (IS) will attempt an attack on targets in the U.S. or Europe. He said of the recent beheading of journalist James Foley, “There’s no more powerful way to express their street credentials among the jihadist community than a successful attack against the West.” Retired Air Force Lt. General Thomas McInerney said the IS may attack the U.S. “and they will be here maybe this 9/11.” Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel says that the IS “is beyond anything we have seen.” The federal government has issued a warning to local law enforcement that IS could attack U.S. targets as over 100 jihadists are known to have left the U.S. to fight for the IS.

There are many reports from various news sources around the world about the savagery of IS fighters as they conquer villages in Iraq; beheading, mass killing, and crucifying those men, women, and children who they suspect do not agree with the IS Caliphate ideology. Quite frankly, this is the Middle East that the occupant of the Oval Office has created. His support of the Muslim Brotherhood and al Qaeda (*remember who claimed credit for 9/11?*) against various governments in Northern Africa and the Middle East, and his direct support for what became the Islamic State has supplied military know-how, weapons, and tactics to birth the most powerful religious-military-economic force Hagel has ever seen.

Various generals are now warning of attacks on American soil--of which

this “president” has refused to secure the borders, allowing militants into the nation with impunity. These generals and various politicians are pointing out the obvious--that an attack is imminent. They say the solution is to attack IS in Iraq, and seem to be beating the drums of fear to garner public support for yet another war. It does appear that the U.S. is set up well for the “president’s” destructive foreign policy pigeons to come home to roost. He has elevated Islam at the expense of America and everyone is warning of the consequences--an attack on American soil. They wring their hands and wail about it as if nothing can be done.

Biblically, there is much to happen before the Apocalypse, but this “president” has accelerated the times. This “president” appears to love Islam and is doing all to advance it. When his beasts attack our malls and schools, will we awake from our slumber? And what of us? Are we beginning to see the collective consequences of choosing evil to lead? This is not the apocalypse, but it is in the future. In response, I am reminded of 2 Timothy 1:7, “For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” Ephesians 6:13, “Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” There will be a time to stand and it may be soon coming.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

Bill Wilson

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Burger King Says, No, Obama Can't Have it His Way and Moves to Canada

by Allen West,
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(Editor/GG: Here is another example of our corporate tax rates and federal and state regulations destroying a whole business sector. Up until the late 1980's there was a large number (200+) of re-insurance companies (they insure insurance companies) in the U.S., primarily in the Northeast (around New York City and Boston). Employee size ranged from 25 to 300 plus. They had huge capital reserves which they parked in U.S. banks. As the feds cranked up the tax rates, and both the feds and states starting adding absolutely insane regulations, virtually 90% of these companies fled the U.S. winding up in Bermuda, Isle of Man, and the U.K. (and folks, the U.K. is real bad on taxes and regulations, but, as hard it is to believe, not as bad as the U.S.). They took thousands of very good paying jobs and hundreds of billions of dollars of capital out of the U.S. All because of taxation and regulation. The government IS the problem folks, not us, not business, and not other countries. The federal, state, and local governments are eating us alive with taxes and rules. The average middle income family is paying over 50% of its income to the government. How can we survive and prosper if we are basically slaves? And the democrats and RINOs want to tax us more! NO MORE TAXES! Downsize government, elect fiscally responsible officials, and more that anything, make your voices heard.)

Growing up in Atlanta there was a Burger King right around the corner from our home on Kennesaw Ave. NE and North Ave. I remember plenty of times being sent over to get a whopper for Dad. One of the streets I allowed myself on Fridays when I was stationed on Kandahar AB was a double whopper with cheese at the Burger King — it was a humble reminder of home. And so the

recent news about my favorite fast food place considering moving its headquarters to Canada came as a shock — but not as a surprise.

As reported by *Forbes*, “Burger King is in talks to buy Canadian coffee-and-doughnut chain Tim Horton’s Inc., a merger that would be structured as a “tax inversion” which would effectively move Burger King’s headquarters to Canada. Tim Horton’s, the brand, is tantamount to Canada’s version of Dunkin’ Donuts and is no small coffee-shop chain. As Canada’s largest coffee-shop chain, it has a market capitalization of about \$8.4 billion, while Burger King’s market capitalization is about \$9.6 billion; the proposed merger would form a new entity worth about \$18 billion.”

Now when you read the leftist media take on this story, you’ll find horrific condemnation of Burger King — but guess what? Obama’s buddy Warren Buffett has a hand in the whole venture. The progressive socialists and the Obama administration are attacking Burger King as being “unpatriotic” and “corporate deserters” — but that’s what socialists do, even as they’re benefiting behind the scenes.

We wrote here about “tax inversion” which enables private sector businesses to survive the onerous tax environment of the Obama administration. Instead of blaming Burger King, the blame is totally on President Obama.

The corporate business tax rate in America tops out at 39.6 percent (federal plus state) — and don’t give me the line about exemptions since Obama’s other buddy Jeff Immelt and GE paid no corporate taxes. Obama wants to close exemptions and loopholes but keep the tax rate high — dumb idea — and businesses aren’t going to sit back and allow themselves to get gouged by the “fair share” doctrine of Obama.

I agree with closing and

eliminating all corporate loopholes and exemptions, but with that I recommend flattening the tax rate to 22-25 percent. My goal would be to create conditions for private sector economic growth and unleash the trillions of dollars of investment sitting outside of America. Progressive socialists maintain a premise of “you didn’t build that” and believe the earnings of these private sector companies are theirs to confiscate and squander on their welfare nanny-state schemes — or worse, promote insidious crony capitalist ventures, such as Solyndra, using hard-earned taxpayer dollars.

Here is the truth, as *Forbes* reports, “an American company that merges with a Canadian target company for share consideration can avoid U.S. residency for tax purposes as long as the shareholders of the Canadian target end up owning at least 20 percent of the shares of the new parent immediately after the acquisition. Canada’s corporate tax rate in Ontario of 26.5 percent (the federal rate of 15 percent plus Ontario’s provincial corporate tax rate of 11.5 percent) is considerably favorable to the American federal corporate tax rate of 35 percent thanks in large part to the conservative Canadian government led by Stephen Harper. The Harper government lowered the federal tax rate to 15 percent in 2012 down originally from 28 percent since it took office in 2006.”

In fact, *Forbes* says a recent KPMG Report, “Focus on Tax” ranked Canada number one with the most business-friendly tax structure.

Ok, get that — the conservative Canadian government lowered their corporate tax rate and that spurs economic growth — which benefits shareholders and most importantly, workers. What part of this do progressive socialists not understand? Oh, I forgot, they don’t want to understand because it’s not in conjunction with their ideology.

So stop blaming Burger King and place the blame where it belongs: at the feet of President Barack Hussein Obama and his socialist acolytes. Tax inversions are not illegal, but have been forced on American private sector businesses in order to survive. The intransigence of Obama and his disciples will result in a loss of tax revenues for America — a big benefit for Canada.

Just imagine if Obama lowered the top-level corporate tax rate below Canada’s? What would happen if we became the place where corporations all over the world wanted to come and establish their headquarters? That should be the goal — a government that sets the conditions for investment, ingenuity, and innovation — not the objective of the Obama crew.

Forbes says, “rather than taking the same stance on outright cutting the corporate tax rate, as the Harper government did, to keep the U.S. a competitive place to do business, President Obama calls tax inverting companies like Burger King, “corporate deserters who renounce their citizenship to shield profits”. At the urging of President Obama, Congress is considering a bill to make it harder for companies to change addresses abroad. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew called for a “new sense of economic patriotism,” asking Congress to pass curbs to inversions. The Treasury Department currently is also preparing options to deter or prevent corporate tax inversions potentially on its own. “

You see, Obama views taxation as a means of punishment, and that drives his little socialist engine.

So, I support Burger King and will continue to have it my way.

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13, NIV

The "Gone Concern Buffer", aka Seizing Your Bank Deposits

by Ann Barnhardt, Annbarnhardt.biz

(Editor/GG: Ann is a Colorado Springs area resident. She has been very vocal the last decade concerning the evils of Islam and the socialist takeover of the U.S. She is a former cattle commodities broker. She made internet headlines a few years ago after she began to receive dozens of death threats from the muslim community for her views on Islam. She responded by posting a picture of herself with her pink AR15 on the internet and giving them her precise home location and daring them to come and get her. No takers yet.)

This came across the transom a couple of days ago, and SHTF.com has covered it but this REALLY needs to be pushed and publicized. You've GOT to get your wealth out of banks – most especially the big ones. This is truly sinister, and straight from the mouth of the Vice Chairsatan of the Fed, Stanley Fischer, and a speech given on August 11th at "The Great Recession-Moving Ahead," a Conference Sponsored by the Swedish Ministry of Finance, in Stockholm, Sweden, as posted on the Federal Reserve Bank's official website.

Additional steps have been taken in some countries. For example, in the United States, capital ratios and liquidity buffers at the largest banks are up considerably, and their reliance on short-term wholesale funding has declined considerably. Work on the use of

the resolution mechanisms set out in the Dodd-Frank Act, based on the principle of a single point of entry—though less advanced than the work on capital and liquidity ratios—holds the promise of making it possible to resolve banks in difficulty at no direct cost to the taxpayer. As part of this approach, the United States is preparing a proposal to require systemically important banks to issue bail-inable long-term debt that will enable insolvent banks to recapitalize themselves in resolution without calling on government funding—this cushion is known as a "gone concern" buffer.

"Bailing-in" is what happened in Cyprus last year. Remember that? Probably not, because it was more than 36 hours ago. Customers' bank deposits were swept in order to "recapitalize" the Cypriot banks, hence the phrase above "recapitalize themselves". Customers were issued, in exchange for their cash which had been stone-cold stolen from them, long-term debt in the banks, bonds which were worth less than the e-paper they were written on. That is what the "long-term debt" referenced above is.

Isn't it interesting how these people think that stealing OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY held in SACROSANCT CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS constitutes banks "recapitalizing THEMSELVES"? I know it is still hard for some people to comprehend how totally the Rule of Law has been reduced to a veneer

mere atoms in thickness in western civilization, but when you deposit money in a bank, these people view that money as THEIR property because stupid peasants like you exist simply to subsidize them.

But hey, at least they won't have to call on "government assistance" after seizing all of their customer segregated funds (exactly like MFGlobal) and mollifying you, the great unwashed, with their junk bonds.

The term "gone concern" is defined as **"a defunct firm or one in the process of being wound up. Debts of such firms become due immediately in full, their market value is determined on the basis of auction or liquidation value of their tangible assets, and their goodwill counts for nothing."**

So yes, the Vice Chairsatan of the Fed is talking about "systemically important", read BIG, banks as "gone concerns", because that is exactly what they are, and further calling on these banks to establish a plan RIGHT NOW for seizing their customer deposits to "recapitalize", or "bail themselves in" while cravenly maintaining the political line of "not taking government money".

As I said in the spring of 2013 when it happened, Cyprus was a test run for the big show in the U.S. and western Europe as was MFGlobal 18 months before. The people there rolled over and took it, and, to be perfectly frank, I believe that right now there is

no more flaccid, impotent, submissive culture on this planet than in the former United States of America. You might say, well, what about Ferguson? What does Ferguson have to do with it? Pookie, Tyrell and Shemeequa DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY IN CHASE, BANK OF AMERICA or CITI. They live on gubmint EBT cards. Jose and Hose B, coming out of Old Mexico, are FAR to savvy to ever deal in anything except cash money and Tide detergent, homes. No, those trillions in deposits, they belong to the most enfeebled and non-threatening creatures ever seen in all of human history: the post-Christian post-American caucasian.

Not only will no one do anything AFTER it happens, even when warned and shown explicit, clear language openly declaring what is intended to be done, the post-American caucasian is so thoroughly whipped that he can't even summon the courage to act to protect himself BEFORE IT HAPPENS – so weak that as he sees Mike Tyson bounding out of the opposite corner towards him he can't even raise his arms to protect himself. All he can do is roll his eyes contemptuously at the "loon" in his corner begging him to fight, while his urine puddles beneath him.

For the love of God, at least raise your arms.

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FAILED RECOVERY: Udall's Rubber Stamping Of Obama Agenda Has Led To A Contracting Economy

by ColoradoPeakPolitics

How long will America have to wait for President Obama and his rubber-stamp Democrats (*cough* Udall *cough*) to stop killing all the momentum for our economy? Last week, it was announced that America's economy actually contracted for the first quarter of this year. This leaves us only one quarter of negative growth away from being officially in another recession. Needless to say, the long promised recovery from the last recession has yet to appear. What makes this even more incredible is the fact it flies completely in the face of America's historic ability to rebound quickly and strongly from previous recessions. As it was pointed out after last week's news, Obama's recovery is historically bad:

In five years since the recession end-

ed, Obama's economy has grown by 11.1 percent. The average five-year gain for 10 previous post-World War II recoveries was 21.4 percent. At the same point in Reagan's presidency, the economy had grown by 24 percent.

According to Congress's bipartisan Joint Economic Committee, Obama's recovery is \$1.5 trillion below average.

Had Obama's economy expanded like Reagan's, America's economy would be more than \$2 trillion larger today, about \$17,000 more per household.

If Obama's recovery matched President John Kennedy's, the economy would be nearly \$3 trillion larger.

Kennedy was the only Democrat to cut income tax rates; Obama the latest to raise them. [the Peak emphasis]

Yet, for the six past years, Colorado senators have not been fighting Obama for a better recovery. They've been acquiescing to him at every turn. With Udall having a 99% voting record with Obama, Obama's failed economic record is essentially Udall's failed economic record. Udall has proven over the past six years he will do nothing to stand up to Obama, signing off on whatever xxxx Obama ships his way. If Coloradans do not like the path Obama is leading us on, then we cannot send Udall back for another six years. Udall has a six-year-record showing him and Obama are politically the same.

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The Second Amendment Corner

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Castle Rock Approves Open Carry, Curtails Town Manager Power

by Dean Weingarten,
GunWatchBlogspot.com

Castle Rock, Colorado, sits on the urban corridor from Denver to Colorado Springs. It is primarily a bedroom community to Denver that has had explosive growth in the last 30 years from 3,921 in 1980 to 51,348 in 2012.

In 2003 the Town Council gave the Town Manager, who is appointed by the Council, the authority to ban the open carry of firearms on town property. In 2014, the Council voted to remove that authority. The current Town Manager, Mark Stevens, had prohibited open carry on Town property.

What resulted were two initiatives: one to approve of the action of the Town Council, (put forward by those opposed to it - a "no" vote would reverse the decision), and another to remove the power to regulate firearms from the Town Council and requiring a referendum on all future firearms issues.

Second Amendment ad-

vocates recommended a "Yes" vote on both issues.

The election process was hotly disputed, with at least two lawsuits and concerns over the counting of election results. Second amendment advocates claimed that many election safeguards were disregarded by officials who reported to the Town Manager. The election was held on 19 August and the results certified on the 29th of August. The election turnout was reported to be the highest in city history. This is due to a combination because of city growth, the new Colorado election laws that require a mailing of ballots to all voters, and because of the nature of the questions.

Here is the wording of the two ballot questions, from crgov.com:

A. REFERENDUM ON ORDINANCE NO. 2014-03 will read:

SHALL TOWN COUNCIL ORDINANCE 2014-03 BE APPROVED WHICH ORDINANCE REVOKES THE AUTHORITY OF-

THE TOWN MANAGER UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE OPEN CARRYING OF FIREARMS WITHIN MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, PARKS, RECREATION AREAS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK?

YES ____ NO ____

B. HOME RULE CHARTER AMENDMENT will read:

SHALL THE TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 1-5 TO READ AS FOLLOWS?

Section 1-5. Constitutional Rights.

Any restriction or limitation on the rights of citizens to keep and bear firearms enacted by the Town Council shall require the approval of the registered electors as a referred measure under Section 15-4 of this Charter. This Section shall not apply to Town Council action which makes unlaw-

ful the discharge or brandishing of firearms. This Section shall govern and control over Articles II and VII or any other conflicting provision of this Charter, and shall apply only to Council action taken after its adoption.

YES ____ NO ____

Both results were in favor of second amendment advocates, both initiatives passed.

Measure A, which approved of the Town Council removing the authority of the town manager to restrict open carry, passed by 50.8% of the vote, 4,737 to 4,586.

Measure B, which required that all future decisions on gun restrictions be subject to referendum, passed overwhelmingly, 6,610 (71.2%) to 2,679 (28.8%)

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Woman Uses Her Gun to Ward Off Abduction

by Chuck Ross,
DailyCaller.com

An Ohio woman who is licensed to carry a gun but had only recently started carrying one for protection put it to good use earlier this week.

Dinah Burns was out walking her dog, Gracie, on a path near an elementary school in Lancaster on Monday when two men approached her with a baseball bat and threatened to abduct her.

"Two gentlemen came out of the woods, one holding a baseball bat, and said 'You're coming with us,'" Burns told WBNS, adding that Gracie was little help in deterring the men.

Thankfully, Burns had something else for protection.

"I said, 'Well, what do you want?,' and as I was saying that I reached in to my pocket and slipped my gun out, slipped the safety off as I pulled it out," Burns said.

"As I was doing that the other gentleman came toward me and raised the baseball bat. And, I pointed the gun at them and said, 'I have this and I'm not afraid

to use it.'"

The men backed off and left, Burns told the news station.

"I think if they'd gotten any closer, I probably would have fired," she said, citing her concealed carry training which taught her "to get out of a situation, back out, get out of it as much as you can without having to discharge your firearm."

"[I'm] very thankful that it turned out the way it did, and hope it doesn't happen again, but I will be prepared," Burns said.

Ohio, which began issuing concealed carry permits in 2004, has experienced a massive surge of new concealed carry permit requests. According to an article from the Columbus Dispatch earlier this year, 96,972 new permits were issued in 2013 — a 50 percent increase from 2012. Permit renewals quadrupled over the same time span to 48,370.

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The Ma Deuce is 81 Years Old

One of John Browning's most famous designs, the Browning M2 ("Ma Deuce") is 81 years old this year. The M2 is a scaled up version of Brownings M1917 .30 caliber machine gun which was briefly in production in 1917-18. With the U.S. armed forces wanting a bigger gun using the 50 caliber round, Browning and assistant Fred T. Moore developed a water-cooled machine gun, the M1921 which was used experimentally from 1921 to 1937.

After Browning died in 1926, Dr. S.H. Green continued improving the design using an air-cooled barrel. Finally in 1933 Colt started manufacturing the new model, the M2, for the U.S. armed forces. This belt-fed, air-cooled weapon uses the .50 BMG ("Browning Machine Gun") cartridge and has a cycle rate of 750-850 rpm for the ground, infantry models. The



A Ma Deuce, ready to rock'n'roll!

courtesy photo

M2 has an effective range of 2,000 yards when fired from a tripod and a maximum firing range of 7,400 yards.

The standard "ball" round used by the military is the M33 Ball round with a

weight of 706.7 grains and a velocity of 2,910 feet per second.

Ma Deuce is still used extensively in all branches of the military.



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Dumb & Dumber - Scientific Proof That People Are Getting 'Stupider'

by Michael Snyder of The American Dream blog, via Tyler Durden, ZeroHedge.com

(Editor/GG: I don't argue with the conclusions below, but there does seem to be a lot more liberals around today, and that certainly is dragging the IQ numbers down. Just say'n.)

Are people dumber than they used to be? Were previous generations mentally sharper than us? You may have suspected that people are getting stupider for quite some time, but now we actually have scientific evidence that this is the case. As you will read about below, average IQs are dropping all over the globe, SAT scores in the U.S. have been declining for decades, and scientists have even discovered that our brains have been getting smaller over time. So if it seems on some days like you woke up in the middle of the movie "Idiocracy", you might not be too far off. Much of the stuff that they put in our junk food is not good for brain development, our education system is a total joke, and most Americans are absolutely addicted to mindless entertainment. Fortunately we have a lot of technology that does much of our thinking for us these days, because if we had to depend on our own mental capabilities most of us would be in a tremendous amount of trouble.

Sadly, this appears to be a phenomenon that is happening all over the planet. As a recent Daily Mail article explained, **IQ scores are falling in country after country...**

Richard Lynn, a psychologist at the University of Ulster, calculated the decline in humans' genetic potential.

He used data on average IQs around the world in 1950 and 2000 to discover that our collective intelligence has dropped by one IQ point.

Dr Lynn predicts that if this trend continues, we could lose another 1.3 IQ points by 2050.

One IQ point does not sound like a lot, but when you go back even further in time the declines become a lot more dramatic. For example, a psychology professor at the University of Amsterdam named Jan te Nijenhuis has calculated that we have lost a total of 14 IQ points on average since the Victorian Era.

And we don't need a professor to tell us that this is true. Just go back and read some of the literature from that time period. Much of it is written at such a high level that I can barely even understand it.

There is other evidence that people are getting stupider as well. For instance, SAT scores in the United States have fallen significantly in recent years...

turbing trend in American high schools. If we judge the quality of education by the scores that students get on their SATs, then it appears that things are getting worse.

Since 2006, the overall average SAT score has fallen by 20 points, dropping from 1518 to 1498 in 2012. Scores are also down in each of the three categories tested, with reading dropping 9 points, mathematics dropping 4 points, and writing falling 9 points. It's a fair bet that students aren't becoming less intelligent, so exactly what is going on?

And this decline in SAT scores is not just limited to the past few years. As the following chart from Zero Hedge demonstrates, SAT scores have been declining in America for decades...

There are even some scientists that are convinced that this decline in the mental ability of humans goes back for thousands of years. Some blame genetic mutations for this decline, and others point to the fact that our brains have been getting smaller. For example, just check out what one study conducted at Cambridge University concluded...

An earlier study by Cambridge University found that **mankind is shrinking in size significantly.**

Experts say humans are past their peak and that modern-day people are **10 percent smaller and shorter** than their hunter-gatherer ancestors.

And if that's not depressing enough, **our brains are also smaller.**

The findings reverse perceived wisdom that humans have grown taller and larger, a belief which has grown from data on more recent physical development.

The decline, said scientists, has happened over the past 10,000 years. They blame agriculture, with restricted diets and urbanization compromising health and leading to the spread of disease.

Most of us today just assume that people are smarter than they ever have been before.

Most of us today look down on our ancestors and mock them for being so primitive.

But the truth is that if we had to go up head to head against them in mental challenges, we might find ourselves greatly humbled.

At the end of this article, I have posted an eighth grade exam from 1912 that was donated to the Bullitt County History Museum in Kentucky.

As you can see, it is far more difficult than anything that eighth grade students have to do today. In fact, most eighth grade students today

Eighth Grade Examination for Bullitt County Schools, November 1912

Spelling

Exaggerate, incentive, conscious, pennyweight, chandelier, patient, potential, creature, participate, authentic, bequeath, diminish, genuine, vinegar, incident, monotony, hyphen, antecedent, autumn, hideous, relieve, conceive, control, symptom, rhinoceros, adjective, partial, musician, architect, exhaust, diagram, endeavor, scissors, associate, saucepan, benefit, masculine, synopsis, circulate, eccentric 100

Reading

1. Reading and Writing (given by teacher)

Arithmetic

- Write in words the following:
.5764; .000003; .123416; 653.0965; 43.37 10
- Solve: 35.7 plus 4, 5.8 plus 5.14-59.112 10
- Find cost at 12½ cents per sq. yd. of kalsomining the walls of a room 20 ft. long, 16 ft. wide and 9 ft. high, deducting 1 door 8 ft. by 4 ft 6 in. and 2 windows 5 ft. by 3 ft. 6 in. each. 10
- A man bought a farm for \$2,400 and sold it for \$2,700. What percent did he gain? 10
- A man sold a watch for \$180, and lost 16⅔%. What was the cost of the watch. 10
- Find the amount of \$50.30 for 3 yrs., 3 mo. and 3 days, at 8 percent.10
- A school enrolled 120 pupils and the number of boys was two thirds of the number of girls. How many of each sex were enrolled? 10
- How long a rope is required to reach from the top of a building 40 ft. high, to the ground 30 ft. from the base of the building? 10
- How many steps 2 ft. 4 in. each will a man take in walking 2 ¼ miles? 10
- At \$1.62½, a cord, what will be the cost of a pile of wood 24 ft. long, 4 ft. wide and 6 ft. 3 in. high? 10

Grammar

- How many parts of speech are there? Define each. 20
- Define proper noun; common noun. Name the properties of a noun. 10
- What is a Personal Pronoun? Decline I. 10
- What properties have verbs? 10
- "William struck James." Change the Voice of the verb. 10
- Adjectives have how many Degrees of Comparison? 10
- Compare good; wise; beautiful. 10
- Diagram: The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. 10
- Parse all the words in the following sentences: John ran over the bridge. Helen's parents love her. 20

Geography

- Define longitude and latitude. 10
- Name and give boundaries of the five zones. 10
- Tell what you know of the Gulf Stream. 10
- Locate Erie Canal; what waters does it connect and why is it important? 10
- Locate the following countries which border each other: Turkey, Greece, Servia, Montenegro, Romania 10
- Name and give the capitals of States touching the Ohio River. 10
- Locate these cities: Mobile, Quebec, Buenos Aires, Liverpool, Honolulu 10
- Name in the order of their size three largest States in the United States. 10
- Locate the following mountains: Blue Ridge, Himalaya, Andes, Alps, Wasatch. 10
- Through what waters would a vessel pass in going from England through the Suez Canal to Manila 10

Physiology

- How does the liver compare in size with other glands in the human body? Where is it located? What does it secrete? 10
- Name the organs of circulation. 10
- Describe the heart. 10
- Compare arteries and veins as to function. Where is the blood carried to be purified? 10
- Where is the chief nervous center of the body? 10
- Define the Cerebrum; Cerebellum 10
- What are the functions (or uses) of the spinal column? 10
- Why should we study Physiology? 10
- Give at least five rules to be observed in maintaining good health.20

Civil Government

- Define the following forms of government: Democracy, Limited Monarchy, Absolute Monarchy, Republic. Give examples of each.10
- To what four governments are students subjected? 10
- Name five county officers, and the principle duties of each. 10
- Name and define the three branches of the government of the United States. 10
- Give three duties of the President. What is meant by the veto power? 10
- Name three rights given Congress by the Constitution and two rights denied Congress 10
- In the election of a president and vice-president, how many electoral votes is each State allowed? 10
- Give the eligibility of president, vice-president and Governor of Kentucky. 10
- What is a copyright? Patent right? 10
- Describe the manner in which the president and vice-president of the United States are elected. 10

History

- Who first discovered the following places: Florida, Pacific Ocean, Miss. River, St. Lawrence River? 10
- Sketch briefly Sir Walter Rawleigh, Peter Stuyvesant 10
- By whom were the following settled: Ga, Md, Mass, R.I., Fla 10
- During what wars were the following battles fought: Brandywine, Great Meadows, Lundy's Lane, Antietam, Buena Vista 10
- Describe the battle of Quebec. 10
- Give the cause of the War of 1812 and name an important battle fought during that war. 10
- Name 2 presidents who have died in office: three who were assassinated. 10
- Name the last battle of the Civil War; War of 1812, French and Indian War, and the commanders in each battle. 10
- What president was impeached, and on what charge? 10
- Who invented the following: Magnetic Telegraph, Cotton Gin, Sewing Machine, Telephone, Phonograph. 10

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HICK'S LUXURY STATE: Income Inequality Grows In CO As Hick Focuses On Hipsters

by ColoradoPeakPolitics

Gov. John Hickenlooper is turning Colorado into a hipster city. Earlier this week, Joel Kotkin wrote an interesting piece for *The Washington Post* about how the current liberal bastions like New York City, San Francisco, and Portland (among others) are being redesigned as playgrounds for the wealthy over the needs of the middle class. (Via *The Denver Post*):

It reflects a desire to create an ideal locale for hipsters and older, sophisticated urban dwellers. It's city as adult Disneyland or "entertainment machine," chock-a-block with chic restaurants, shops and festivals.

Overlooked, or even disdained, is what most middle-class residents of the metropolis actually want: home ownership, rapid access to employment throughout the metropolitan area, good schools, and "human scale" neighborhoods. [the Peak's emphasis]

Whenever Hickenlooper talks about Colorado and growing the economy, it is always in the context of the luxury whether it is praising some new micro-distillery, or talking about fostering the Denver music scene. Hickenlooper doesn't appear to have the appetite to do what is necessary to grow Colorado's middle class (hell, his fellow Democrats brag about wanting to make commutes harder so people drive less. Why

don't they just tear up all the roads in downtown, buy the land around it and just become a second Boulder where only the wealthy can afford to live?). This is evident in the growing divide between the rich and poor in Colorado (from *The Denver Post*):

Colorado ranks among the top 20 states in the nation with the highest levels of income inequality, according to a new study by the Colorado Center on Law and Policy.

In recent years, incomes for many Coloradans have fallen behind the cost of living. Since 2007, the median income in Colorado, when adjusted for inflation, has fallen \$4,400. [the Peak's emphasis]

Hickenlooper keeps praising how great Colorado's economy is, but he doesn't mention the caveat that this only applies to you if he likes what you're doing.

This goes along with the trend of hipster/luxury cities mentioned above as they're some of the most unequal places in the country when it comes to income:

Luxury cities, increasingly, are less places of aspiration than geographies of inequality. New York, for



"Here's to killing the middle class"

Courtesy photo

example, is by some measurements the most unequal of major U.S. cities, with a level of inequality that approximates South Africa before apartheid...

Other luxury cities exhibit somewhat similar patterns. A recent Brookings report found that virtually all the most unequal metropolitan areas... are luxury regions, including San Francisco, Boston, Washington, D.C., New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles. [the Peak's emphasis]

Liberal policies exacerbate income inequality and kill off the middle class? We're. So. Shocked. Good thing Democrats have appointed themselves the party most likely to help the poor. Without such labels, looking just at results, people might assume Democrats are just a bunch of privileged a*****. They're like the Apple of political parties.

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A Sheepdog Barks!

Things in America just can't get any more crazy or strange. Obama goes to a Labor Day Rally and tells the adoring crowd that the economy is great, that all the things he did to save it are working and it was all for the middle class. What planet does this guy sleep on? WOOF! Almost everything he has done has hurt the middle class, especially all the taxes he has created or has planned. Meanwhile back in Detroit the walking and talking gaffe-meister starts his line of gibberish with "The American people never, never, never, never, never, never (yes, 6 nevers) fail when they are given a chance" and ends it with what we guess will be his campaign slogan, "We have to take back America." WHAT? This man has to quit drinking so much Red Bull. Take back America from whom? Take back America from himself? Biden is the poster child for what's wrong in our big leviathan government. He was first elected when he was 29 years old. He's been in politics ever since. Far, far too long in Washington, D.C. He is a perfect example of why we need term limits. The man needs a dose of reality by living in the real world. WOOF! Alas, we must move on.

Let's review Obama's economy that he is so proud of first and then I'll try to explain his foreign policy doctrine. You know I'm just kidding, right? Even Michele can't explain his doctrine. Anyway, about the economy. The 2014 deficit will be over one-half Trillion dollars. At the end of 2014 the debt will be \$17.8 Trillion and by 2020 it is projected to be at \$20.6 Trillion. This is mind boggling and mostly incomprehensible to this sheepdog and most of my friends. Figures released last month have the "Real" unemployment rate at 12.2%. As Jack Welch, the former CEO of General Electric, has said the other monthly unemployment number the politicians feed us is "rigged". It is determined by randomly calling Americans

and asking them if they are employed. If they say no then they are asked if they are looking for work. If they say no, they are NOT counted as unemployed. No, I'm not making this up. The government believes that if you are depressed after not being able to find a job for over a year and have given up looking then they wave their magic wand and POOF! – you are not unemployed. How great is that? Washington would have us believe that "only" 6.4% of Americans are unemployed in this wonderful economy. That's a distortion and a big Lie. WOOF!

Earlier in the column I said I would explain Obama's foreign policy doctrine. So here goes and in no particular order. The Obama Doctrine, I believe, has 21 key points: 1. Now that I'm president everyone will love America. 2. If we can just sit down and talk, we can all get along. 3. Publically scold the bad guys and tell them they are on the wrong side of history. 4. Also tell them that invading another country or killing innocents is not how it's done in the 21st century. 5. Remind everyone around the world that I was elected to end wars not start them. 6. Tough talk, talk, talk. 7. Sanctions, baby. 8. No boots on the ground. 9. Announce to our enemies when I will pull the troops out. 10. Take options off the table. 11. More sanctions, baby. 12. More tough talk. 13. Make false threats and draw meaningless red lines. 14. Push little plastic reset buttons. 15. Tell the world of terrorists "we have no strategies" to deal with them but they better watch out because the FBI is coming after them. 16. Lead from behind. 17. If I just ignore bad situations long enough they will resolve themselves. 18. Bring the terrorists to trial in our American courts and give them due process in accordance with our Constitution because we are NOT at war. 19. Intervene when there is a "possible" atrocity that might happen (like in Libya) but sit on my



hands and do nothing when real atrocities are going on (like in Syria). 20. Make deals with countries like Iran because we know in the end we can trust them. 21. Speak softly but carry a big golf club. Well, that about sums it all up. The Obama Doctrine must be working. Right? The world is so calm and peaceful, yes? Let's review. Europe is good, well, except for that little Russian flare up. The Mid-East is at peace except for about 8-10 places. The continent of Africa is stable and peaceful. Al Qaeda is on the run and ISIS is just a JV team, nothing to worry about. Heck, we don't even need a strategy to deal with them. What's that you say? ISIS has beheaded two Americans and threatened to come to this country. That's terrible. Someone should tell them they are on the wrong side of history. That's not how we should act in the 21st century. Hundreds of hot spots around the world and tens of millions of refugees living in squalor and the leader of the free and most powerful country in the world is nowhere to be found. There is a leadership vacuum and the bad guys know it and are exploiting it. The British Prime Minister is stepping up and showing Obama how to lead. It won't work. Obama is not capable. Meanwhile his White House spokesman, Josh Earnest, tells us that the president has created "tranquility" in the world. Bul Stuff! We all know better. I could go on some more, but hey looky here, I tee off in 8 minutes. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy on America! JMH

Spending More on Virginia Students Doesn't Mean They're Getting Smarter

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(Editor/GG: How many ways does it take to tell the education industry to shape up. The answer is not more money. It is leadership, vision, innovation and common sense. The only way to break the current monopoly is home-schooling and charter schools. Private enterprise is THE answer.)

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More money doesn't necessarily translate to more successful, college-ready students.

A new study by the Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank in Washington, D.C., finds that, adjusted for inflation, per-pupil spend-

ing from 1972 to 2012 has soared 120 percent in Virginia.

But SAT scores have remained virtually stagnant. In fact, when adjusted for participation and demographics, Virginia's SAT scores actually fell by 3 percent.

Virginia isn't alone. Nationally, per-pupil spending has increased close to 200 percent, and school employment has increased nearly 100 percent since 1970. Reading and math scores of 17-year-old students on the National Assessment of Educational Progress have remained flat, the study found.

"There has been essentially no correlation between what states have spent on

education and their measured academic outcomes," wrote Andrew Coulson, director of Cato's Center for Educational Freedom. Coulson conducted the study.

Of course, SAT scores aren't everything. But Cato researchers argued the SAT is a mark of how well-read a student may be and whether he can think critically.

"While SAT scores are not a comprehensive metric of educational outcomes, the SAT measures reading comprehension and mathematical skills that are intrinsically useful," Coulson wrote.

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Study: Half of All School Employees Not Teachers, 130% Increase Since 1970

by Zoey DiMauro, CNSNews.com

The ranks of non-teachers - such as administrators, counselors, teacher aides, and cafeteria workers - has swelled 130 percent since 1970 and they now make up 50 percent of all public school employees according to a new study, *The Hidden Half: School Employees Who Don't Teach*.

Looking at data from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), the Thomas B. Fordham Institute found that the growth of non-teaching staff has greatly outpaced student growth over the past four decades.

From 1970 to 2010, the number of students grew by 8.6 percent, while the number of non-teaching personnel increased by 130 percent. Non-teachers now

consume over a quarter of all education expenditures, the study found.

In addition, America now spends a greater percentage of its education funding on non-teachers than any other country in the world besides Denmark.

A previous study from the Friedman Foundation, *The School Staffing Surge*, found that "states could have saved more than \$24 billion annually if they had increased/decreased the employment of administrators and other non-teaching staff at the same rate as students between 1992 and 2009."

However, test scores and graduation rates show little evidence of improvement despite the explosive growth of non-teaching positions.

"As I showed in my study,"

Ben Scafidi, author of *The School Staffing Surge*, told CNSNews.com, "student achievement in public schools did not rise between 1970 and 2008--even though staffing skyrocketed."

With the exception of these two reports, the sharp increase in non-teaching public school employees has received little media attention or public scrutiny. That may be due in part to the difficulty in getting recent data on the trend.

"The national statistics obtainable from the U.S. Department of Education, for instance, are rich with information about school teachers and principals," the Fordham study pointed out, "but crude and unhelpful when it comes to non-teaching personnel."

"At a time when budgets are tight and achievement

weak, it's unthinkable not to consider what personnel shifts might strengthen both performance and efficiency," *The Hidden Half* maintains.

Some states have a much higher ratio of non-teaching employees per student than others. For example, Virginia, Vermont, and Wyoming have 104 non-teachers per every 1,000 students, while Nevada and South Carolina make do with 26 to 28 non-teachers for every 1,000 students.

Even within states, there are major differences in the number of non-teachers per school district, according to the Fordham Institute study. For example, rural areas tend to have higher numbers of non-teachers than urban areas, often because sparsely populated districts cannot share specialists or other personnel like a city district could.

The largest increase in non-teacher positions was for teacher aides, employees who work in the classroom to give students individual attention, often children with special needs.

The passage of laws like the Disabilities Education Act and the Bilingual Education Act in the 1970's significantly contributed to the higher need for teachers aides. The Fordham study found that a higher number of teacher aides generally corresponds with a greater presence of children with individualized education plans (IEPs).

But special needs kids are not the only reason for the increased personnel. The study notes that "during roughly the same period, schools were further burdened with obligations to provide special programs and services for youngsters

with drug issues, health challenges, sex-and-sometimes-pregnancy activity, homelessness, and a host of discipline and family challenges."

But the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), a large union representing variety of school employees, disagreed with the Fordham study.

After CNSNews.com contacted AFT, the union issued a press release saying that "school support staff are an essential part of our public schools. To imply that we should thin their ranks is a direct threat to the public school students who rely on them."

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Not Inspiring: Group Bolstering Hick's Economic Creds Ignores Economic Reality

by ColoradoPeakPolitics

A recently-surfaced AS01c(4), Inspire Colorado, is busy pushing positive economic messages into social media to support Gov. John Hickenlooper's uphill re-election effort. Its website has tons of shareable memes in support of Hickenlooper and the economy, boasting concepts like job growth, innovation, labor supply and more. Let's dismantle this a bit.

First of all, unfortunately, John Hickenlooper cannot take credit for Colorado's great labor supply or its innovation. The natural

beauty of Colorado attracts highly-skilled workers from across the country and the fact that they're innovative should be no shock. It would almost be like Hick taking credit for Colorado having a hard-working labor force. Try as he might, nothing he's done has inspired hard work - or innovation for that matter.

But, economic growth - he could be responsible for that, right? Wrong. Here are some stats on Hickenlooper's economy:

- Pew reports that there are zero states in which the percentage of people employed has gone

up. Zero. Not even Colorado. We are still lagging in economic recovery.

- Everyone was excited last month when the jobs report showed that Colorado had added 3,000 new jobs...until we all realized it was all government hiring. Sad trombone. So, not only is the private sector not hiring, but now the private sector is saddled with more government spending that they must fund.

- Speaking of, Hick has overseen an unprecedented expansion of

state government. At one point, the government expanded 10% over a nine month stretch. Not even liberal bastions like Illinois and New York can boast of such expansion.

- Since 2012, the rest of the country received more venture capital funds to aid with start-ups. Not Colorado. The turbulent political environment caused by a lack of leadership by Hick is causing investors to flee. This means that alllllll those innovators that Colorado has are spinning their

wheels waiting for investment that may never come. Thanks, Hick.

- Colorado is falling behind its neighbors in economic growth.

- Labor participation remains low, meaning that unemployment may be coming down, but that's largely due to government hiring and people removing themselves from the workforce entirely. That's not a good thing.

- Since Hick took the reins, Colorado has fallen in several economic indicators.

We're not trying to be Debbie Downers here, but Coloradans deserve to be armed with facts, not fluff, when it comes to their economic well-being. Hickenlooper's uncertain regulatory regime in Colorado is gunking up our state's economic engine. Unfortunately, we're feeling less inspired and more skeptical when it comes to Inspire Colorado.

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SMARTER

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Delegate Steve Landes, chairman of Virginia’s House Education Committee, said it “does look as if both nationally and in Virginia student achievement is relatively flat in comparison with both state and local funds invested in K-12 education that have increased significantly over the same period. That is disappointing, and we will need to look at the study and results very carefully as we move forward in developing and reforming Virginia’s K-12 education system.”

International testing backs up that lack of correlation between more spending and success in critical cognitive areas.

The U.S. spends more per pupil than almost any nation, yet the U.S. was a miserable 36th in math, 28th in science and 24th in reading, according to the 2012 PISA assessment, ranking below countries such as Slovakia, Latvia, and the Czech Republic.

It’s not news to Kara Kerwin, president of the Center for Education Reform, that more spending doesn’t equal better success.

“The conventional thought is if we just throw more money at the problem we will fix it and things eventually get better,” Kerwin told Watchdog.org on Wednesday.

What matters more than spending are parent empowerment, choice and competition, Kerwin said, who added that charter schools provide the best example.

“Charter schools see about 30 percent less funding than public schools, and yet they’re doing so much more with less,” Kerwin said. “And so, the establishment finds that threatening.”

The problem isn’t money. Rather, it’s that traditional public schools lack empowerment, choice and competition.

That’s why charters are outperforming their public school counterparts — charters are renewed annually on a performance basis, and they compete with public schools for students and success.

Competition from charters naturally challenges traditional public schools, Kerwin said.

Charters are just one piece of the school-choice puzzle, but they’re a big one. And once again, Virginia scored an F in the Center for Education Reform’s 15th annual ranking of state charter school laws, released this week.

With just one independent authorizer that can establish charter schools in Virginia, and just six charters, Virginia shares a failing grade with only Kansas and Iowa.

“I think the most important

thing in Virginia and what has plagued the charter school sector is the fact that school boards think they have exclusive authority over education,” Kerwin said. “... Making a charter school have to go to a local school board is the equivalent of McDonald’s asking a Burger King to open.”

It’s exactly the kind of scenario Virginians have seen played out in battles like the one between the Fairfax County Public School Board and the Fairfax Leadership Academy, a proposed charter school for at-risk students that got a hearty endorsement from the State Board of Education. The local school board ultimately killed the project, and charter hopefuls had nowhere to turn.

States that thrive are those in which many groups can authorize charter schools, such as respected universities, Kerwin said.

Virginia doesn’t have to languish at the back of the pack in CER’s report forever, Kerwin said.

All it takes is one lawmaker — with the guts to stand up for choice and accountability — to file a bill that paves the way for more authorizers. That, Kerwin said, is the most important step Virginia can take to nurture student success with fewer dollars.

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DUMBER

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are doing pretty good if they can point out the United States on a map of the world and can string a few sentences together.

I should know – for a short period of time I once taught eighth grade students.

So when I first came across the exam posted below, I was amazed at how difficult it was.

Could you pass such an exam?

I don’t know if I could.

But these are the kinds of questions that eighth grade students were expected to be able to answer back in 1912...

-Through which waters would a vessel pass in going from England through the Suez Canal to Manila?

-How does the liver compare in size with other glands in the human body?

-How long of a rope is required to reach from the top of a building 40

feet high to the ground 30 feet from the base of a building?

-Compare arteries and veins as to function. Where is the blood carried to be purified?

-During which wars were the following battles fought: Brandywine, Great Meadows, Lundy’s Lane, Antietam, Buena Vista?

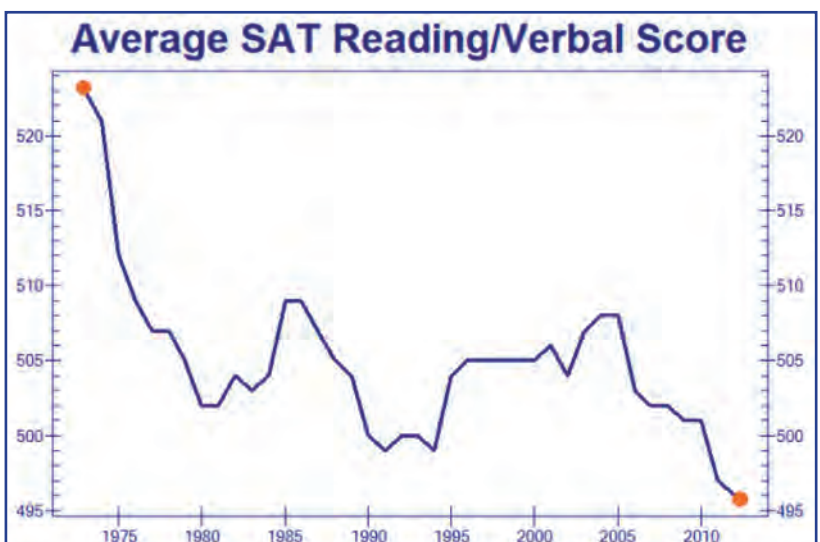
A full copy of the exam is posted below. Please notice the absence of multiple choice questions where a student can guess by circling an answer. In the old days, kids were actually expected to be able to think and to be able to write...

So what do you think about all of this?

Do you believe that people are actually getting stupider?

And is “stupider” actually a word?

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