

“Operation Mountain Grass”: “Good Win for the Whole County” Illegal Pot Growers: “We Are Coming for You”

by George Gramlich

Much additional information was revealed during an interview with Custer County Sheriff Shannon Byerly last Tuesday at his office. And of special note was the importance of ordinary citizens reporting suspicious behavior to law enforcement officials.

The Sheriff stated that the raids were a product of the Colorado Joint Drug Task Force (JDTF) which is a long standing organization comprised of many local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies including the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), the Colorado State Patrol, various county Sheriff’s Departments, the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco (ATF), the Internal Revenue Service, the

U.S. Marshalls, and others.

Over the last two years or so, the JDTF began to receive information from local law enforcement entities about spanish speaking individuals, many with Florida license plates buying rural buildings (or in one case renting) in Fremont and Custer counties and apparently converting them into indoor marijuana grows. *(Editor/GG: As we have been reporting in the Sentinel.)* Eyewitnesses and neighbors have reported that the occupants were often armed and based on personal conversations were apparently mostly of Cuban descent. Locals also reported that air conditioners were installed on the buildings and ran constantly and that the smell of pot was strong and persistent.

Last year a vehicle was

stopped in Cotopaxi by local law enforcement and a large quantity of pot was discovered. Also, according to Sheriff Byerly, southern Colorado UPS shipping locations were reporting that individuals were trying to ship large quantities of pot to the east coast. All of this information caused the JDTF to start investigating the illegal grows and trying to figure out if the various sites in Custer and Fremont Counties were related. The JDTF gave the investigation the name “Operation Mountain Grass”.

The JDTF obtained federal warrants authorizing them to surveil three properties in Custer and five in Fremont. The investigation revealed that the properties were indeed owned by the same organization/gang and that they were based out of the Miami, Florida

area and also had operations in Georgia.

Sheriff Byerly also stated that helicopter and fixed wing aircraft were employed for surveillance and that special warrants were obtained so that the JDTF could place GPS devices on the growers vehicles and trace them.

Based on the evidence gathered, the JDTF obtained indictments against 20 individuals in Colorado, Florida and Georgia and it was decided to raid the eight local illegal grows in one, coordinated raid. The raiding parties were comprised of a diverse mixture of various Colorado Sheriff department deputies and SWAT teams including the Fremont County SWAT team and the Pueblo County SWAT team, the Pueblo City SWAT team, DEA

agents, IRS agents, and various specialized federal operatives.

Sheriff Byerly related that the night before the raid multiple law enforcement officers infiltrated close to some of the properties to observe and report on the status of the raid site to the command center so the raiding parties had up to date intelligence just before the raid. The raids were all timed to occur at 6 a.m., Tuesday, September 1. Raids were also executed in Florida and Georgia. The JDTF was uncertain of how many growers would be at the sites as, based on surveillance, there was a constant flux of gang members coming into and out of the area and between the related pot grows.

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Sheriff to Silver Cliff: Legalizing Pot Is Gonna Cost You To the Tune of \$72,000 per Year!

by George Gramlich

At the close of Sheriff Byerly’s press conference on the pot raids two weeks ago, he was asked by this reporter about the issue of the Silver Cliff Town Council’s apparent attempt to place several amendments on the November ballot concerning the legalizing of retail/medical pot sales and allowing the establishment of grow sites within the small township.

The Sheriff stated that if the Council placed the items on the ballot and they were passed that the inevitable increase in marijuana related crimes, motor vehicle operation violations, and social disruption including increased availability of the drug to minors would require a much greater law enforcement effort in Silver Cliff and the rest of the county. He indicated that the Sheriff’s Office would require at least one more full time deputy to handle the increase.

The Sheriff said that the approximate salary plus benefits cost (excluding all other costs such as equipment) in Custer County is around \$72,000 per year. He feels that Silver Cliff should be responsible for this cost if the town’s actions cause the level of criminal activity associated with pot use to rise in Silver Cliff and the county.

The Sheriff said that he recently sent the towns of Westcliffe and Silver Cliff his budget requests for next year. Currently Westcliffe is paying the Sheriff’s Office \$30,000 per year for town coverage and Silver Cliff is paying \$5,000. He noted that about half of the calls for service and other Sheriff’s Office (SO) activity in the county occur in Westcliffe and Silver Cliff and that about half of that occurs in Silver Cliff. *(Editor/GG: The town of Westcliffe has been griping about their SO payment being so much larger than Silver Cliff’s for many years considering the approximate equal level of SO activity in each town.)*

Sheriff Byerly’s emails state that he is asking for a \$3,000 increase in Westcliffe’s assessment (from \$30,000 to \$33,000) and a \$5,000 increase for Silver Cliff’s (from \$5,000 to \$10,000).

The Sheriff remarked it was unfair for the rest of the county to shoulder the financial burden for increased pot law enforcement actions if Silver Cliff legalizes pot and is the sole beneficiary of the perceived pot sale grow tax revenue.

(Editor/GG: Based on the demographics

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From the Editorial Board

545: A Number to Remember!



Five Hundred and Forty-Five. This number significantly affects your life. Do you know why? 545 what? Inches? Feet? Dollars? Days? Miles? Hours? Nope, none of these. It's people. Some good people, some bad people, some dangerous people. That's the number of people that are supposed to govern our country in accordance with the U.S. Constitution. Nine of them are appointed and 536 of them are elected. The only common denominator is that they are "required" to be citizens. It's a shame that they aren't "required" to be knowledgeable of the provisions and limitations of our Constitution. That is where the problem begins. So, how does that number break down? Like this: 100 U.S. Senators, 435 U.S. Representatives, 9 Supreme Court Justices and 1 President. 545 citizens out of our approximately 320 million population. "We the People" have not always done a very good job of picking our leaders. America is not in good shape. The "State of the Union" is troubling. There are lots of Americans that believe the "other" party is wholly to blame. In fact, both parties are to blame, maybe not equally, but certainly both have contributed. The current state of Washington affairs appears to be the most dysfunctional ever. However, we have been moving to-

ward this current state for a very long time. Take the national debt for instance. From President Washington through President Bush (43) the chart line grew slowly but surely higher with a slightly steep up-angle in Bush's eight years. In the last seven years the angle has steeply inclined and now resembles the smoke trail of a space shuttle launch. In other words, Obama will double the debt total from the first 43 presidents in his eight years. He is, however, not totally to blame. The Republicans have been complicit and continue to be even after taking total control of the U.S. Congress in January of this year. Many believe this is why Donald Trump is doing so well right now. Angry citizens, of all ilks, are serving notice to the establishment, status quo professional political class. Politicians better start paying attention. Americans are just plain "mad as he**" and may not take it anymore. But we digress. Back to the 545. Retired journalist, Charley Reese, penned a few editorials back in 1985 and 1995 about those 545 people being responsible for the foreign and domestic problems that plague the United States. Reese was a writer for the *Orlando Sentinel* for 30 years and retired in 2001. His first column was printed in The Stonewall County Courier in September 1985 and titled, "545

People Responsible for Country's Problems." He updated his thoughts and printed the second version in the *Orlando Sentinel* in March 1995, titled, "Looking for Someone to Blame? Congress is a Good Place to Start." His premise was that none of the bad things or the overspending or the unnecessary agencies would exist if these 545 people didn't want them to exist. Absolute truth!

A few excerpts from 1985 are repeated below:

"Politicians are the only people in the world who create problems and then campaign against them."

"Have you ever wondered why, if both the Democrats and Republicans are against deficits, we have deficits? Have you ever wondered why if all politicians are against inflation and high taxes, we have inflation and high taxes?"

(The 545) "...are directly, legally, morally, and individually responsible for the domestic problems that plague this country."

"Don't you see the con game that is played on the people by the politicians? Those 545 human beings spend much of their energy convincing you that what they did is not their fault. They cooperate in this common con regardless of party."

"Those 545 people and they

alone are responsible."

In 1995 he added these comments:

"...just remember that 100 percent of the power of the federal government comes from the U.S. Constitution. If it's not in the Constitution, it's not authorized."

"Then read your Constitution. All 100 percent of the power of the federal government is invested solely in 545 individual human beings. That's all. Of 260 million Americans, only 545 of them wield 100 percent of the power of the federal government."

"You don't like the IRS? Go see Congress. You think the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms agency is running amok? Go see Congress."

"Congress is the originator of all government problems and is also the only remedy available. That's why, of course, politicians go to such extraordinary lengths and employ world-class sophistry to make you think they are not responsible. Anytime a congressman pretends to be outraged by something a federal bureaucrat does, he is in fact engaging in one big massive con job."

"Both Democrats and Republicans mislead the public. For 40 years Democrats had majorities and could have at any time balanced the budget if they had chosen to do so. Republi-

cans now have majorities and could, if they choose, pass a balanced budget this year. Every president, Democrat or Republican, could have vetoed appropriations bills that did not make up a balanced budget. Every president could have recommended a balanced budget. None has done either."

"Don't be conned. Don't let them escape responsibility. We simply have to sort through 260 million people until we find 545 who will act responsibly."

Starting around 2008 Reese's columns were widely edited and circulated on the internet with updated names and places and often included additional material not written by Reese, added at the beginning or the end.

Americans need to fully realize how correct Charley Reese was and is. We are conned every day with false and misleading unemployment numbers and economic growth indicators. The illegal immigration debacle and porous border would have been fixed long ago IF they wanted it fixed. The national shame of the Veterans Affairs Department would have been solved long ago IF they wanted it solved. Keep all this in mind when you vote in November 2016. Maybe it really is time for some "outsiders."



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to let me;
it's who is going
to stop me.*

Ayn Rand

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School Board Meeting: Can "Failure" be Redefined to Hide the Truth?

by Larry Luikart

The Custer County School Board meeting convened with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Chairman Gaide. The meeting was held in the library a much more accommodating venue. Guests were welcomed and there was one minor modification to the printed agenda. The paraprofessional hiring recommendation(s) are not yet ready, removing that item from the agenda. There were no Public Comments requested in the first-half of the session.

Walter van Woudenberg received a Bobcat Pride Certificate from Superintendent Payler for his previous and continued involvement, concern, and pro-active attitude toward making the Custer County Schools an example of excellence in rural schools.

The minutes of the regular board meeting form August 11, 2015, along with the resignations of paraprofessionals Rhonda Livengood and Peggy Miller were approved and accepted.

Mr. Payler presented an information only / no motion item regarding the Gifted / Talented Investment dollars for the past year and the projection for the current year.

Lori Short presented a comprehensive written report and highlighted in the meeting a roll over amount from last year of around \$6000. She talked about the new partnerships with various community groups complimenting Mr. Lee for his help with the rotary. She discussed the Adopt-a-Class program and the help that Walter van Woudenberg supplied for the IT development. There were no Board Committee Reports at this meeting.

Fall Coach/ Assistant Coach /Volunteer Recommendations were presented along with recommendations to accept substitute teachers Michelle Bliss and Jennifer Hyslop. Check Vouchers and Financial Reports were presented. Recommendations and reports approved by the board.

Mr. Payler presented Interim Superintendent Goals for 2015-16. The Goals included:

Increasing student achievement, staff recruitment and retention, increase family and community Involvement, develop student technology skills, maintain and upgrade the physical plant, and safe schools.

Mr. Payler then requested the board approve his action plan for implementing Strategic Plan Goal #1: Increase student achievement. Mr. Lee raised a minor word use issue. He objected to the use of the term "turnaround" in the Vision statement. In Mr. Lee's mind this term implied a failing school which he considers to be a false statement. He said, "We are not a failing school." The term was changed to "Improvement." Mr. Lee also indicated this Strategic Plan Goal could not be implemented until the details for implementation had been created. This resulted in the Board accepting the word changes and then indicating they were accepting the framework of the Goal with the details of its implementation to follow.

Mr. Payler presented Strategic Plan Goal 2: Talent Management. Retention and Recruitment remain a key issue for the Custer County C-1 School District. Mr. Payler outlined his plan in three statements. 1. Recruitment. The district will strive to compete for top

talent with effective recruitment strategies and a total compensation package.

2. Re-Recruitment and Retention: The district will improve employee retention by recognizing the stages of an employee's career and adopt strategies to meet the needs of staff during employment with the district. 3. Value Added. Deliver services and communications that promote employee wellness and work-life balance. These broad statements contain specific bullet points that pin point the way forward to obtaining the goals. Approved by the board.

Barb Jones presented a request for membership in the CHSAA, (Colorado High School Activities Association and Mr. Payler requested approval for membership in the Colorado Rural Education Collaboration. Both requests approved by the board.

Four policy updates were presented: IKA – Grading / Assessment Systems – First reading, BEC and BEDG – Executive Session / Minutes – Second Reading, GBED –

Staff Conduct (and Responsibilities) – Second Reading, and GCO – Evaluation of Licensed Staff – Second Reading. All four approved by the Board.

Elementary Principal Holly Anderson reported on a parent survey done regarding the discontinuation of afternoon Snack Program due to budget constraints. The results were positive and most of the parents replying to survey were positive. She complimented the parents for their attendance at the first day of school. Pre-

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Shy Enters Race for School Board

by Fred Hernandez

Fall is in the air and it's election season once again. This coming November the residents of Custer County will be casting their votes for some new school board members. One of the contenders for a seat on that board is Silver Cliff resident Jake Shy, who made his decision on Wednesday just in time to beat the deadline for entries on Friday, August 28th.

If it is the first time you are meeting Jake Shy, the immediate, initial impression is that you are in front of a most sincere gentleman. Jake, as he likes to be called, was born and raised in Westcliffe and now lives in Silver Cliff with his wife Alisha and three daughters Sheyenne, Brylee, and Sage. The older Shy girls are the third generation of the Shy family who have gone to the local school and the youngest will soon be joining them.

Jake is now working out the details of his campaign before he can publicly announce his thoughts and plans. In the meantime, he simply says that he felt strongly it was time for him to give back to a community which



Jake Shy has announced his bid for the Custer County School Board.

Sentinel photo by Fred Hernandez

he loves and has been a part of since his birth. He wants to get to know the teachers, the students, and school officials. He has no agenda other than what is good for the education and upbringing of not only his own children, as that would already be good enough reason for his involvement, but for

the good of all children in the community and throughout Custer County. If elected, he intends to put his heart and mind into the work at hand and he firmly emphasized that there is no place for politics in this or any other school board. This is, after all, about the children and their future.

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of this area and the experience to date of other rural areas legalizing pot, the tax revenue to Silver Cliff will be minimal. Take heed Silver Cliff, there is no "silver" lining here. The criminal activity associated with increased pot availability and usage WILL come. And it will be because of your selfish and immoral behavior as elected officials that this plague will de-

scend on our county. You were elected to make moral and just decisions for your town. You were not elected to AVOID them. When you have the entire CCCS School Board and the Superintendent, virtually the entire Silver Cliff business community, the Sheriff and the vast majority of the county's residents asking you, even begging you, NOT to bring this curse to our valley, it is time to think - stop thinking about "me" and start thinking about our community.)

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Custer County Search and Rescue Brings in Assistance for Recent Missions

Texas Trauma Surgeon Dies in Fall

by Cindy Howard

Custer County Search and Rescue responded for a recovery mission on Crestone Needle's Ellingwood Arête route on Thursday September 3rd after receiving two 911 notifications just before 10:00 a.m. Western State Mountain Rescue Team and Saguache County SAR also participated as mutual aid in the two day mission.

Dr. Matt Davis of Belmore Texas died from injuries he sustained in the fall on the peak's technical route. Davis was a trauma director who specialized in emergency surgery and surgical critical care and is survived by a wife and three children.

The mission was hampered by bad weather and impending darkness in the difficult terrain. Rescue teams retreated to a nearby campsite just before dark, where they spent the night in the field after planning the detailed recovery effort which began at 5 a.m. Friday morning.



Search and Rescue team members take a short breather during a recent mission.

Courtesy photo

Recovery efforts included an 850 foot technical lowering operation. Teams then got Davis to a landing zone near the Upper South Colony Lake, where Flight for Life's Lifeguard 4 assisted in the operation at 12:30 p.m. All teams were back at the CCSAR rescue barn and the mission concluded at 5:30 p.m. on Friday September 5th.

Alma Golden, posted on the CCSAR team's Facebook page that "Our family is eternally grateful to Custer County SAR. Matt loved Westcliffe and all our amazing mountains. Thanks for your endurance, professionalism, tender and respectful care. Thanks for bringing back my precious son."

Texas Man Injured in Hunting Accident

by Cindy Howard

Custer County Search and Rescue responded to extract a Texas man from the Texas Creek trail #1350 on Monday, September 7th. James Woodfin, 76 of Midland Texas, who was hunting in the area, was seriously injured when the mule he was riding on fell, landing on top of him.

Woodfin's hunting partner reported that when he returned to camp near lunchtime, he found the mule there with the saddle inverted and then found Woodfin nearby. He was able to assist him into the tent and left on horseback to notify authorities. The fall occurred at approximately 7:30 in the morning and Woodfin reported it took him four hours to get back to camp.

CCSAR members were activated at 3:45 p.m. and additional field support from Fremont County SAR was requested shortly after. Rescuers obtained access to the Rainbow Trail via the Spread Eagle Pines subdivision, from which they accessed the trailhead. The hunting camp was located 3.6 miles above the trailhead, in heavy timber. Flight for



Custer and Fremont Counties Search and Rescue team members and Custer County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Middleton.

Courtesy photo

Life's Lifeguard 3 was able to land 1.1 miles below camp and their medical team hiked to the patient for treatment.

Ground teams were used to litter carry the man down to the landing zone, where the air ambulance was able to transport Mr. Woodfin out of the area at 1:15 on Tuesday morning. He was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo. All teams were back at the rescue barn by 3:30 a.m., when the mission concluded.

(Editor: For more info about CCSAR, and on becoming a team member, please visit www.custersar.org)

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school has 29 students with three spots reserved for students starting on September 1, 2015.

Secondary Principal Bard Jones talked about the upcoming Custer County NWEA MAP testing schedule and she discussed the Custer County 2015 ACT Profile Report. In her discussion of the ACT data she indicated the Custer County scores continue in a general sense to be “flat lined” from one year to the

next. This concerned her and she indicated a need to determine the “why” of this trend.

The Superintendent, Mr. Payler presented information and requests regarding the following topics: An OCR Data Collection Report update, Enrollment figure estimates, not indicated publically, Lightning procedures – policy or practice, Parking lot use during off hours – Non – liability disclosure signs will be posted in both parking lots, bus barn “hotspot” cost - \$50.00 per month, School Board, “Meet the Candi-

dates” proposal / ideas will move forward as done in previous years.

During the General Public Comments second half Ron Rodriguez made several statements regarding the continued lack of the Board in answering questions raised by the public. Specifically, he raised the issue of the FFA Chapter President removal last year.

He indicated the parents of the child appeared at the Board meeting asked several questions and to his knowledge did not ever receive an answer. Presi-

dent Gaide responded as Board spokesman indicating a response was sent to the parents from the Board. Mr. Rodriguez asked to be informed regarding that response. President Gaide indicated she did not think the parents would want the Board response made public. Mr. Rodriguez challenged her that the parents were present in a public meeting when they asked their question so the response from the Board should be public. President Gaide then said she did not remember the Board response.

Mr. Rodriguez also questioned the three - minute time limit for public comments. He felt the time limit does permit ample time for proper discussion of a topic. President Gaide then indicated Mr. Rodriguez time was up. He indicated he didn’t care he wanted an answer to his question. President Gaide then said, “what if we set the time at fifteen minutes per person and fifty people wanted to speak?” Mr. Rodriguez replied, “look around the room and when have we ever had fifty people who wished to speak. Don’t exaggerate.” Obviously now

disturbed President Gaide said more than once, “this is a meeting held in public, not a public meeting.” Mr. Rodriguez replied, “I am a tax payer and I have a right to speak. My tax dollars support this school. I care about what goes on here. In regard to Principal Jones comments regarding the “flat lined” ACT scores that is Common Core at work. I will not be told I cannot speak and I will keep coming back to these meetings. Thank you.”

Remember Homecoming is the next big event. Meeting adjourned.

Commentary on Board Meeting: “We are not a Failing District” Really?

by Larry Luikart,

The September 8, 2015 Custer County C-1 School Board meeting created two specific issues that must be addressed. Monty Lee, Vice-President challenged the Superintendent Mark Payler regarding the use of the word “turnaround” in a Strategic Plan Vision for the District. Mr. Lee stated his interpretation of the word indicated Custer County C-1 School District as a failing District. He said, “We are not a failing District.” While it is admirable Mr. Lee wishes to look at the District from the glass half - full rather than half empty concept his analysis of the District is many ways is incorrect. Secondary Principal Barb Jones discussed the “flat line” achievement of the students on the ACT test. This test, usually administered during the Junior year of High School, is in many ways the litmus test for competence in preparing students for success at the college level. Flat line scores over a long period of time are an indication of a District not getting better but stuck somewhere in neutral. Superintendent Payler is known for his ability to take underachieving (a fancy word for failing) districts and turning them around so they are (by measurable standards) successful. While some may think this is just an exercise in semantics I would disagree.

Our District, while desperately trying, is not successful in many categories. Mr. Payler is correct in saying this district needs to “turnaround.” Trying to soften the reality, as Mr. Lee suggests, by using kinder, gentler words does not change the reality.

President Gaide and Ron Rodriguez, (a concerned citizen) exchanged rather heated words over Mr. Rodriguez’s view the Board does not answer questions addressed to them.

He used, as an example, the FFA incident last year where the parents of the child involved publically asked for answers to their questions. He wanted a response from President Gaide regarding the incident. She indicated the Board responded to the parents and felt they would not want a reply made public. Mr. Rodriguez indicated the parents asked questions in public making the Board reply a public. President Gaide stated she could not remember the Board’s answer. Furthermore, Mr. Rodriguez believes (and I agree) the three minute time limit placed on the public by Board rule is too restrictive.

President Gaide responded, “what if we set the time limit at fifteen minutes and fifty people wanted to speak.” This answer was both condescending and untrue. I have attended most of the School Board meetings over the last two years and I have never seen more than a handful of citizens attending any meeting. President Gaide then attempted to stop the conversation by telling Mr. Rodriguez his time was up. An exchange between the two then ensued until President Gaide then said, “this is a meeting held in public and not a public meeting.” I found this comment both insulting and disgraceful.

It was also very disappointing not one other member of the Board made any comment regarding the concerns expressed by Mr. Rodriguez. I have worked

with some of these Board members on committees and I know they do not share Ms. Gaide’s opinion. They want more input from the public.

The Custer County C-1 School District is a PUBLIC entity. It is supported by the willingness of all the tax paying citizens in this County to support it. It is the responsibility of those citizens when they feel it necessary to address in public concerns they have regarding the operation of the District. The bunker mentality and the arrogant attitude exhibited by Ms. Gaide was not appropriate nor was it helpful. The fact remains our District needs to turnaround.

Rose colored glasses regarding the performance of our students and political correct language to avoid hurt feelings do nothing to solve the District issues. This Board has complained in the past regarding the lack of parent and citizen involvement. Insulting a concerned citizen with time limits and condescending language seems to me to be a poor way to ever get the very people desired involved in the District.

Unfortunately, in today’s world perception is reality. I would suggest this Board take some time to reflect on their perception in the community. They have done a tremendous job in the selection of the Interim Superintendent. It would be a shame to destroy that good choice by creating an environment for him in which he cannot be successful. I offer this old colloquial expression as an example, “make your words soft and sweet, because sooner or later you may find you have to eat them.”

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Local Mountain News & Notices

The Problem with Publicly Funded Private Corporations

by Paul Sage

The recent failure of the Custer County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) to take at least 100k of your tax money to pay for their private internet system on Main Street in Westcliffe brings to the forefront a number of problems with these kinds of ventures.

In general they are called Public Private Partnerships or PPPs. Essentially they are private entities that take tax money to accomplish some goal they claim to be in the best interest of the people whose money they are spending.

The CCEDC would like to become a PPP and has made its first

feeble attempt to do so by trying to get a measure on the November ballot to fund their corporation with tax money.

There are a number of problems with PPPs beyond the fact that they further strain the already overburdened taxpayers. The biggest problem is accountability. For example, searching information on the Custer County Economic Development Corporation, which this group presents themselves as, on the internet, reveals almost nothing beyond a small amount of facebook chatter about their internet system. The corporation has been represented as a 501-c-6.

Such organizations are not sub-

ject to the open meetings and records laws that any governmental agency is required to follow, nor are their finances audited.

There are numerous examples of the failure of such organizations. The most famous of these has become Wisconsin Governor and presidential candidate Scott Walker's Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. After studying it and numerous other state level PPPs, non-profit watchdog group Good Jobs First concluded in their report "Creating Scandals Instead of Jobs: The Failure of Privatized State Economic Development Agencies" that "the privatization of economic development agency functions

is an inherently corrupting action that states should avoid or repeal."

Commenting on the situation, Donald Cohen, Executive Director of In the Public Interest stated that "Public dollars should be controlled by accountable and transparent agencies, not handed off to private interests with looser standards and less oversight."

The *San Diego Union Tribune* looked into the local Southeastern Economic Development Corporation, which is, according to the newspaper, "The non-profit that guides redevelopment in 7.2 square miles east of downtown," with a \$20 million budget of taxpayer money.

An audit of the non-profit found things like the director increasing her own and her employees pay by close to \$900,000 over five years, \$156,680 spent on a party for the community, and nearly \$21,000 in restaurant and catering bills for the staff.

With the dismal record of fraud, corruption, and inefficiency in existing public private partnerships as the Custer County Economic Development Corporation proposes to become, it may pay to look at other options. If things like several blocks of free internet for tourists are desirable to the taxpayers here. Possibly they should work through existing channels to accomplish it.

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So Long But Not Goodbye

by Fred Hernandez

After twenty years of faithful service to Our Lord and the community of Westcliffe, Pastor Dan Dovidio has decided to move on in his work for the Kingdom of God.

As the pioneer pastor of Westcliffe Community Church Pastor Dan started in 1998 with two members in a home church. Today, Pastor Dan leaves town with a charming church of fifty regular members on Adams Avenue overlooking the picturesque valley and the breathtaking panorama of the Sangre de Cristo mountain range. A godly mission accomplished. Taking over is Pastor Brad Reinke who has been working closely with Pastor Dan at the Westcliffe Community Church for the past two years.

In the immediate future, Pastor Dan who has forty years of experience in religious ministry, will be leading a team of twenty-three members to the Philippines where they will be attending a three-day conference of pastors involving one hundred local clergy. The conference, sponsored by HarvestNet International will take place in the city of Oroquieta on the southern Philippine island of Mindanao. As a global representative for HarvestNet, Pastor Dan assists in identifying churches and pastors around the world who wish to be linked with



Pastor Dan Dovidio, of the Westcliffe Community Church.

Sentinel photo by Fred Hernandez

the international community. Churches with shared vision are strengthened when they form associations which help and promote each other in the task of bringing God's word to populations across the globe. HarvestNet provides resources from which pastors can draw and which helps them in each of their ministries. Some of these resources include but are not necessarily limited to the few enumerated here:

Training and education of pastors, children's ministry training, organizing prayer shields, and other prayer activities. Church planting and ministry schools are, in addition, offered to associates. Through other associated organizations such as Joshua Nation, a bible-training organization based in Denver, Colorado, which is in forty-four countries involving fifty languages and a hundred and forty-six students world wide,

Pastor Dan loves the community and finds it difficult to say goodbye. Already he

is anticipating how much he will miss the valley, the people, and their many, many friends. His consolation is knowing that he leaves the local church in good hands. Aside from ministering to the local flock, Pastor Reinke also works with other pastors and their wives and offers, free of charge, a program which brings them to this area where they can rest from their labors and build their marital relationships in accommodations provided by donors while enjoying the beauty of the area.

Pastor Dan who started out in Pennsylvania, and whose parents were missionaries in Scotland for several years and other areas in Europe, will be travelling to Asia and other places but has indicated that he will return to Westcliffe from time to time. "Not many people get to live in God's paradise, like this," he said and so its not goodbye. See you again soon. We wish Pastor Dan safe travels wherever he goes and may God bless him and his family always.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:10, NIV

Local Mountain News & Notices

Economic Development Corporation Stumbles Over Bad Planning

by Paul Sage

At the September 2nd meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, members of the Custer County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) came to make a last minute presentation to get a pair of initiatives on the November ballot in the county. The deadline for the approval of such measures being the close of business on September 4th, the 11th hour plea came just hours before the deadline.

Member of the CCEDC, Dale Mullen, blamed the timing snafu on recently retired Clerk and Recorder Debbie Livengood, who he claimed gave him the wrong information about the filing requirements, though he admitted to having the worksheet which outlined the process.

The first ballot measure would opt the county out of the provisions of state senate bill 05-152, which prevents municipal entities from providing certain services. Some of the things the law prohibits municipalities and counties from participating in are related to the provision of broadband internet services. The economic development

corporation was recently frustrated by the law in their efforts to install a small WI-FI system on Main Street in Westcliffe when the town and county would not participate in their project.

After a lively discussion among the commissioners and the fairly large crowd gathered, the commissioners voted to authorize the county attorney to get a properly worded ballot initiative to the county clerk before the September 4th deadline so that it can appear on the November ballot and the voters can decide if they want to opt out of the law.

If it is passed, the measure would allow, but not require the county to participate in the provision of these services. Passage of the measure would also provide no funding to do so even if they decided to participate in the process.

The second proposed ballot initiative, which called for a 1% sales and use tax increase on all county residents to support the economic development projects of the CCEDC, was dead long before it arrived. Such tax increase proposals have much more stringent

filing requirements and deadlines for additional things like review by the Secretary of State, which were not met.

Mr. Mullen again blamed former Clerk and Recorder Debbie Livengood for, in his opinion, not guiding him through the process properly.

Commissioners pointed out that the measure couldn't really have been considered anyway since it was poorly worded, non-specific, and vague. The measure provided for the collection of the tax money, but provided for no mechanism for it to be spent or even to be turned over to the CCEDC to spend at will

The measure died on the floor without any action by the commissioners.

During the meeting Mr. Mullen and Mr. Bogle presented no evidence of how their private internet system on six blocks of Main Street in Westcliffe, or any of the other barely mentioned economic development proposals would actually provide for any community benefit to the residents they propose to collect the money from.

Equine 'Strangles' Confirmed in Custer County

Equine strangles, caused by the bacterium *Streptococcus equi*, has been confirmed in Custer County. This highly contagious disease is one of the most common equine respiratory infections and continues to rank among the three most significant respiratory diseases of horses. The signs of equine strangles include fever, nasal discharge and depression, and abscesses can also develop around the head and neck. These abscesses can cause asphyxiation, however about 20% of the horses that

contract the disease usually develop serious symptoms.

Effective earlier this week, no horses are allowed at the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club until further notice.

There is a fact sheet with more information on the disease at <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/livestock/horses/facts/03-037.htm>.

If you have further questions, please contact the Extension office or your local vet.

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Joel 2:1, NIV

*A creative man is motivated
by the desire to achieve,
not by the desire to beat others.*

Ayn Rand

Local Mountain News & Notices

Library Outside The Box

The loud beating of drums you'll be hearing on Saturday afternoon will be coming from – believe it or not – librarians. The West Custer County Library is having an open drum circle in Jess Price Park. The event, "Feel the Beat," will be held on September 19th, at 2 p.m.

This event is part of a nationwide program called "Outside the Lines" designed to change the way people think about their local library. Libraries have changed drastically in recent years. But, while libraries have transformed into community hubs that help people dream, explore, learn and create, many outdated perceptions of libraries have remained: dusty old books, outdated facilities, and shushing.

"We want folks to let go of their old ideas about the library," said Library Director Amy Moulton. "This event is representative of what our library is all about: community and new learning experiences."

People of all ages can participate in the drum circle. If you don't have a drum, several will be available to try, but the library is encouraging those who have their own to bring them in order to have as many people drumming as possible.

For more information on "Feel the Beat," call Amy Moulton at 783-9138.

Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club Youth Mentorship Program

The Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club offers a once a month horseback riding experience for valley youth. The Youth Mentorship Program teaches kids ages 8 and up how to tack up and handle horses on the ground as well as basic riding skills. Youth are mentored by local saddle club members who provide their expertise and horses for the kids to ride. Elin Ganschow is the program director and has many years of experience riding and caring for horses at Music Meadows Ranch, her family-owned ranch in Westcliffe. The September Youth Mentorship gathering is scheduled for Sunday, September 13th, from 1-4 p.m. at Music Meadows Ranch located at 6076 CR 119, Westcliffe. For a map to Music Meadows Ranch, please go to www.musicmeadows.com. Parents must sign a program application and waiver. For questions, please contact Elin Ganschow at 783-2222.



Bobcat Homecoming Schedule

Thursday Oct 1:
Peach Fuzz Quarter & Semifinals:
7 p.m. - 9 p.m. East Gym
(Seniors vs. Fresh, Jr vs. Soph)

Friday Oct 2:
Varsity Volleyball: 10 a.m. East Gym
Peach Fuzz Championship following varsity volleyball game: East Gym
(Staff vs. Class winner)
Powder Puff following the conclusion of the Peach Fuzz Championship Football Field
Bonfire 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday Oct 3:
Parade starting at the Bluff to the East parking lot 10 a.m.
(Pep Rally to be held in the parking lot)
Tailgating 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. East Parking Lot
Varsity Football 1p.m.
Dance 9 p.m. - 12 p.m.

**Parade registration forms are in the high school office.*



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Bobcat Cross Country Takes on Beaver Creek Resort

by Coach Swartz

One of the best parts about cross country is the wide variety of places



Middle school boys receiving their hardware. L to R: Luke Canon, Elias Zellar, John Shepherd, Jeremiah Taylor.

Courtesy photo by Mary Walter

you get to see and run. This past weekend (9/5) was no exception for the Custer Country Cross Country teams. All four teams en-

dured the early morning and bus ride to run at the Husky Invitational in Avon, Colorado, at Beaver Creek Ski resort. With the course being deemed “the hardest in Colorado,” the Harriers were ready to put their high altitude training to the test.

The Lady Bobcats were once again led by freshman Kayla Carter placing 28th in 25:40 for the 5k on one of the hardest courses Coach Swartz has ever seen. Following Carter were seniors Katlyn Freeburg (76th) in 31:13 and Kayli Short (80th) in 32:14.

The boys also had a famil-

iar face at the front, Jerald Taylor placed 13th for the Bobcats in 20:10. Taylor said, “That is the first time in a long time he has finished a 5k in over 20 minutes.” A true testament to the course. Rounding out the scoring, five of the boys were freshman Dalton Wommack (84th) in 26:03, sophomore Michael Batson (91st) in 28:06, senior Wesley Kagan (92nd) in 28:18, and sophomore Scott Freeburg (100th) in 33:06. The boys placed 12th out of 13 teams at the invitational.

Joining the varsity team at this meet were the middle

school girls and boys cross country runners. Their course had a similar start but finished in just a 3k. This was their first meet of the season and they did not disappoint. For the girls Kylie Carter finished 16th in 17:31 and Kyleigh Martin (24th) in 19:13. As for the boys, they were looking to prove their fitness and they did. The middle school boys were led by Luke Canon taking 1st place in a time of 12:26. Not far behind for 4th was Elias Zellar in 13:19. Rounding out the scoring was John Shepherd (9th) in 14:22, Jeremiah Taylor (13th) in 15:30,

and Harrison Walter (43rd) in 21:39. The boys would go on to take 2nd place as a team.

The varsity will run on September 11th at Heritage High School which is a fast course in Denver, while the middle school teams are off until 9/19 in Pueblo.

Don’t forget about the Mile and a Half High Invitational at St. Andrews on September 26th. Meet starts at 10 a.m. and includes a community 5k in the afternoon. Coach Swartz is looking for volunteers so please feel free to email him at john.swartz@ccbobcats.net.



What the Brooks Booster Grant Looks Like... Out of the Box

A few weeks ago, we told you about a \$14,000 grant that the Bobcats Cross Country team had received from the Brooks Booster Club. Here are the 30 uniforms, warmup outfits, trainers, and spiked running shoes that the team received, along with some cash to be used during the year for expenses and other equipment. Congratulations, Bobcats!

Courtesy photo

Bobcats Volleyball

By Coach Greg Cravens

The CCHS Bobcats volleyball team came up against a very good Sanford Indians team on Saturday. The Bobcats lost in straight sets, 22-25, 22-25, and 19-25.

The team played very hard and the fans appreciated the hard work the team showed. The Bobcats were led by Emily Crossley who had 6 kills and had a .208 hitting

efficiency. Sarah Gerring served 5 aces and Tish Schlabach led the defensive with 37 digs. Serenity Ham finished the match with 16 assists.

The Bobcats are still working on getting better on offense and playing as a team. Coach Cravens sees the girls working hard in practice and feels confident that wins are on the horizon. “The team continues

to improving every practice but is very error prone right now. If we continue to work hard during practice and execute on the weekends, we will be a much better team in October.”

The team is off to their first road match on Saturday, September 12th, to play Sargent and Center at Center High School. The matches will start at 3:00 p.m.

Bobcats Sport Schedule

VOLLEYBALL	CROSS COUNTRY	VARSITY FOOTBALL
Saturday, September 12 3 p.m.: Center/Sargent AWAY at Center	Saturday, September 19 9 a.m.: Pueblo Central AWAY	Friday, September 11 3 p.m.: Sangre de Cristo AWAY
Thursday, September 17 5:30 p.m.: Cotopaxi AWAY	Saturday, September 26 10 a.m.: Mile & a Half High Invitational (HS/MS) at HOME	Friday, September 18 7 p.m.: Swink AWAY
Saturday, September 19 10 a.m.: Cripple Creek at HOME		Saturday, September 26 1 p.m.: Fowler at HOME



Bobcat Menu • Sept. 14 - Sept. 17, 2015

Monday Breakfast
Waffles
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Milk
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Chili w/ Crackers
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Tuesday Breakfast
Blueberry/Banana Muffin Loaves
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Turkey/Cheese Wrap
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Wednesday Breakfast
Scrambled Eggs
English Muffin
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Mac 'n' Cheese
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Thursday Breakfast
Sausage Gravy
W.G. Biscuit
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Ground Beef & Mac
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Thursday
No School for K-5th

Elementary: Main Dish, Bread, Milk, and Choice of 1 Veg. & 1 Fruit
Middle & High: Main Dish, Bread, Milk and Choice of 1 Veg. & 1 Fruit
Middle & High: Salad Bar

KIDS

Friday, September 11, 2015

Louie Armstrong

Born on August 4, 1901 in New Orleans, Louisiana, the birthplace of Jazz, Louis Armstrong Jr began life in a very poor family. From early childhood he had to work to support the family. His musical talents were evident even at an early stage and he made his little bit of money singing on the streets of New Orleans with other children. He grew up to become an international ambassador of music performing all over the world. He had an infectious grin and a unique gravelly voice that put him apart from other performers.

There are many stories about Louie Armstrong and how he got the nickname “Satchmo”. It is said that the word comes from a contraction of the words “satchel mouth” because of Louie’s large lips. There is another story which, while unconfirmed, has a much nicer, gentler lilt.

Abandoned by the father in a poor area of New Orleans known as “back of town” Louie fended for himself in the streets, singing and surviving as best he could. A Jewish family, immigrants from Lithuania, Karnofsky’s, offered him shelter in their home. In exchange for work around the house he had a place to sleep and the family treated him with kindness and tenderness. In fact the mother would sing to him Russian and Jewish lullaby’s at bedtime. Later on he was adopted and the family, taking note of his musical abilities, gave him the money to buy his first musical instrument.

Louie played in many bands until he formed his own. He traveled the world dishing out his own rendition of popular music both instrumentally and in song.

His style had a singular quality that made him much loved and very successful.

Because of his time with his adopted family Louie wore the Star of David around his neck and he could speak fluent Yiddish. In fact, it is said, “Satchmo” is Yiddish for big cheeks.

Louie Armstrong, Jr. died July 6, 1971 at age 71. He had made his permanent mark on the universe of he made his mark on the universe of music.

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COMBINED NOTICE -
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FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 11-15**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On July 7, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.

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Date of Deed of Trust: June 10, 2009

County of Recording: Custer

Recording Date of Deed of Trust: June 24, 2009

Recording Information (Reception No. and /or Book/

Page No.): 212791 Book: 632 Page: 232

Original Principal Amount: \$248,592.00

Outstanding Principal Balance: \$228,209.59

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

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

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

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

Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 07/07/2015

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

By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee



The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
McCarthy & Holthus, LLP C/O Holly Shilliday, 7700 E. Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122
Attorney File # CO-15-674498-JS

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL
ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF
APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF
TREASURER'S DEED 2012263**

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to

VICTORIA D ZAPATA
CUERNO VERDE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 16th day of November A.D. 2012, the then County Treasurer of the County of Custer, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to The Control Group Inc & Allen Murphy, the following described real estate situate in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 19, BLOCK 17, FILING 3 CUERNO VERDE PINES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to The Control Group Inc & Allen Murphy;

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2011;

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Victoria D Zapata for said year 2011;

That said The Control Group Inc & Allen Mur-

phy, on the 24th day of August, 2015, the present holder of said certificate, (who) has made a request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said The Control Group Inc & Allen Murphy at 10:00 o'clock AM., on the 14th day of January, A.D. 2016, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this 8th day of September, A.D. 2015.

Suzanne Coleman
Custer County Deputy Treasurer
For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer
1st Publication Date: September 11, 2015
Final Publication Date: September 25, 2015
Sangre de Cristo Sentinel
Westcliffe, Colorado

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Tentative Agenda
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015
9:00 AM
Meeting Location:
Wetmore Fire Station**

Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Audience introduction
Approval of minutes
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
Wetmore Community Center/Library Project

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

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**2016
Wet Mountain Valley
Saddle Club
Royalty Court**

*Open to girls ages 9-19,
must be a Saddle Club member*

**Practice and Info sessions:
Sunday, Sept 13th & 27th, 1 p.m.**

Pageant: Sunday, Oct 4th, 1 p.m.

All events occur at the saddle club/rodeo grounds. Anyone interested should contact Stephanie ASAP at royalty.wmvsc@gmail.com or 719-371-7994 for details and to get your info packet!

Local Mountain News & Notices

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The Sheriff said that four growers were arrested in Custer County and four in Fremont. Surprisingly no guns were discovered in the Custer County raids, but 28 firearms were confiscated in the Fremont County raids.) An entry explosive was used at one Custer County grow to breach the door as the growers would not open the door. He also stated that the gang's headquarters was in Florida and that the gang had a "heavy Cuban influence". The alleged gang leader was arrested at a Florida airport waiting to board a plane headed for Mexico. Out of the 20 indictments, 17 arrests were made. It was uncertain at this point whether this Florida gang was related to any South American cartel operation.

The federal authorities are in the process of seizing possession (drug forfeiture) of all the properties involved except for the one on Little Bear in Custer County that was rented by the gang (the out-of-state

owners did not know of the illegal activity). The Sheriff also said that there was no evidence, at least at this time, that the SilverWest Airport was being used to fly the pot out of the county.

The three properties raided in Custer County were: 1089 C.R. 310, 630 Piper Circle, and 207 Little Bear. All the Custer County deputies were involved (except two who covered the rest of the county) and five Custer County Posse members also were involved. The deputies and posse members provided perimeter control and assisted in the arresting and transporting of the defendants to the Fremont County jail. The suspects were subsequently transported to a federal detention center in Denver.

The fact that the feds were leading the operation and obtained the federal indictments was a plus in the speed of the operation. The Sheriff indicated that the indictments included federal interstate transportation of marijuana counts and all defendants will be charged with a special federal law that covers illegal opera-

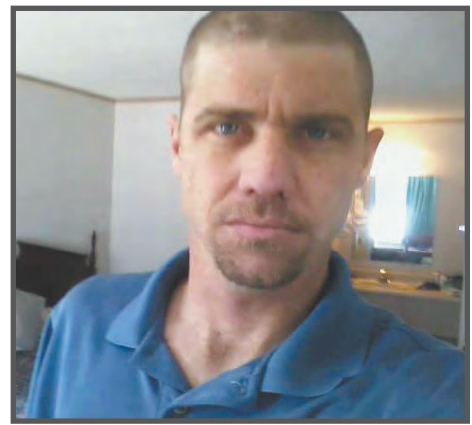
tions with more than 1,000 plants which yields a minimum ten year federal jail term. He also remarked that it would have taken longer to obtain arrests if only Colorado law was used but he would have pursued it to its conclusion.

The federal authorities brought in a national known chemist who took a sample of every pot plant seized and each sample will be tested to verify its authenticity. Each pot plant was individually photographed before they were destroyed in the steel mill furnace in Pueblo. The Sheriff stated that the feds informed him that the 1,000 plant threshold was met between the eight raided grows.

"This operation is a good reflection on what people can expect in the future regarding illegal marijuana grows in the near future," the Sheriff said. And in a direct warning to these criminals invading Colorado, the Sheriff said, "If you're in Colorado to traffic or sell pot illegally, your actions will not be ignored. We will be coming after you."

Obituary Phillips, Brian Kelly

Brian Kelly Phillips, 39, of Westcliffe, Colorado was born May 25, 1976 in Duncan, Oklahoma and passed away at his home on September 5, 2015 in Westcliffe after a lengthy battle with alcoholism and diabetes. Brian attended high school in Lamar, Colorado and to this day has many friends that still reside there. Brian lived in many different places during his life; such as Maui, Hawaii; Branson, Missouri; and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He never settled down in any one place for very long, before moving on to the next adventure. Brian made friends easily no matter where his travels took him, many of whom he remained in contact with until his death. He was an avid football fan, and you seldom saw him without a ball cap on his head featuring one of his two favorite teams: the San Francisco 49'ers, or the Kansas City Chiefs. Brian also enjoyed NASCAR auto racing and was a diehard Dale Earnhardt Jr. fan. He is preceded in death by his grandmother Doris J. McFarlin and his father Richard G.D. Phillips. He leaves behind his sixteen year-old daughter Ashton Phillips; mother Mary Kelley; step-father Kurt Kelley; younger sister Shelley Rudolph; brother-in-law Erik Rudolph; and older brother Gary Phillips; as well as his,



younger half -brother Michael Kelley; and youngest half-sister Kaela Williams. Brian also leaves behind many cherished friends and a score of relatives he never got the chance to know. Brian's body will be cremated by All-States Cremation in Denver and a memorial will be held on September 19th at 4 p.m. at Brian's place of employment. The name of the establishment is Nachos Mama's and is located at 404 Main St. in Silver Cliff, Colorado. Those wishing to attend are encouraged to bring a picture of Brian and a memory of him to share for Brian's memory book. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking those interested to make a small donation to help cover Brian's final expenses. Donations can be made at gofundme.com/briansfuneralexps.



Only the massively mental defective can be so blatantly stupid and ignorant as to not understand that the Second Amendment's Right to Bear Arms is there to protect ALL THE OTHER RIGHTS afforded YOU in the Constitution. Lose that one right and YOU lose them all. It is the hinge pin upon which the Constitution and YOUR Freedom has survived. They are truly the arrogant elitist's "Useful Idiots".

Anonymous

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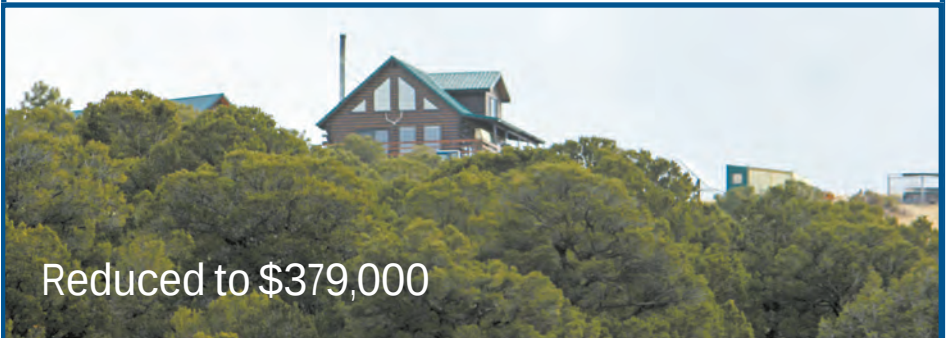
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Possible owner financing on the 35 acre lot.

\$379,000.00



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\$249,900.00

Custer County Bobcat Cross Country & Volleyball Teams

Prepare for 2015 Season



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Classifieds

Book Fair

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.:
BOOK FAIR,
September 19 & 20, at his-
toric “Westcliff” School-
house. For info and book
donations, call Marci at
783-2289. Proceeds
go to preservation of
schoolhouse.

For Sale

WINCHESTER 410
SHOTGUN MODEL 42
SKEET 1952. NRA EX-
CELLENT. MUST SEE
TO BELIEVE. CONTACT
ON-MARK ARMS, 113
MILL STREET, SILVER-
CLIFF, 719-371-3158, or
CALL STEVE WOODS
719-783-0936, 6 a.m. to
4 p.m., 7 days. PRICE
\$1,800.

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

Hay

Wetmore barn-stored alfal-
fa/grass hay. \$6.50/bale.
(719) 783-2265

Help Wanted

Communications Dispatcher

Hourly \$11.00

Applications must be sub-
mitted by September 18th.
The Custer County Sher-
iff’s Office is accepting
applications for a full time
Communications Dis-
patcher. This position is a
full time position with ben-
efits. All applicants must:
be able to pass a back-
ground check, work shift
work, work holidays, be
flexible with shifts, age 21
or over, no felony convic-
tions, must be able to learn
computer applications.
A dispatcher with the
Custer County Sheriff’s
Office has many duties.
A dispatcher for this of-
fice is responsible for the
dispatching, communica-
tions and safety for the fol-
lowing county personnel:

Sheriff Department (Depu-
ties, Jail Staff, Posse Mem-
bers & Search and Res-
cue), Medical (Ambulance
Corp, Clinic Staff, Flight
for Life), Fire Department,
the County Coroner and
Division of Wildlife. A
dispatcher will also be re-
quired at times to monitor
and communicate with Na-
tional Law and the Custer
County Road and Bridge
radio traffic.

Please pick up applications
at the Sheriff’s Office, 702
Rosita Ave, Westcliffe, CO
81252. Questions please
call or email Undersheriff
Chris Barr cbarr@custer-
countygov.com 719-783-
2270

The Town of Westcliffe is
looking to fill a part time
Building Inspector/Zon-
ing Officer position. The
primary responsibilities
will be to perform a var-
iety of duties including
plan reviews, building in-
spections, enforce Town of
Westcliffe’s Title 10 Land

Use, Ordinances and other
associated tasks. Duties
will be performed under
the supervision and help
of the present Building
Inspector/Zoning Officer
for a period of three (3)
months. Duties will also
be performed und the su-
pervision of the Board of
Trustees and coordinated
with the Town Clerk. Ex-
perience in the construc-
tion industry, customer ser-
vice, computer utilization
and knowledge of local
codes and conditions are a
necessity. A minimum of
a ten (10) years experience
in construction and five (5)
years supervisory position
in the construction field is
required. Successful ap-
plicant will be required to
pass a pre-employment
drug and alcohol test and
obtain necessary certifi-
cations within one year of
employment at their own
expense. No benefits. Sal-
ary will be commensurate
to level of experience and
certification.

Applications and the job
description can be picked

up at the Westcliffe Town
Hall, and must be returned
by September 25, 2015.
The Town of Westcliffe is
an equal opportunity em-
ployer.

Lost

Brush hog wheel and
yoke. CR 271 about mile
2. Reward. Phone Robin
at 783-9680.

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Please call Art Nordyke
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Call
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to place
your ad.

Please call 719-783-3360 or email sdc.sentinel@gmail.com to place your ad.
The deadline for getting your information into the Classifieds is Monday at 5 p.m. for that week’s edition.



Come and Worship



Christian Science
9:30 a.m. Worship
8 Bassick Place
Westcliffe

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

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

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

**Cody Park
Community Church**
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Mtg.
Wednesday, 7 p.m., Bible Study
157 County Rd. 27A
Cotopaxi
719/942-3462
719/942-3526

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Sangre de Cristo
Fellowship**
Sundays, 10 a.m. Meet and Greet
Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Service
Sunday School & Prayer Mtg to
Resume in the Fall
120 Jerry Court
Westcliffe
719/783-0903



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

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

St. Patrick’s Anglican Church
11 a.m. Worship
401 South Second Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2500

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

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

Wetmore Baptist Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
Wetmore
719/371-1230

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

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

Events Calendar

Saturday, September 12

8:30 a.m.: Eagles Summit Ranch motorcycle benefit
ride starting at Pikes Peak Harley Davidson in Colo-
rado Springs.

Sunday, September 13

10:45 a.m.: Wetmore Baptist Church celebrates 35th
Anniversary

Wednesday, September 16

9 a.m.: BOCC meeting in Wetmore

Thursday, September 17

10 a.m.: Airport Advisory Meeting

Friday, September 18

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Camp Happiness at West Custer
County Library. Geared for kids ages 0-6, but all ages
are welcome. More info, call (719) 783-9138.

Saturday, September 19

7 a.m.: Fly-in and breakfast at the Fremont County
Airport Airshow/Open House, Cañon City. Car show
and aircraft display. Noon: Airshow

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.: BOOK FAIR at Historic “Westcliff”
Schoolhouse. For info call Marci at 783-2289.

Sunday, September 20:

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.: BOOK FAIR at Historic “Westcliff”
Schoolhouse. For info call Marci at 783-2289.

1 p.m. - 4p.m.: Custer County Chamber of Commerce
fundraiser, “Not Just a Little Black Dress,” Fashion
Show & Silent Auction at A Painted View Ranch; (*see
ad page 7*)

Monday, September 28 – October 1

HOMECOMING WEEK (*see page 8 for details*)

Saturday, October 3

9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.: “Just Gals Conference” at Eagles
Summit Ranch; \$35 includes lunch; pay at the door.
Deadline for registration is September 21. Call (719)
783-9729 or justgalsconference@gmail.com

Sunday, October 4

2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.: National Life Chain at the school
parking lot to pray silently for the unborn. More info,
call Pat Schulze (719) 783-2265.

Recurring Events and Business Hours

Monday

6 p.m.: Closed step study Alcoholics Anonymous at St.
Luke’s Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-
2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emilie at (719) 371-5974

Monday through Friday

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

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

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

Monday and Thursday

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in
Silver Cliff assisting new mothers and families. Free
pregnancy tests, ultrasound, counseling, and more. Call
783-4357

Tuesday

12 - 4:30 p.m.: Bridge Club meets in the library commu-
nity room in downtown Westcliffe.

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.: Jammin’ band at The Mining Company
Restaurant in Silver Cliff

First Tuesday of the Month:

6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes - American Legion Post 170
monthly meeting

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

Tuesday through Friday

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

Wednesday

9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Line dancers meet at the Saddle
Club. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370

6 p.m.: Closed Big Book study Alcoholics Anonymous meet-
ing at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at
783-2053 or (360) 509-9172, or Emilie at (719) 371-5974
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Custer County Community Band practice
in band room at high school

Thursday

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

Fridays and Saturdays

1 - 4 p.m.: Custer County Community Sharing Center,
Inc., 120 North Third St. (formerly Schlabach’s Market)

Friday

6 p.m.: Open discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or
(360) 509-9172 or Emilie (719) 371-5974

Saturday

10 a.m.: Wet Mountain Al-Anon Family Group
meets at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 201 Third
St.; Call Dee (719) 404-1851 or Jean (719)
371-1229

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: West Custer County Library open
in Westcliffe

Local Mountain News & Notices

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 154 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 15 to EMS, and 3 to the Fire Dept. As of September 8th, there were 4 males and 3 females in the county jail.

09/02/15 2015-06160
0206 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Little Horn Drive in Silver Cliff Heights for a noise disturbance.

09/02/15 15-0654
0757 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Butler Street to investigate a criminal mischief complaint. Dustin Mattott (DOB in 1982) was arrested for domestic violence and criminal mischief. Mattott attempted to harm himself on scene and again in the deputy's vehicle. EMS was dispatched to the Sheriff's Office and the subject was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

09/02/15 2015-06164
1019 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to Butler Street for a female suffering from severe abdominal pain. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital.

09/02/15 2015-06167
1223 hours: A deputy and EMS were dispatched to Bluff Circle for a female who had fallen in her home. The patient was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital.

09/02/15 2015-06173
1737 hours: A deputy served civil papers to a party on Chinook Circle in Bull Domingo Ranch.

09/02/15 15-0621
1814 hours: A deputy issued two summons to Alisha Boss (DOB in 1984) of Silver Cliff for a violation of a Silver Cliff town ordinance and the unlawful ownership of a dangerous dog.

09/02/15 15-0656
2134 hours: Alyssa Munck (DOB in 1993) of Lawrenceville, GA was issued a summons for speeding, 10-19 over, on 2nd Street in Westcliffe.

09/02/15 15-0657
2201 hours: Michael Patton (DOB in 1989) of Westcliffe was issued a summons for failure to remain in designated lane and failure to present proof of insurance, on Hwy 96.

09/03/15 Deer Mtn. EMS
0254 hours: The Custer County Sheriff's Office dispatched Deer Mountain EMS to Hwy 50 in Coaldale in response to a Lifeline Medical Alert.

09/03/15 15-0658
0908 hours: A deputy was dispatched to the Westcliffe Inn to investigate a reported hit and run accident.

09/03/15 15-0660

0943 hours: The Custer County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call reporting a hiker fell in the area of Crestone Peak. Another caller reported hearing a rock slide and someone calling out to call 911. Custer County Search and Rescue responded and located the party who was with the fallen hiker. They advised SAR the hiker had passed away. SAR mobilized to recover the body of the deceased.

09/03/15 15-0659
1114 hours / CR 255 MM 4 / Traffic Summons: Jill Tomassoni (DOB in 1977) of Westcliffe was issued a summons for speeding, 10-19 over, and displaying an expired license plate.

09/03/15 2015-06214
1451 hours: The Sheriff's Office received a report of four horses walking down the middle of Hwy 165. The owner was located and the horses were retrieved.

09/03/15 2016-06219
1737 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Hwy 69N for a report of livestock on the road.

09/03/15 2015-06224
2258 hours: A deputy was dispatched to JR's Fuel on Hwy 69S to investigate a noise disturbance.

09/04/15
0710 hours: A party came into the Sheriff's Office to submit a written statement. The statement alleged the reporting party's minor daughter was touched inappropriately by an adult male. The matter is under investigation.

09/04/15 2015-06229
1044 hours: The Custer County Sheriff's Office dispatched Deer Mountain EMS to a two vehicle accident on Hwy 50, MM 257.

09/04/15 2015-06230
1046 hours: The Custer County Sheriff's Office dispatched Deer Mountain Fire to a two vehicle accident on Hwy 50, MM 257.

09/04/15 2015-06227
1119 hours: A deputy was dispatched to CR 198 in Hillside to conduct a VIN inspection of an RV that was purchased out of state.

09/04/15 2015-06231
1126 hours: The Wet Mountain Fire Department was dispatched to the Custer County Search and Rescue building to establish a landing zone for Flight for Life.

09/04/15 2015-06232
1149 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to the Custer County School football field for a male with a possible broken arm.

09/04/15 2015-06228
1215 hours: A deputy was

dispatched to Excelsior Road in Silver Cliff Ranch for a house watch patrol.

09/04/15 15-0663
1334 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Bishop's Castle on Hwy 165 to investigate a report of a vehicle break-in.

09/04/15 15-0664
1358 hours: A deputy was dispatched to South Street in Silver Cliff to investigate the theft of a BBQ grill.

09/04/15 2015-06237
1440 hours: EMS was dispatched to the Custer County Clinic for a male who had rolled his ATV, while a deputy was dispatched to the scene of the accident.

09/04/15 15-0665
1505 hours: The Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from a party reporting he saw a male and female park their vehicle in the driveway of the house on Piper Circle that had been raided for illegally growing marijuana. He then saw the subjects exit the house and drive away. The caller provided a description of the vehicle and the license plate number. This information was dispatched to a deputy in the area who intercepted the vehicle at approximately MM 58 on Hwy 69S. Christopher Williams (DOB in 1983), of Cotopaxi, was issued a summons for Third Degree Criminal Trespass.

09/05/15 15-0667
0111 hours: A deputy, while out on patrol, observed three male individuals fighting on Main Street in Westcliffe. The deputy engaged the combatants to break up the fight, at which point another Sheriff's unit arrived on scene. Arron Jones (DOB in 1991) of Westcliffe was issued a summons for disorderly conduct.

09/05/15 2015-06264
0708 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to North Adams Boulevard for a male suffering from an uncontrollable nose bleed. The patient refused transport.

09/05/15 2015-06265
0828 hours: A deputy and EMS were dispatched to the parking lot of the Custer County Clinic to meet a vehicle bringing in a female who had passed out. The parent's of the patient refused transport.

09/05/15 2015-06267
0909 hours: The Custer County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call reporting smoke in the area of Falling Rock Road and Cody Park Road in Fremont County. The Deer Mountain Fire Department was dispatched to investigate the report.

09/05/15 2015-06269
1048 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to the Custer County Clinic for a female who was unresponsive. The patient was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital.

09/05/15 15-0668
1153 hours: A deputy was dispatched to First Street in Silver Cliff to investigate a report of criminal mischief.

09/05/15 2015-06273
1243: A deputy and EMS were on stand-by at the Custer County High School football game.

09/05/15 2015-06276
1358 hours: A deputy and EMS were dispatched to Ohio Street in Silver Cliff for female who fell off of a ladder. The patient was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital.

09/05/15 15-0669
1556 hours: A deputy and EMS were dispatched to Ohio Street in Silver Cliff for a unresponsive male in his late 30s to early 40s. It appeared the individual passed away in his sleep.

09/05/15 15-0670
1625 hours / CR 241 MM 2 / Traffic Summons: Eric Pipkin (DOB in 1979) of Oklahoma City, OK was issued a summons for speeding, 10-19 over.

09/05/15 15-0671
1632 hours / CR 241 MM 2 / Traffic Summons: Paul Rothwell (DOB in 1948) of Yukon, OK was issued a summons for speeding, 10-19 over.

09/05/15 2015-06284
1658 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Dilley Lane in Silver Cliff Heights to investigate a harassment complaint.

09/05/15 2015-06290
1915 hours: The Sheriff's Office received a call to alert EMS that a vehicle was inbound to EMS headquarters with a male choking. No other details were provided. The patient refused transport.

09/05/15 15-0672
2121 hours / Hwy 69S MM 56 / Traffic Summons: Gerald McMullen (DOB in 1955) of Kingfisher, OK was issued a summons for speeding, 10-19 over.

09/05/15 2015-06300
2246 hours: A deputy was dispatched to a home on Hwy 165 to investigate a residential alarm.

09/05/15 15-0673
2312 hours: The Sheriff's Office received a 911 call reporting an intoxicated individual was attempting to break into a residence on Lea Lane. A deputy was dispatched to the location. The subject, Arron Jones (DOB in 1991) of Westcliffe, was arrested and taken into custody.

09/06/15 2015-06305

0328 hours: A deputy was dispatched to N. Adams Blvd. to investigate a report of a verbal disturbance.

09/06/15 15-0676
0920 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Wild Bill Blvd. in Bull Domingo to meet with a party who reported finding a white powder substance in wax paper while out walking her dog. The item in question was found at the intersection of Red Mountain Trail and Acorn Road in Fremont County. The substance, which was subsequently field tested at the Custer County Sheriff's Office, tested positive for heroin.

09/06/15 2015-06310
1052 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Vista Drive in Lake DeWeese to investigate a report of juveniles shooting a small caliber firearm. The deputy was unable to locate the subjects in question.

09/06/15 15-0677
1142 hours: A deputy, the Wet Mountain Fire Department, and EMS were dispatched to CR 119 for a single vehicle rollover. The pickup truck caught on fire, exploded, and also started a small grass fire adjacent to the scene of the accident. The driver and passenger of the vehicle were assessed by EMS and refused transport to the hospital.

09/06/15 2015-06313
1206 hours: A deputy investigated a report of someone shooting a firearm in the vicinity of the Horn Creek trailhead. The deputy was unable to locate the subject in question.

09/06/15 2015-06317
1344 hours: A deputy, the Wet Mountain Fire Department, and EMS were dispatched to Hwy 96 MM 18.5 for a motorcycle accident. The motorcyclist was transported to a hospital in Pueblo.

09/06/15 2015-06323
1753 hours: The Custer County Sheriff's Office dispatched Deer Mountain EMS to 16th Trail in Cotopaxi for a male having an allergic reaction.

09/06/15 15-0680
1854 hours: The Custer County Sheriff's Office received a report of a male, with a pre-existing medical condition, had gone mountain biking at approximately 1:30 pm and not yet returned. Custer County Search and Rescue was notified of a potential mission at 7:22 pm. A deputy made contact with the subject at 7:42 pm and stood down Search and Rescue. The individual did not require medical treatment.

09/06/15 2015-06327

1913 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to the Cuter County Sheriff's Office to examine an inmate with an injured foot. The patient refused transport.

09/06/15 2015-06331
2015 hours / Agency Assist: The Custer County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from an agitated female stating she was being held hostage. The dispatcher was able to locate the approximate location of the origin of the call and relayed the information to Huerfano County dispatch.

09/06/15 15-0679
2150 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Hwy 96 in Wetmore in response to a possible runaway. The subject, a female minor, was last seen around 6:30 that evening. The individual was located in Florence and transported back to her home. The minor was issued a summons for the illegal possession of ethyl alcohol and marijuana by an underage person.

09/07/15 2015-06338
0915 hours: A deputy was out at the 400 block of 6th Street in Westcliffe for traffic control during the 6th Annual Custer County Cares About Cancer Walk.

09/07/15 2015-06340
1122 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to Nez Perce Trail in Cuerno Verde Pines for a female experiencing hypertension and tightness in her chest. The patient was transported to a Hospital in Pueblo.

09/07/15 2015-06342
1326 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Butler Street in Silver Cliff for a civil standby.

09/07/15 2015-06343
1328 hours: The Custer County Sheriff's Office dispatched Deer Mountain EMS to 25th Trail in Cotopaxi for a male having difficulty breathing.

09/07/15 2015-06346
1718 hours: The Sheriff's Office activated Custer County Search and Rescue for a 76 year old male who was injured when his mule rolled on him. The patient was airlifted to a hospital in Pueblo by Flight for Life.

09/07/15 15-0682
1736 hours: A deputy was dispatched to CR 328 to investigate a harassment complaint.

09/07/15 15-0683
1744 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Hwy 96 in Wetmore to investigate a report of a minor who left home with approximately \$600 of the family's property. The juvenile, who has a history of running away, is being considered a missing person.

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DEA-Led Multi-Agency Task Force Takes Large Marijuana Grow Operation by Surprise

by Barbara Penezic

A major raid on illegal growers in the Deer Mountain area of Western Fremont County and Westcliffe in Custer County has residents saying a heart-felt ‘THANK YOU AND WELL DONE,’ to law enforcement for an operation that was masterfully coordinated and professionally conducted.

“I knew something was up when I was awakened around 5:30 a.m. by the sound of choppers,” a local Cotopaxi resident said, “at least one was a ‘black hawk’ and I could see a Penske truck and multiple trucks in the area. This has been a long time coming and I couldn’t be more pleased, I just dropped to my knees right there on the step and asked God’s protection for our cops in harm’s way.” Another lady had this to say, “I guess the growers heard the noise and knew something was afoot, from my house I saw two of them come running out straight into the waiting

arms of the police, it was better than the movies. We are all just so thankful.”

According to a Department of Justice news release the DEA-led special agents, task force officers, and other members of law enforcement, including the Sheriffs’ Offices of Custer and Fremont Counties, executed eight search and arrest warrants in and around the towns of Cotopaxi and Westcliffe, Colorado. As a result of the search warrants, over 1,000 marijuana plants were found, as were approximately 50 pounds of dried marijuana, 28 firearms (13 rifles, 8 shotguns, and 7 handguns), and over \$25,000 in cash. In addition to the seizures, a superseding indictment was obtained that charged 20 individuals with conspiracy and marijuana trafficking. Of the 20 defendants charged, 17 are in custody. The remaining defendants are fugitives. The defendants face a variety of charges and could face penalties of not less than

ten years, and up to life in prison.

The Sheriffs of Fremont and Custer Counties were invaluable during the investigation and during the execution of the warrants. Many complaints had been received by law enforcement and elected officials, as the investigation is on-going, additional arrests are possible. U.S. Attorney John Walsh said, “This heavily armed, rogue, drug trafficking organization was transporting a substantial amount of marijuana to people outside Colorado, and the drug traffickers were making a large profit in return.” DEA Denver Division Special Agent in Charge, Barbara Roach, added, “Colorado’s permissive marijuana policies and laws continue to be exploited by large scale marijuana trafficking organizations, who are establishing their marijuana grow operations in Colorado to support their nationwide marijuana distribution network.”

Custer County Sheriff

Shannon K. Byerly extended his appreciation to the U.S. Attorney’s Office, DEA, Fremont County Sheriff’s Office, Pueblo County Sheriff’s Office, and Pueblo Police Department, “Their help was critical in conducting this without incident.” Byerly also recognized the men and women of the Custer County Sheriff’s Office who contributed to this mission. “This was an important step to gain control over the illegal production and sales of marijuana in our area and we will continue to investigate those attempting to take advantage of the marijuana laws in Colorado. Our communities earned an important victory today.” Fremont County Undersheriff Ty Martin added, “Because of the negative impact illegal drug trafficking has on our communities, we are very appreciative of the superb relationships that have been fostered between the federal agencies and all the local agencies involved. With this cooperative effort, we

have come together to address a mutual problem.”

The following agencies were involved in the execution of the search warrants and arrest warrants: DEA, IRS Criminal Investigation, ATF, Immigration and Customs Enforcements (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations, (HSI), U.S. Marshall Service, the El Paso County Sheriff’s Department, the Pueblo County Sheriff’s Department, the Pueblo Police Department, the Fremont County Sheriff’s Department, the Florence Police Department, the Colorado State Patrol, the Douglas County Sheriff’s Department, and the Custer County Sheriff’s Department. The defendants will be prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Zachary Phillips. According to the media release the charges are allegations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Be Informed

Get Involved

Fremont County Air Show Coming Soon

by Charlotte Burrous

The show will take place from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. September 19th at the Fremont County Airport. The event kicks off with the Penrose Volunteer Fire Department firefighters preparing a pancake breakfast from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. in one of the hangars.

“We have a number of attractions and booths,” said Fremont County Airport Advisory Board member Jim Woolworth. “We (also have) food (besides) the breakfast. We’re on the same weekend as Pioneer Day (festival in Florence).” As part of the festivities, the group has arranged for a free shuttle to transport people from Pioneer Park to the airport every 30 minutes from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. “Along with the air show, we’re going to have classic cars (and aircraft) out on the ramp (from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.),” Woolworth said. “We have three helicopters coming up from Fort Carson.”

In conjunction, a live auction, which was handled by EAA Chapter 808, will take place at 11:30 a.m., offering a Red Baron swing set, original artwork by local artist Rudl Mergelman, as well as memorabilia that will be autographed

by the performers. “Those who love aircraft and cars are in for a treat when the annual *Fremont County Air Show* airshow itself opens at noon,” Woolworth said. “It begins with a skydive jump (carrying a flag).” The show continues with the Renegades taking center stage with its precision formation team, followed by Don Nelson with Sukhol aerobatics, Drag Race No. 1, featuring 2,000 HP Dragster versus Sukhoi 26 Aircraft.

Then Gary Rower present Super Stearman aerobatics, followed by Chris Murphy with RV4 aerobatics, Steve Bergevin and Giles G-202 aerobatics and Drag Race No. 2, featuring 2,000 HP Dragster versus Sukhoi 26 Aircraft. During the day, the attractions include helicopter rides by Royal Gorge Helitours and airplane rides by Steel City Aviation, face painting, Cat Bellew with “Behind the Scenes,” hands on STEM Lab, balloons on a stick, balsa airplanes, model rockets, and much more. The main sponsors for the air show are Royal Gorge Route Railroad and Armstrong Consultants. “It’s getting bigger every year,” Woolworth said. With the free shuttle service combining the Fremont County Airshow and Pioneer Day activities will be easier than ever before.

Florence Celebrates 88th Annual Pioneer Day September 17-19

by Charlotte Burrous

This year will be no different when the 88th annual Pioneer Day festivities takes place from September 17-19 in downtown Florence, complete with a parade, two street dances, a tractor pull, and much more during the weekend.

This year’s theme is “Florence Pioneers: Their Lives and Livelihoods.”

Kicking off the festival, the 12th annual Junktique will be presented from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. September 18-19 in the 100 block of North Santa Fe Avenue, where numerous antiques and other treasures will be available to browse through. New this year, the inaugural Punktique will kick off at the same time in the 150 block of S. Pikes Peak. In addition to numerous booths selling Steampunk items, a Steampunk Ball will be held from 7-11 p.m. September 18 in the same block. Participants are invited to dress up in their Steampunk costumes and join in the fun.

In the meantime, the annual Pioneer Day Dinner and Dance will be offered from 6 p.m.-midnight September 18 in the Florence Elks Lodge, where the Pioneer King and Queen will be crowned at 9:15 p.m., followed by the introduction of the Distinguished Citizen and Parade Marshal.

Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased at the door. Bright and early the next morning, the Lions will cook breakfast burritos in Pioneer Park and the Florence Senior Center will offer a biscuits and gravy breakfast along with a plethora of food vendors offering food in various locations around town. At 10 a.m., the Pioneer Day Parade will feature Al Kaly Shriners, bands, numerous floats, dogs, children, and much more in downtown Florence. After the parade, pioneers who register will be treated to lunch and entertainment. In addition, numerous vendors will offer a variety of crafts, arts, food, and much more in the park.

At noon, Louie’s Place will open its beer garden in the 100 block of S. Pikes Peak Ave., where prizes and a lot of fun will be available. To round out the fun, Louie’s Street Dance will feature the Geezers, playing a variety of classic rock and roll 7-11 p.m. No admission will be charged for the dance; however, participants must be 21 years old and present identification to enter the fenced in area. During the weekend, the Arkansas River Flywheelers will host its annual tractor pull, starting at noon on September 19 and at 10 a.m. September 20 in Pathfinder Park. Come out to see the show.

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U.S. Culture War-- Jailed for Religious Beliefs

The clash between the First Amendment and judicial activism has come to a boil as Morehead, Kentucky, Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis has been sent to jail for not issuing same sex marriage licenses. The judge says she is breaking the law in defying his court order to issue marriage licenses to same sex couples. He has ordered her incarcerated until she changes her mind. Davis, an elected official, is required to discharge her duties as an officer of the state. She is experiencing the power of government in this situation because it is the law of the land that same sex couples can marry. But it is not the law of the land, far from it. And in this, is where Davis may have a chance to get out of jail.

Laws in the United States follow a process. Many states outlawed same sex marriage through the legal or referendum process. The Supreme Court stretched and twisted the Constitution to create a law from the bench to require all states to marry same sex couples. It is no different than the way abortion was legalized. No law was voted on by elected representatives of the people. The Constitution also says that if an item is not enumerated in the Constitution it is reserved for the individual states or for the people to decide. The Constitution's remedy for no law is to kick the question back to the states or the people--not to allow the Supreme Court to make law where there is no law.

Same sex marriage is not in the Constitution. It should be a state issue or a people issue. The Supreme Court, some of which are homosex-

ual or homosexual activists (two I know of have performed same sex civil unions or marriages before the vote), overstepped its bounds by making law. This created two problems in the very least--redefining marriage and undermining the First Amendment guarantees of religious freedom and free speech. The case in Rowan County underscores this. Because of personal religious beliefs, Kim Davis is sitting in jail. OR because Kim Davis refuses to execute her job as a government representative according to the law of the land, she is sitting in jail.

The way these lawyers and government activists will get past the First Amendment is by saying your religious beliefs cannot compel you to break the law. You can't say (at least currently), for example, I am allowed to murder someone because of my religious beliefs (does Islam come to mind?). You have to abide by the law. This is how the First Amendment will be undermined by the homosexual agenda. You have the right to worship how you want or say what you want so long as it isn't standing against homosexual marriage because it is now the law of the land. It wasn't law, it was judicial activism. But it is perceived as law. This is the real war. Your rights as a Christian are at stake. Put on the full armor of God that as Ephesians 6:11 says, "you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
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Sheep Led to Slaughter: The Muzzling of Free Speech in America

by John Whitehead,
The Rutherford Institute
via ZeroHedge.com

"If the freedom of speech be taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter."—George Washington

The architects of the American police state must think we're idiots.

With every passing day, we're being moved further down the road towards a totalitarian society characterized by government censorship, violence, corruption, hypocrisy, and intolerance, all packaged for our supposed benefit in the Orwellian doublespeak of national security, tolerance, and so-called "government speech."

Long gone are the days when advocates of free speech could prevail in a case such as *Tinker v. Des Moines*. Indeed, it's been 50 years since 13-year-old Mary Beth Tinker was suspended for wearing a black armband to school in protest of the Vietnam War. In taking up her case, the U.S. Supreme Court declared that students do not "shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate."

Were Tinker to make its way through the courts today, it would have to overcome the many hurdles being placed in the path of those attempting to voice sentiments that may be construed as unpopular, offensive, conspiratorial, violent, threatening or anti-government.

Consider, if you will, that the U.S. Supreme Court, historically a champion of the First Amendment, has declared that citizens can exercise their right to free speech everywhere it's lawful—online, in social media, on a public sidewalk, etc.—as long as they don't do so in front of the Court itself.

What is the rationale for upholding this ban on expressive activity on the Supreme Court plaza?

"Allowing demonstrations directed at the Court, on the Court's own front terrace, would tend to yield the...impression...of a Court engaged with—and potentially vulnerable to—outside entreaties by the public."

Translation: The appellate court that issued that particular ruling in *Hodge v. Talkin* actually wants us to believe that the Court is so impressionable that the justices could be swayed by the sight of a single man, civil rights activist Harold Hodge, standing alone and silent in the snow in a 20,000 square-foot space in front of the Supreme Court building wearing a small sign protesting the toll the police state is taking on the lives of black and Hispanic Americans.

My friends, we're being played for fools.

The Supreme Court is not going to be swayed by you or me or Harold Hodge.

For that matter, the justices—all

of whom hale from one of two Ivy League schools (Harvard or Yale) and most of whom are now millionaires and enjoy such rarefied privileges as lifetime employment, security details, ample vacations and travel perks—are anything but impartial.

If they are partial, it is to those with whom they are on intimate terms: with Corporate America and the governmental elite who answer to them, and they show their favor by investing in their businesses, socializing at their events, and generally marching in lockstep with their values and desires in and out of the courtroom.

To suggest that Harold Hodge, standing in front of the Supreme Court building on a day when the Court was not in session hearing arguments or issuing rulings, is a threat to the Court's neutrality, while their dalliances with Corporate America is not, is utter hypocrisy.

Making matters worse, the Supreme Court has the effrontery to suggest that the government can discriminate freely against First Amendment activity that takes place within a government forum. Justifying such discrimination as "government speech," the Court ruled that the Texas Dept. of Motor Vehicles could refuse to issue specialty license plate designs featuring a Confederate battle flag because it was offensive.

If it were just the courts suppressing free speech, that would be one thing to worry about, but First Amendment activities are being pummeled, punched, kicked, choked, chained, and generally gagged all across the country.

The reasons for such censorship vary widely from political correctness, safety concerns and bullying to national security and hate crimes, but the end result remains the same: the complete eradication of what Benjamin Franklin referred to as the "principal pillar of a free government."

Officials at the University of Tennessee, for instance, recently introduced an Orwellian policy that would prohibit students from using gender specific pronouns and be more inclusive by using gender "neutral" pronouns such as ze, hir, zir, xe, xem and xyr, rather than he, she, him or her.

On many college campuses, declaring that "America is the land of opportunity" or asking someone "Where were you born?" are now considered microaggressions, "small actions or word choices that seem on their face to have no malicious intent but that are thought of as a kind of violence nonetheless." Trigger warnings are also being used to alert students to any material or ideas they might read, see or hear that might upset them.

More than 50 percent of the nation's colleges, including Boston University, Harvard University, Columbia University, and Georgetown University subscribe to "red light" speech policies that restrict or ban so-called

offensive speech, or limit speakers to designated areas on campus. The campus climate has become so hypersensitive that comedians such as Chris Rock and Jerry Seinfeld refuse to perform stand-up routines to college crowds anymore.

What we are witnessing is an environment in which political correctness has given rise to "vindictive protectiveness," a term coined by social psychologist Jonathan Haidt and educational First Amendment activist Greg Lukianoff. It refers to a society in which "everyone must think twice before speaking up, lest they face charges of insensitivity, aggression, or worse."

This is particularly evident in the public schools where students are insulated from anything—words, ideas and images—that might create unease or offense. For instance, the thought police at schools in Charleston, South Carolina, have instituted a ban on displaying the Confederate flag on clothing, jewelry, and even cars on campus.

Free speech zones, bubble zones, trespass zones, anti-bullying legislation, zero tolerance policies, hate crime laws, and a host of other legalistic maladies dreamed up by politicians and prosecutors have conspired to corrode our core freedoms.

As a result, we are no longer a nation of constitutional purists for whom the Bill of Rights serves as the ultimate authority. As I make clear in my book *Battlefield America: The War on the American People*, we have litigated and legislated our way into a new governmental framework where the dictates of petty bureaucrats carry greater weight than the inalienable rights of the citizenry.

However, while the First Amendment provides no tangible protection against a gun wielded by a government agent, nor will it save you from being wrongly arrested or illegally searched, or having your property seized in order to fatten the wallets of government agencies, without the First Amendment, we are utterly helpless.

It's not just about the right to speak freely, or pray freely, or assemble freely, or petition the government for a redress of grievances, or have a free press. The unspoken freedom enshrined in the First Amendment is the right to think freely and openly debate issues without being muzzled or treated like a criminal.

Just as surveillance has been shown to "stifle and smother dissent, keeping a populace cowed by fear," government censorship gives rise to self-censorship, breeds compliance, and makes independent thought all but impossible.

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Record 94 Million Americans NOT in the Labor Force Participation Rate Lowest Since 1977

by George Gramlich,
Analysis and Commentary

As reported by ZeroHedge.com, The Bureau of Labor Standards (BLS) reported a new record high for Americans not working as the Obama administration touts a “low” 5.1% unemployment rate:

The main reason why the unemployment rate tumbled to the lowest since April 2008 is because another 261,000 Americans dropped out of the labor force, as a result pushing the total number of U.S. potential workers who are not in the labor force, to a record 94 million, an increase of 1.8 million in the past year, and a whopping 14.9 million since the start of the second great depression in December 2007 while only 4 million new jobs have been created.

Folks, this is devastating. Note that 261,000 people stopped working just last month and 1.8 million stopped working in the past year! If you think we can function as a nation economically with this level of participation, you should apply to be on the Federal Reserve Board or try to get on Barack Hussein’s Obamanomics Dream Team that knows that every new recipient of a government handout will be a democrat vote in the next election.

And even more devastating, as reported by Karl Denninger over at Market-Ticker.Org is, “...the ACTUAL number of employed people, by the Household Survey, went DOWN by 494,000 (GG: last month).” Did you see that number reported ANYWHERE in the news? Month by month, more and more people are

stopping working and joining the ranks of the dependent, peasant serfdom sucking the socialist, welfare teat and voting democrat for more money “deserved” benefits.

As the democrat’s and RINO’s welfare state grows, and our military is starved of money and resources, and our veterans die before they can be seen by the Veterans Administration death gulag, our politicians cite bogus employment rate numbers to hide the reality of today’s America: the country is bankrupt, 94 MILLION PEOPLE NOT WORKING and living off the welfare state, and the number of good paying jobs being created is insignificant. The few economists who haven’t fatally drunk the keynsnian, welfare state Kool-aid call the state we are in now simply “the death spiral”. When are you going to get off?

Can a Christian Be a County Clerk in America?

by Terrence P. Jeffrey,
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Can a Christian be a county clerk in the United States?

This is a question it now appears may ultimately be decided by five Supreme Court justices. With it, too, will ride such questions as: Can a Christian be a doctor? A nurse? A public-school teacher?

In June, when five justices declared that the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment creates a right to “same-sex marriage,” Justice Clarence Thomas issued a warning.

“In our society, marriage is not simply a governmental institution, it is a religious institution as well,” Thomas wrote in his dissent. “Today’s decision might change the former, but it cannot change the latter. It appears all but inevitable that the two will come into conflict, particularly as individuals and churches are confronted with demands to participate in and endorse civil marriages between same-sex couples.

“The majority,” said Thomas, “appears unmoved by that inevitability.”

No sooner had the five justices commanded nationwide recognition of same-sex “marriage,” than a move began in Kentucky to test whether an individual county clerk could be forced to personally authorize a same-sex marriage in contradiction to her Christian faith.

The rapid sequence of events was summarized in an appeal this clerk’s non-profit law firm — the Liberty Counsel — presented to the Supreme Court asking for an injunction to prevent her from being forced to do so.

First, Democratic Kentucky Gov. Steven Beshear ordered that all county clerks in the state would issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples on a new “gender-neutral” form provided by the state government.

Like the previous form that recognized marriage as the union of a man and woman, this new form required county clerks to personally authorize each marriage in their own name — whether the two people getting “married” were a man and a woman or a same-sex couple.

This presented Kim Davis, a devout Christian, with a moral problem. She had served as deputy clerk of Rowan County for 26 years before being elected clerk last November.

She had never refused to perform any function of her office. But this was different.

“I never imagined a day like this would come, where I would be asked to violate a central teaching of Scripture and of Jesus Himself regarding marriage,” she said in a statement issued Tuesday.

“To issue a marriage license which conflicts with God’s

definition of marriage, with my name affixed to the certificate, would violate my conscience,” she said. “It is not a light issue for me. It is a Heaven or Hell decision. For me it is a decision of obedience. I have no animosity toward anyone and harbor no ill will. To me this has never been a gay or lesbian issue. It is about marriage and God’s Word. It is a matter of religious liberty, which is protected under the First Amendment, the Kentucky Constitution, and in the Kentucky Religious Freedom Restoration Act.”

“Our history is filled with accommodations for people’s religious freedom and conscience,” said Davis. “I want to continue to perform my duties, but I also am requesting what our Founders envisioned - that conscience and religious freedom would be protected. That is all I am asking.”

Davis stopped issuing marriage licenses, whether to opposite-sex or same-sex couples, and sought an accommodation from the state that would allow people to get marriage licenses without forcing a particular county clerk to personally authorize the marriage.

In the meantime, nothing prevented same-sex couples living in Rowan County from entering “marriages” as ordered by the five Supreme Court justices.

“Under Kentucky marriage law predating Obergefell, individuals may obtain a marriage license from the

county clerk in any of Kentucky’s 120 counties, irrespective of their county of residence,” Davis’ Liberty Counsel attorneys told the Supreme Court in her request for an injunction.

“More than ten other clerks’ offices are within a one hour drive of the Rowan County office, and these counties are issuing marriage licenses, along with the two counties where preliminary injunction hearings were held in this matter,” said the lawyers.

But that did not stop four couples — two of opposite sexes and two of the same — from suing Davis, demanding she execute their marriage licenses.

The governor, meanwhile, offered Davis no mercy.

“Gov. Beshear has flatly rejected Davis’ request for religious exemption,” her lawyers explain. “In his view, Davis must either comply with his SSM Mandate, or resign from office.”

This courageous woman has stood her ground.

The crusade against Davis aims to establish that if you are a Christian, who believes in Christ’s teachings on marriage and will not act against them, you are no longer qualified to serve as a county clerk in the United States.

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Black Sheriff Says Exactly WHO Is to Blame for “Open Season on Police”

by Michelle Jesse, Associate Editor, AllenBWest.com

With Friday’s horrific, execution-style murder of a sheriff’s deputy in Texas as just the most recent example, it’s hard not to feel it’s truly become open season on law enforcement.

We’ve discussed here the question of how much the ever-loudening, national rhetoric of black victimization and oppression — accented by direct calls to violence by black radicals — is to blame for this very disturbing and downright frightening trend.

One black sheriff is going a step further and placing the blame squarely at the feet of the White House. As Sheriff David Clarke of Milwaukee told Fox News’ Judge Jeanine last night, “the President of the United States started this war on police.”

Personally, I couldn’t agree more. The first black president had a unique chance to further bridge both the racial divide and that between the black community and law enforcement. Yet, under President Barack Obama, we’ve only seen both these divides not only widen, but just about ex-

plode wide open. At times like this, when our nation sometimes feels like a powder keg ready to ignite at any moment, we need a true leader in the White House. Where is the president, calling for a stop to this hate and madness? He’s come out to defend the likes of Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown — how about the nation’s men and women in blue, too? Shows exactly which lives our president believes matter and which, not so much.

As Sheriff Clarke told Judge Jeanine:

“I am too pissed off tonight to be diplomatic about what’s going on and I’m not going to stick my head in the sand about it.

I said last December that war had been declared on the American police officer, led by some high-profile people, one of them coming out of the White House, one coming out of the

United States Department of Justice, and it’s open season right now, there’s no doubt about it.”

Sheriff Clarke also has some tough words for the so-called black activists who are largely responsible for stirring the pot on this and inspiring — even inciting — such hateful and horrific actions against law enforcement.

“I’m tired of hearing people call these black activists. They’re not black activists, this is black slime and it needs to be eradicated from the American society and culture.”

How’s that for calling a spade a spade?

As the problem seems to only get worse, and some days feel like it’s spinning out of control, many of us have been asking, “what can I do?” Sheriff Clarke tells us:

“Here’s how you do it. I need every law-abiding person in the United States of America to stand up and start pushing back against this slime, this filth, that’s disparaging the American law enforcement officer within these communities. When these ugly people come out and start this and

start talking on social media, to push back against it and demand people that belong to these organizations get out of their town. There’s no room for it.

Look, the American police officer’s holding these communities together and we need the support of the people we defend every day in order to get that done. God Bless the Harris County Sheriff’s Office.”

Sheriff Clarke also draws an important distinction between the type of speech that’s protected and that which isn’t allowed under our Constitution.

“I love the First Amendment, I love freedom of

speech, but you are NOT free to threaten my life or anyone else’s.”

Ironically, isn’t it, that our First Amendment rights are under attack in so many ways today — yet, meanwhile, unmistakable hate speech intended to incite violence is being left unchecked by the current administration? Talk about living in mixed-up times.

President Obama, here’s a chance to use your bully pulpit for good. Try it.

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Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clark

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Deleting American History: Under New Standards, “U.S. Constitution Simply Ignored by Teachers”

by Mac Slavo

The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history. [...] He who controls the past controls the future. He who controls the present controls the past.” – George Orwell, 1984

Common Core and similar corporate-driven efforts to alter education are starting to have some serious consequences.

Rewriting history is a major part of the silent takeover that is and has been underway for some time.

The powers that be are interested in control, not in freedom. That much is understood.

As such, American history – as ugly and bloody as it has been – cannot be told. Knowledge about the U.S. Constitution, the critical Bill of Rights, and the revolution for independence are inconvenient facts to the new social engineering.

Incredibly, public schools are now actually beginning to rewrite history by omitting this pivotal chapter from classrooms.

According to EAGnews.org, South Dakota – which is a Common Core state – is literally leaving it untaught:

Important topics like the Declaration

of Independence, the Revolutionary War and the framing of the U.S. Constitution may simply be ignored by teachers under new history standards approved by the state’s board of education last Monday, the Argus Leader reports.

Current standards do not allow history teachers to delve into topics before the Civil War, so the new standards open up the door but don’t require teachers to cover early American history, as many would have preferred. The recently adopted history standards are set to take effect in 2016-17 school year and whittle the current standards from 117 pages to 44.

“Our current history standards do not even give an option as to whether it’s comprehensive or modern,” board president Don Kirkegaard told the news site. “It’s strictly modern.”

No, this is not hyperbole. These South Dakota schools are literally talking about leaving out lessons on the founding of the United States, to instead focus most of the school year on the last century, which can only be properly understood in the context of what has happened in the last 500 years... and beyond.

This should be alarming to everyone, whether you love America and what it stands for, or not!

The net effect of keeping kids igno-

rant of history is, of course, passed down the line to society who must endure “low information voters” and malleable sheep in many areas.

Already, college professors – with their own problems concerning academic standards – are complaining that students are arriving woefully ignorant and unprepared either to face history or the wider world. According to the Argus Leader:

Ben Jones, dean and associate professor of history at Dakota State University, has said he and his colleagues are “astounded by the level of ignorance” of U.S. history that they see in freshmen.

But there are other important reasons to teach high school students about our nation’s early history.

Constitutional topics are common in today’s political debate and students without a solid understanding and who do not have the appropriate level of context for these discussions are at a disadvantage. As citizens, we need to understand our rights and duties as well as appreciate how they came to be.

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Polk County Sheriff: There's Nothing Politically Correct in a Gunfight

by Tim Brown,
FreedomOutPost.com

Earlier this year, the Polk County Sheriff's Office engaged four suspects, who were accused of robbing a pawn shop and murdering two women in a firefight and subsequent capture of the four suspects. However, it was a response to a reporter's question that seemed to want to push back on Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd that should be heard over and over again.

Keep in mind when you hear this that the two female victims were "vi-

ciously murdered" in a manner "much too graphic to describe," according to Judd. Also, keep in mind that the suspects had fired recklessly at officers who were in pursuit until their car crashed.

The reporter asked of Judd, "I think everybody understands the gravity of what happened and the urgency and the response that you took. Some of the comments you made last night about shooting the suspects, possibly, and the comments today about 'ready for a gunfight' — was that in the heat of the

moment? Do you have any regret about that?"

Judd remained calm, though people have said he was hot headed, and responded, "I not only have no regret, I'm pretty excited about telling you that — that's exactly what would've happened. Make no mistake about it, there's nothing about politically correct in a gun fight. There's nothing about politically correct when you are keeping people alive and well and safe. And the people of this community and these law enforcement officers come first."

"I meant every word of it then, and I mean every word of it now," he added. "If you surrender peacefully, that's the way we prefer it. You start pointing guns at us, you can not only plan on, but you can guarantee that we are going to shoot you."

This is exactly what criminals need to hear and be subject to should they engage in the kind of activity these four men did, but I'll go a step further. They need to start hearing it from the American people. After all, it is the rights of the people that are not to be infringed by government, according to the Second Amendment. Citizens, as well as sheriffs, should also engage those in a similar manner, who act criminally with a gun in order to save lives. It is not only a duty we have, but demonstrates a love (1 John 3:18) for our fellow man by protecting them from aggressors (Exodus 22:2-3).

This is in perfect alignment with Scripture as well. The same King David who wrote in Psalm 46:1 that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" also praised the

God "Who trains my hand for war and my fingers for battle" (Psalm 144:1).

In fact, I'm often reminded in the story of Sergeant York. His thinking was changed concerning using his gun against other men who were enemies of his country. That eventually led him to drop his "conscientious objection" and go to war in World War I. It was his understanding that bad men must be stopped in order to protect the innocent, which resulted in many German enemies being killed and captured; and many Americans' lives were spared because of his efforts.

I'm one of the first to call out police and sheriffs when they engage in criminal activity. When we see police engage in activity such as brutality, corruption, and murder, as well

as abusing their authority in other ways, then they should be held accountable just like any other citizen is, according to law. However, Sheriff Judd is spot on in his comments. He is responding in the same manner any citizen would respond. Citizens cannot lawfully wave their weapons around, point and shoot them at people without serious ramifications from other gun owners. They will most certainly get shot by those gun owners, and rightfully so. Why would that be any different for those in the sheriff's office?

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Violent Crime in America Dropped 51% As Americans Bought 170 Million Guns

by Tim Brown,
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New data from the FBI and ATF was presented by the National Rifle Association, which showed that Americans had purchased 170 million new guns since 1991. As a result, violent crime in America has not skyrocketed as Communist gun grabbers (Democrats) would like us to believe. Instead, the number of violent crimes has plummeted a whopping 51%!

Awr Hawkins at Breitbart points out that the NRA's numbers square "with the findings of a Congressional Research Service (CRS) study covering the slightly shorter period of time from 1994 to 2009. For those years, CRS found that Americans purchased approximately 118 million firearms, and the 1993 "firearm-related murder and non-negligent homicide" rate of 6.6 per 100,000 fell to 3.6 per 100,000 by the year 2000. It eventually fell all the way to 3.2 per 100,000 in 2011."

"Then, in 2009—the year the CRS

study ended—Obama took office and gun sales began their climb to record levels, which made covering the gap between the 118 million guns that had been purchased by 2009 and the "170 million new guns" that Americans would own by 2015 an easy gap to bridge," Hawkins added.

Gun production has more than doubled during the Obama administration alone, knowing the Marxist sentiments of the usurper-in-chief, and Black Friday 2014 witnessed the FBI conducting an average of three unconstitutional background checks per second!

Back in 2013, I wrote an article to address the issue of guns and violent crimes, especially in light of the Sandy Hook shooting. The Obama administration was attempting to deceive the American people that the AR-15 was an "assault weapon," instead of a semi-automatic rifle, and was incredibly dangerous for the American people to own because of

"mass shootings."

In that particular article I broke down the FBI's CIUS report, in which they provide statistics nationwide on homicide and violent crimes. I noted that the number of murders was down by 1500 from 2007, and that was without any new anti-gun laws or "assault weapons bans."

One of the things gun grabbers fail to do is to pinpoint problem areas, such as large metropolitan areas that have some of the strictest gun laws, yet have incredibly large amounts of crime.

As these statistics show, an armed citizenry spends more time stopping evil people rather than contemplating their evil.

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Unsurprising: Study Shows Criminals Don't Buy Their Guns Legally

by Tim Brown,
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For all of the talk from the anti-gun communists in this country, who want to infringe on the rights of the people to keep and bear arms by pushing unlawful regulations and restrictions, this study should be the rays of sunshine and disinfectant to their lies... but they'll ignore it. A recent study proves that Chicago criminals did not acquire their guns through lawful purchases at gun stores, gun shows or the internet.

The *Chicago Sun Times* reports:

In a survey of almost 100 detainees in the Cook County Jail, few said they get firearms at gun shows or through the Internet, said Harold Pollack, co-director of the crime lab. They also said they don't normally steal guns or buy them at a licensed store.

"Some of the pathways people are concerned about don't seem so dominant," Pollack said.

Most of the inmates said they had a gun within six months of getting locked up. And most said they got the weapons through personal connections because they feared getting caught in a law-enforcement sting or being robbed by a stranger.

That's not all. Pollack said that these men were not as concerned about getting caught with the guns as they were being in a position of not being able to defend themselves.

"Many gave some version of the phrase 'I'd rather be judged by 12 than be carried by six.' " Pollack said. "We have to figure out swift and certain but not overly severe consequences for getting caught with a gun that are meaningful to the perpetrators that might consider carrying them."

Frankly, I don't blame anyone for ob-

taining a weapon to protect themselves no matter what illegal gun laws are passed. The desire to defend yourself is greater than the desire to follow pretended legislation.

However, when used in the commission of a crime, that is another story.

Researcher Alisu Schoua-Glusberg, who conducted the interviews with the men in the fall of 2013, said that 70 percent of them obtained their guns [through] "family, fellow gang members, or through other social connections." Just two of the men claimed to have purchased their weapons via a gun store.

One thing I have pointed out previously is that there were only a few who actually claimed to use "military-style assault weapons" in the commission of a crime. Even in using such guns, they would seek to get rid of the gun within a year due to "legal liability" of being caught with a gun that had been used by someone else in a previous crime. Most of these convicts preferred handguns with magazines that would hold 30 rounds or more.

So, all of the talk about gun laws and more background checks are really, in truth, only for the law-abiding citizen and have virtually no effect on criminals. Granted, this survey was conducted in Chicago, but human nature is the same across the board. So, it is safe to say this is going on all across the country and the only people being stifled in the exercise of their rights to obtain, keep and bear arms are law abiding people. This is exactly why government was given no authority to infringe on those rights at all.

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We are becoming a nation of idiots, encouraged to spout political drivel and little else.

In so doing, we have adopted the lexicon of Newspeak, the official language of George Orwell's fictional Oceania, which was "designed not to extend but to diminish the range of thought." As Orwell explained in 1984, "The purpose of Newspeak was not only to provide a medium of expression for the world-view and mental habits proper to the devotees of IngSoc [the state ideology of Oceania], but to make all other modes of thought impossible."

If Orwell envisioned the future as a boot stamping on a human face, a fair representation of our present day might well be a muzzle on that same human face.

If we're to have any hope for the future, it will rest with those ill-mannered, bad-tempered, uncivil, discourteous few who are disenchanted enough with the status quo to tell the government to go to hell using every nonviolent means available.

However, as Orwell warned, you cannot become conscious until you rebel.

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Illegal Alien Child Molester Caught.... for the Fourth Time!

by Michael Ware,
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We are becoming accustomed to the liberal way of jurisprudence. Arrest, convict, release, and repeat. For some reason, we have lost the idea of justice and punishment. So, when we hear that a man, who has been convicted of repeated sexual assault, is caught reentering the country, it should hardly rate as news. But, it should cause us to ask how we stop this repeat offender. It seems that the criminal is no longer in fear of justice.

Breitbart reports:

A previously convicted child molester who has been deported at least three times is once again in federal custody after being arrested in Texas.

Juan Carlos Alvarez Rodriguez, a criminal alien from Mexico was arrested this week near Alice, Texas, following a traffic stop by Jim Wells' Sheriff's Office, court records obtained by Breitbart, Texas, revealed.

We know that all sorts of people enter our country illegally. It seems only logical that within the constant stream of people, there would be those who have a proclivity for young children. These people are becoming more and more prevalent in our society. Therefore, we should not be surprised that they are also becoming more prevalent in Mexican society as well.

With these people comes the threat to our children's safety. We run the risk that these people will escalate their perverse sexual behavior, especially considering the open promiscuity of our decaying

society. While these men walk around, unknown to the population, they are wolves hunting undeterred. These animals openly stalk our children, while those elected and paid to protect knowingly release such villains.

Breitbart adds:

During the subsequent interview, agents determined that Alvarez had been convicted in 1998 of lewd and lascivious acts with a child. The criminal alien had also been deported multiple times from the U.S. including once in 2006 through San Ysidro, California, and in 2014 through El Paso.

And we know that Alvarez is not the only pedophile who has illegally crossed over into our country.

Breitbart continues:

Breitbart, Texas, also reported on Friday about the previously deported, illegal alien sex-offender who is being hunted by police for allegedly sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl with Down Syndrome in Pearland, Texas. The suspect was deported late last year after being placed on eight years probation for indecency with a child.

Now, here comes the hard part. Why do you think that these people, pedophiles, are continuing to enter and offend in our country? The reason is simple. We are placing them on probation for sexually assaulting our children. What the heck is wrong with us that we would allow repeat offenders to be set free?

We have decided that the life of the criminal and his comfort is more important than

the safety of our children. Men, with warped desires, are given preference over defenseless and unaware children, unprepared to defend themselves from these twisted, sinful men.

There is a cure for this kind of problem. All we need to do is to read our Bibles to find that God has given to His people a remedy. I would first like to say that since the rape of a woman is a crime worthy of death, this should be a simple fix, but we also see that the incorrigible man is also worthy of death.

Deuteronomy 21:18-21 reads:

18 "If any man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey his father or his mother, and when they chastise him, he will not even listen to them, 19 then his father and mother shall seize him, and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gateway of his hometown. 20 They shall say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey us, he is a glutton and a drunkard.' 21 Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death; so you shall remove the evil from your midst, and all Israel will hear of it and fear.

If we would once again bring the penalty for breaking the Law back to its rightful place in our society, these criminals would either stop or avoid our land. In either case, our children would be safer.

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So What Part of 'Stupid' Did You Miss?

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

Sigh...

Stephanie Ritter, a 26-year-old Florida State University alum, has listed her diploma on eBay for the staggering sum to cover the 'actual cost' of attending the school.

Now \$40,000 in debt and living in Southern California, Stephanie is fed up with being unable to find a job in her field, despite having a Bachelor's degree - so she's come up with a drastic solution to pay off her loans and 'validate my use of time between 2007-2011'.

She took \$40,000 in debt to study.... theater.

Seriously. Theater.

What did she think she was going to do with that degree that was worth the money?

This, in the end, is the problem -- universities and other "higher educational" institutions, including high schools for that matter, that push people to get a degree -- any degree. What's missing from that discussion is any sort of honest examination of the degree itself and what it does for your earnings potential.

An utterly huge percentage of "degrees" today are worth exactly zero. Most humanities degrees are in this realm; "sociology", "woman's studies", "african-american studies" and similar "fields" are simply worth zero.

So where did she get this idea from? Let me guess: Her parents and/or high school?

Here's my suggestion: If you encourage someone -- or fail to warn them, having a position of authority (such as a parent, high school counselor, or similar) in regard to such a person who is not yet an adult to go chase such a "dream" while going into debt, you should be forced to cover it with your retirement funds so you get to go live in a refrigerator box under a freeway overpass.

And if you don't have it? Then said student should eat you.

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correctness not only produce people that cannot speak for themselves but also people who cannot think for themselves. And a citizenry that can't think for itself is a citizenry that will neither rebel against the government's dictates nor revolt against the government's tyranny.

The end result: a nation of sheep who willingly line up for the slaughterhouse.

The cluttered cultural American landscape today is one in which people are so distracted by the military-surveillance-entertainment complex that critical thinkers are in the minority and frank, unfiltered, uncensored speech is considered uncivil, uncouth, and unacceptable.

That's the point, of course.

The architects, engineers, and lever-pullers who run the American police state want us to remain deaf, dumb, and silent. They want our children raised on a vapid diet of utter nonsense, where common sense is in short supply and the only viewpoint that matters is the government's.

Politics & The Bible

From Pastor Jim

Jim Modlish has been in the ministry 49 years, pastoring churches large and small from upstate New York to western Washington. He holds a doctorate in theology, but frequently states: "I have education, but I got over it."

Southern Colorado natives, Jim and his wife, Linda, were happy to return to their home state in 2006. They started the Huerfano Community Bible Church in Walsenburg seven years ago, and that work has experienced excellent growth

and the blessings of God. Pastor Modlish believes the Bible is the greatest political science textbook on earth, and that all current events should be examined under the searchlight of Scripture. All scripture taken from King James Version.



The Blind Stumble

If I were a gambler, my bet would be on a lowly Kentucky county clerk as opposed to the U.S. Supreme Court on the final Day of Judgment. God has never been impressed with the high-end achievements of mankind's nobility and even less swayed with those who reject His Word with deluded impunity. Another activist judge has ordered Mrs. Davis to jail for her refusal to place her signature on the marriage license of "gay" couples. In yesteryear, Webster defined gay as "merry, jovial, sportive, frolicksome: denoting more life and animation than cheerful." It appears that modern "gays" find their greatest joy in trampling on the rights of others to allegedly protect their own. Why should we be surprised...they have been taught from their earliest days of indoctrination that Darwin was right: the survival of the fittest marches on.

Please permit a momentary sidebar of mental meandering---what if the objecting official had been a Muslim? Do we dare hypothesize that the outcome would have been different? Does not Islam dictate similar restrictions on homosexuality as the Scriptures do? Are we witnessing the further criminalization of Christianity? Which is the real purveyor of hate speech, the aggressor or the defender?

For the benefit of the Biblically challenged, a brief review of the original Sodomites may be instructive. Two angels were dispatched to Sodom for the purpose of evacuating Lot and his family prior to God's determined judgment upon the city. Even though these angels appeared as men, their countenance was so striking that they gained the immediate attention of the residents who demanded that Lot surrender the visitors to their sinful intentions. The angelic response was staggering: "And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door." (Genesis 19:11) The angels had any number of maladies at their disposal which could have been inflicted on the transgressors; even death was an option. (II Kings 19:35), but God chose blindness for obvious reasons.

The Bible is quick to point out that physical loss of vision frequently illustrates a spiritual and intellectual impairment: "Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness. We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes; we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men....For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our

sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them; And judgment is tuned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment." (Isaiah 59:9,10,12,14,15) As the prophet noted, Mrs. Davis has become the prey or the real victim because of her unwillingness to participate in evil.

Jesus extended Isaiah's observations by reminding us that the "days of Lot" will resurface during end times. (Luke 17:28-32) Even the last day's church is characterized as one with "eye trouble." (Revelation 3:17,18) Several characteristics accompany the morally blind whose judgment is so corrupted by taking of bribes that they cannot, or will not, discern between right and wrong. (Deuteronomy 16:19) Hello, Washington, D.C.,...the visually challenged have great difficulty in discerning danger. God describes this crowd with the most insulting words: "His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his own gain, from his quarter." (Isaiah 56:10,11) Over 2700 years ago God inspired the prophet to render a superb portrayal of the Iran deal that blind senators are supporting.

Loss of spiritual vision leads to a "conscience seared with a hot iron." (I Timothy 4:2) Dr. Deborah Nucatola, Senior Director of Medical Services at Planned Parenthood said, "We've been very good at getting heart, lung, liver... so I'm not gonna crush that part." She further explained how carefully she crushes, so the dead baby's parts can be sold. These barbarian Nazis have no compunctions about cutting a brain from an infant with a still beating heart. Surely truth has fallen in the street!

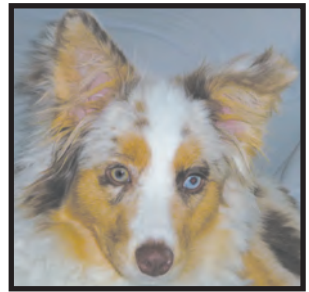
A journey through the Gospels acquaints us with several occasions where Jesus restored the sight of the darkened. He declared his mission was to "...preach the gospel to the poor;...to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." (Luke 4:18) It is abundantly clear that the Lord's purpose is to remove the scales of evil from the human heart. Only his regenerative power of salvation can accomplish that.

A Sheepdog Barks!

America is really hurting. And those that we thought might help are not getting the job done. In fact they are part of the problem. Let's review what's going on. Hillary's getting teary eyed, (hey it worked once before), the Democrats are filibustering and the Republicans are mewling. Sounds about normal. Make sure you read the Editorial on page 2. We are in this messed up condition because of the 545. We don't have to be messed up like we are but we are! And WHY? Because those 545 people want us right where we are. They all talk a good game, but it's all about personal power and wealth. They want there to be a "professional political class." They want to spend their entire lives in Washington D.C. It's all about them. Money and Power. It's why men like John Boehner of Ohio are helping destroy this country. They know the majority of Americans are just sheep with short memories. Promise them anything when it's campaign time and deliver nothing when it's governing time. What cares? A few sheepdogs may growl and bark, but Boehner and the other 544 know it will all pass and the sheep will bunch up and go BAAA!

America is breaking apart right before our eyes. I know there are a few good politicians in Washington, at least when they first get there. The "system" either changes them or destroys them. The career politicians, like Boehner, wield all the power and makes sure the newbies accomplish nothing good for the American people. It's taken me a long time, but I am now ready for a third party. I used to argue that we must vote for the lesser of two evils and that we can trust that the Republicans will stop the runaway train. They do not, WOOF! They are little better than the LPSDs. They talk tough and accomplish nothing. Oh, they throw us a bone every now and then to keep us quiet. And it works. The 545 learned long ago that money corrupts everyone and everything. Federal dollars keep everyone in line, including the

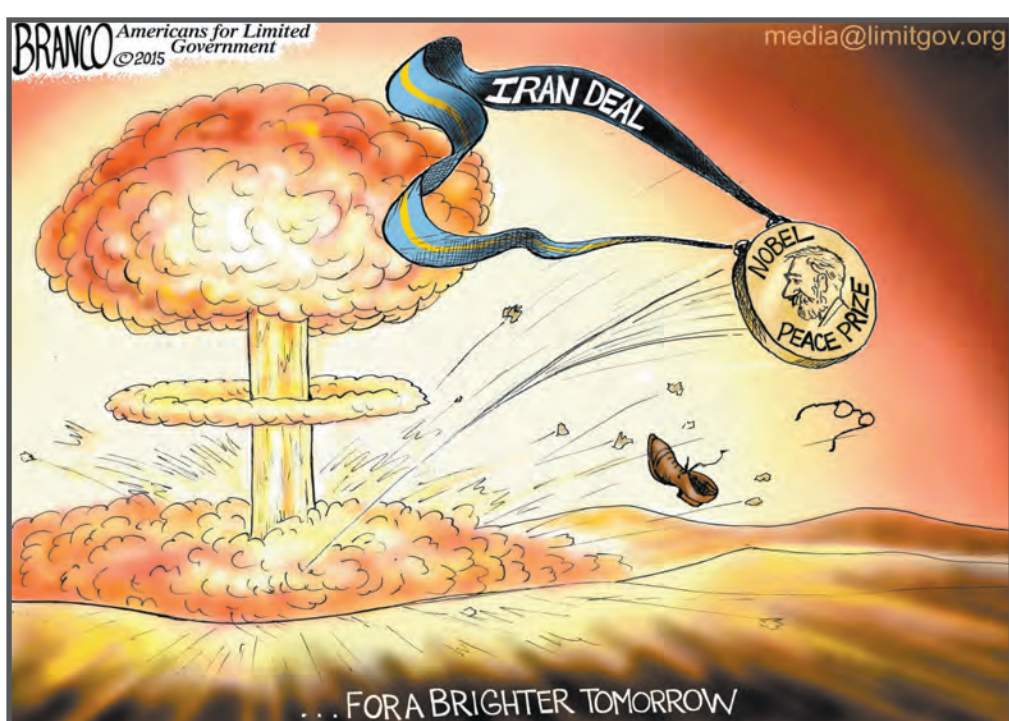
States which long ago rolled over and let the federal government take all their power and rights. They huff and puff every now and then but for the most part just pound the table with one fist while reaching out for the money with the other one. Cowards, all cowards. I have to give the LPSDs credit. They are truly wolves. They bite, snarl, and attack. They play hard ball and win far too often. HOWL! And the sheep are oblivious. BAAA! The Republicans on the other hand are straw lions. They look fierce but act like small scared kittens. They mew. And what happens when one stands up for the Constitution? They are attacked. The kittens rise up and become fierce, but only to quiet the rogue lion that dares to speak the truth. But, when it comes time to be fierce for the American people they revert to a bunch of scared little kittens that won't dare to do what is right and necessary. They are happy with the status quo and their little kingdoms of power. They pretend to care about the right things but are not willing to risk their perfect little worlds. Look at the budget being passed. The Republicans are in total control and promised great things if we were to put them in charge. Is it a balanced budget? NO! Could it be? YES! Why isn't it? Because they are not willing to fight the fight! They are straw lions with no courage. They promised to take on entitlement reform. They did not. They promised to stop spending money we don't have. They did not. OMB says good news -- the new budget will ONLY create another annual deficit of about \$500 Billion. That's HALF A TRILLION DOLLARS and is embraced like good news. What the hell are the Republicans doing? They are assisting in the destruction of this country and with smiles on their faces. They are just part of the 545. The LPSDs are disgusting and their policies are very bad for America. Sadly the Republicans are in cahoots with them. Otherwise budgets like this wouldn't pass. Budgets with money for Planned Parenthood murder and the sell-



ing of human baby parts and health care for illegal immigrants. Will the insanity stop? NO! The 545 will see to that. Can't you just see them in the back rooms with their brandy and cigars; laughing at what the public thinks is really happening. Laughing at how they manipulate us, lie to us, and take our money so they can accomplish all their little socialist programs. The 545 are in this together. Read the editorial. Tell me where it's wrong. Charley Reese said it best and he is absolutely correct. Nothing exists that they don't want to exist. They want it this way or it wouldn't be this way! WOOF!

One final point. Maybe the worst deal in the world's history, certainly in America's history, is happening right before our eyes. The Iran Nuclear Deal is so bad that we should have just let them write it and send us a copy to sign. Oh wait, that's exactly what happened. And look what the Republicans did even while controlling both houses of Congress. They made sure this bad deal would pass several months ago when they AGREED with Obama that it wasn't a treaty and would only require a one third vote to approve it. The exact opposite of what the Constitution calls for. The "Corker(R) Act" was a sham and a lie to make us think the Republicans were doing something to stop the most reckless and destructive American president in our history. It was all a big illusion. Let's see if the Republicans can muster up some courage and at least make everyone vote up or down on this horrible and dangerous deal. My guess is they will bluster in front of the TV cameras, but just mew in the end. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



Nevada School Caves After Girl Threatens Lawsuit to Get Pro-Life Club

by Tim Brown,
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Angelique Clark, a young student at West Career and Technical Academy in Nevada, has been fighting to start a pro-life club at the school. Now, the news has broken that the school is bowing to the threat of a lawsuit and has agreed that Clark does have the right to start such a club on campus.

The school clearly did not want to face a lawsuit in which they knew they would lose according to law and sent Clark a letter acknowledging that she could start a pro-life club in this year.

Casey Harper reports:

Clark told The Daily Caller News Foundation the ban on her club was unfair because the school already has a gay-straight alliance club, chess club, Bible club, anime club, and others but won't allow her pro-life club. She has about 25 people who already want to join.

Clark teamed up with the religious liberty legal group, the Thomas More Society, and sued her school. Jocelyn Floyd, Thomas More Society associate counsel, said she was glad the school conceded because "there have been times when school districts will dig their heels in whether they have a strong case or not."

"We certainly believe that the law is very strong in

favor of our argument," Floyd told TheDCNF. "We don't see any legitimate arguments they could have made in court."

As for Clark, well, she is thrilled at the news.

"I am so excited that I will finally be able to start a pro-life club at my high school," she said in a statement. "I started with the idea to provide a safe place to educate my fellow students on the beauty of life at all stages, and I am very thankful to Students for Life of America and the Thomas More Society for helping me defend my rights so that students at my school can now gather for life. I look forward to running the WCTA pro-life club with all the other students who have already signed up to be a voice for the voiceless and ignored—the preborn and the mothers who think abortion is their only choice."

Again, America? See what happens when you stand up to tyranny? See what happens when you don't back down and when you don't play Marvin Milquetoast? You win the day. You get the victory and God is honored in the process because justice is upheld. Well done, Angelique... well done!

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Americans Have Never Been Dumber

by Tyler Durden,
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Three years ago, we noted the dumbification of America was accelerating as SAT scores hit record lows. It appears the need for the Derek Zoolander Center For Kids Who Can't Read Good And Wanna Learn To Do Other Stuff Good Too has never been greater as Bloomberg reports that students in the high school class of 2015 turned in the **lowest critical reading score on the SAT college entrance exam in more than 40 years**, with all three sections declining from the previous year.

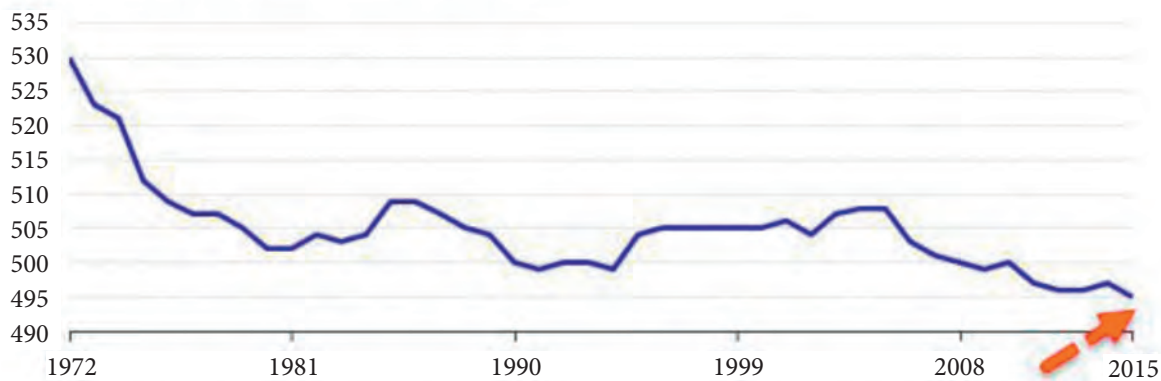
The mean score on the math portion of the SAT, 511, is the lowest since 1999. The highest possible score on each section is 800.

The reading score of 495 is the worst since 1972, according to data provided by the College Board.

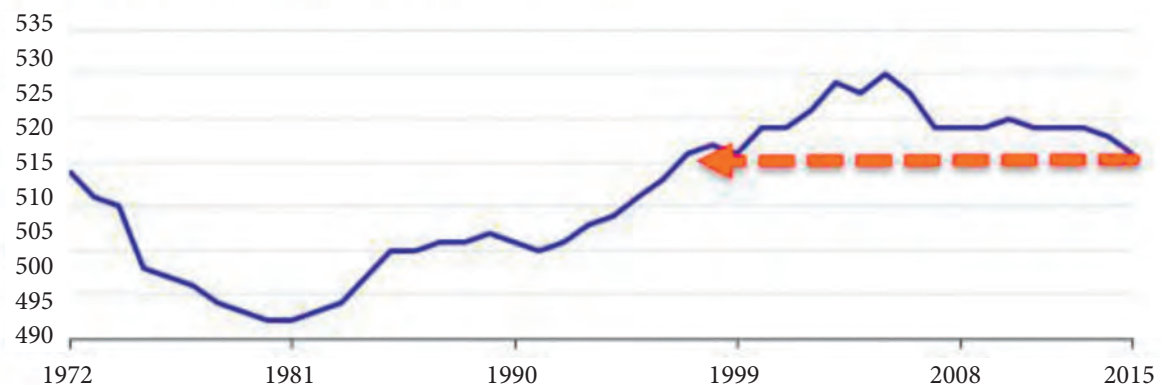
The test administrator reported the **lowest score for the SAT's writing section since it began in 2005**.

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Reading Incomprehension
Scores on the reading portion of the SAT



Bad Math
Scores on the mathematics portion of the SAT



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Bloomberg

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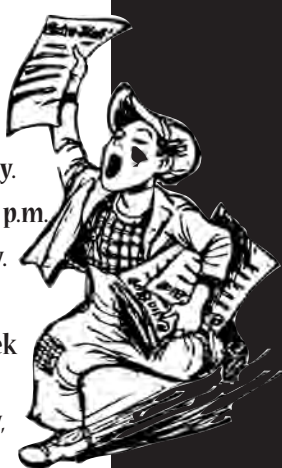
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