

Colorado U.S. Attorney on the Local Pot Busts

by George Gramlich

The U.S. Attorney for the District of Colorado released a press release last week giving details of the raids in Custer and Fremont Counties and other Colorado counties by the various federal and state agencies involved.

The three properties raided in Custer County and the five in Fremont County were all run by the same gang out of Florida. And as noted in the press release, many of them were “from Cuba” which confirmed the observations of local citizens.

The press release noted that the “agents and officers found well over 1000 plants, 50 pounds of dried marijuana, 28 firearms, and \$25,000 in cash” in our two counties’ raids.

It also stated that among the other raids around Colorado, the one near Trinidad, in Huerfano County near the Cordova Pass area, the raiding party found more than 11,700 plants and a very sophisticated growing infrastructure.

The press release also contained some comments by Custer County Sheriff Shannon Byerly:

“I would like to extend my appreci-

ation to the U.S. Attorney’s Office, DEA, Fremont County Sheriff’s Office, Pueblo County Sheriff’s Office and the Pueblo Police Department for their direct assistance in this operation,” said Custer County Sheriff Shannon K. Byerly. “Their help was critical in conducting this without incident. I would also like to recognize the efforts of 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.”

Below is some excerpts from the press release on our local raids. To see the complete press release go to www.justice.gov/usao-co and view the “News” section on the screen.

From the press release:

“Over the course of the last six weeks, federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies have identified and dismantled a large number of illicit marijuana cultivation sites across Colorado, and seized a large amount of marijuana. Some illicit grows were located in mul-

tle residences and outbuildings, while many others were located on federal land, causing environmental damage to the land that may take years to mitigate. In every case, the marijuana grows were both illegal under federal law and unlicensed by state authorities under Colorado’s marijuana regulatory system. In several cases, the marijuana grown was destined for users outside of Colorado.

These raids, executed by federal law enforcement (DEA, the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)) and state law enforcement (multiple sheriff’s offices) have resulted in the arrest of 32 individuals in connection with the cultivation sites, and the discovery and seizure or destruction of nearly 20,000 marijuana plants – often mature and ready for harvest -- and over 300 kilograms of dried marijuana. In addition to the marijuana, firearms and cash have been recovered. Further, there are ongoing investigations in a number of the grows listed below.

The 32 individuals arrested face federal drug trafficking charges brought by the United States Attorney’s Office in federal court in

Denver and Grand Junction.

As alleged in court documents, nearly all of those arrested are from outside Colorado, either other states or from other countries, and include Mexican and Cuban nationals. Some of those arrested are in the United States illegally. Court documents allege that some of those responsible for the marijuana growing and/or trafficking appear to be working for drug trafficking organizations. To date, the following illicit grows have been identified and dismantled:

Private Land, September 1st, Cotopaxi and Westcliffe in Fremont and Custer County, 20 people arrested.

A DEA-led task force executed 8 search warrants in Cotopaxi and Westcliffe as part of a major drug trafficking organization investigation. Agents and officers found well over 1,000 marijuana plants, 50 pounds of dried marijuana, 28 firearms, and \$25,000 in cash. The investigation and seizures resulted ultimately in the arrest of 20 individuals, many from Cuba, acting in an organized manner. Those arrested were growing the marijuana in Cotopaxi and Westcliffe, and then either driving or using UPS to send the marijuana to Florida.”

Interim Superintendent Mark Payler Offered a Regular Contract at CCSD School Board Meeting

by Larry Luikart

Chairman Brenda Gaide called the meeting to order followed with her leading the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The guests present were recognized with one modification to the Agenda quickly approved. There were no General Public Comments for the first half of the session. Board Member Cline was absent due to illness.

Mr. Jack Swartz was awarded a Bobcat Pride Certificate for his hard work and dedication in regard to a successful Homecoming and coaching of the Cross Country Team including a Booster Club Award of two thousand dollars and a uniform and footwear award for the Cross Country Team of twelve thousand dollars.

The minutes of the two September meetings of the Board, one in regular ses-

sion and the other in special session, were quickly accepted with no additional comments.

A District Financial Report came next with Business Manager Perschbacher presenting a general overview of the district’s financial position. This is a new report instituted by Superintendent Payler to give the Board and the public an overview of the financial position each month.

The check vouchers and financial reports were approved. There was some discussion from the Board regarding the bills regarding bus certifications and maintenance. Superintendent Payler interjected they are old and they are becoming high maintenance items.

A Certified Teacher Early Notification Incentive Action Notice was discussed. The purpose for this notice involves certified teachers notifying the district early on in the current school year of their intention to leave the district in the next year. Mr. Payler explained Colorado is not producing enough teachers to meet the needs of the districts. Therefore, recruiting must begin early since about half the teachers needed to fill vacant positions must come from out of state. The amount offered in the incentive is two hundred dollars which reduces to one

hundred and finally zero if the teacher waits too long into the end of the school year to notify the district of their intentions.

The Board approved an update to the Strategic Plan. Mr. Payler presented a proposal for a 90 Minute Delayed Start Plan to accommodate weather problems that would not actually necessitate the need to take a Snow Day. There was discussion in the Board regarding the need to revamp the schedule and the ways to notify the parents of the delay to the school day. Approved with some Board reservations. Mr. Payler promised to use this only judiciously and with great infrequency. Accountability Members for 2015-16 were approved.

The Board in a unanimous

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THE STATE OF THE PRESIDENCY: ARE YOU ALARMED YET?

The President did an interview last Sunday on CBS' 60 Minutes. It was alarming. This is a weak leader that cares only about himself and his legacy. Steve Croft, who in the past has been very sympathetic to Mr. Obama, appeared to be in shock and disbelief at the answers to his questions. Our nation is struggling, our economy is weak, and the world is in turmoil, especially the Middle East. But the president believes he has done a good job and even said he would be re-elected if he ran again. This man is delusional and lives in a social media alternate universe. It was clear that Steve Croft soon realized he had to change his tone and continually interrupt the president to try to get his questions answered. At one point Mr. Croft accused the president of "filibustering" his questions. Obama tried to deny that but that is exactly how he always handles the press. He speaks for so long and says so many confusing and irrelevant things that any real answer is lost in his mumbo jumbo. A

few weeks ago he gave a 14-minute answer to a yes or no question. Here are a few of his most incredibly irrational answers. When questioned about Putin disrespecting him he got angry and suggested that REAL leadership is getting an international agreement in Paris next year on Climate Change and stopping Iran from getting a nuclear weapon. Neither of those things will happen so his leadership is clearly failing. He may sign a piece of paper in Paris next year but it will be meaningless, just like the piece of paper he signed with Iran. Useless and ineffective agreements that won't accomplish the stated objectives. When questioned about destroying ISIS, he became even more angry and defiant. He said he didn't really believe in the Syrian rebels training program which we now know was a total failure. He said he was always skeptical and thereby essentially blamed the failure on the military. When pressed by Mr. Croft about why he would approve a program he was skeptical of, the president

said because "you need to try new things." He went on to say the "Community of Nations", whatever that is, will defeat and destroy ISIS and we (the US) will lead the way. That's funny because "we" are not doing that now and two years ago he said we would. He went on to suggest that only the Sunnis can defeat ISIS. What a strategy. The real answer is that he intends to do nothing about ISIS in his last 15 months and will leave that to the next president. He's done. In fact, the 60 Minutes interview made it clear he's done doing anything except bolster his legacy by finishing off with Climate Change laws. If you didn't watch the interview you should. You should see his body language with your own eyes and you should listen to his answers with your own ears. Look at his facial expressions, look at his smirks, look at him squirm and exude anger and arrogance. Listen to his denials, listen to his delusions, and listen to his distortions. He is pretty much done and plans on just riding the rest of his term out. Google the

interview and see for yourself what we have sitting in the office of the President of the United States. It is depressing. You should be alarmed. A complete change of attitude in the White House is necessary for our country to begin to heal after the last 8 years. One sad example of how Obama has checked out is the current state of the VA. Our veterans are still not being properly cared for, wait times are not improving, and the VA is still wasting money on nonsense. Obama said our vets are his number one priority and he was going to see the VA fixed. He appointed some former Proctor and Gamble CEO who graduated from West Point and nothing has improved and no one held accountable. Just last week another report surfaced that the VA has spent over \$6.3 million on art and art consulting services. One outside courtyard cost \$1.3 million alone and two art pieces cost \$250 thousand and \$285 thousand respectively. The cost overruns for the Denver VA Hospital are "off the charts." What is going on? Does anybody

in Washington really care? The president doesn't care and will do nothing in his last year to improve anything. Watch the interview and judge for yourself.

On a brighter note, last Saturday there was a Freedom and Constitution Rally in Cañon City. It started with the awarding of scholarship money to high schoolers that wrote essays on the Constitution and our freedoms. It was great. The young citizens did a great job of expressing what our Constitution says about our freedoms and rights. It was refreshing to see young people reading and trying to understand this great document. Our Constitution clearly defines our individual rights and liberties and the limits of the power of the federal government. The high schoolers got it right. What is sad is how in practice this great document is being trampled on and violated by the politicians. Those young citizens don't see that yet but we hope they will soon and realize they can help restore those principles by being informed voters.



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Can you give me what you've promised?

There are things that can bring any person to anger. One of these things is poor medical treatment or waiting for the medical treatment you feel you rightfully deserve. The fact is, there are thousands of veterans coming home and entering civilian life just to be thrown into a system that is unprepared and lacking the proper amount of personal treatment. Each year veterans are told there is some new treatment to help them with their healing process when all they really get is a bandage to cover-up the problem.

What most veterans notice very quickly about their treatment is that healing is not on the mind of the Veterans Affairs (VA). If you want to get better, then you have to do it yourself. The VA's main course of action is medication, followed by long waits, and finally the hope that you will eventually give up. The reality is that life in the VA system is not an easy one.

Now, don't get me wrong; there are good people within the VA. As a matter of fact, my primary [doctor] is a good one. But the good ones can't pick up the slack for all of the bad ones. Imagine for a moment if our military was that way. If we had people that just went to war to collect a paycheck. Do you think our military would be the same? Wars would be fought completely different, and the world would be speaking differently. I think it would be far from the same.

For many of us, the disability check we receive is it. We support our family with disability because we are unable to work. Combat took that ability from us, and we are not angry at combat about that because we thought we had a deal with our country. The only problem is our country is changing the deal and it

is hurting many families in the meantime.

Having appeals in for years is something that should never happen, but its the truth, no matter what you hear about the backlog getting better. Veterans waiting to see a therapist for months and months is not okay, and that's what is happening. People are waiting for surgeries. There are veterans that are homeless and it's not the VA helping them, it's non-profits. For almost every problem that arises the veteran turns to a non-profit for help. Why do they do that, because the VA simply does not, will not help, or worst of all they don't have the resources.

It's not the American public that's the problem at all. Our government was poorly prepared for the amount of wounded coming home. They were not prepared for the types of injuries or the severity. And they continue to tell the public that they are taking care of the veterans like there is no problem, admitting nothing, and at the same time, allowing veterans to die on their watch.

Every day 22 veterans commit suicide. This is a horrific number. But while this number is horrible, the VA makes veterans wait to see therapist, sometimes longer than a year. How do I know this? I waited. And while waiting, treatment for post-traumatic stress does not happen.

I close by saying that, as a veteran, all I've asked of my government is to stick with the script. Follow through on the promise President Lincoln made so long ago, "To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan."

Daniel Walter,
Colorado Springs

Chaos in Westcliffe

It is with much amusement that I read of the chaos that ensued at the Westcliffe Town Board Meeting over Town Trustee John Johnston's behavior. I haven't written a letter to the editor in a while, but this letter will write itself because it won't leave me alone! Nothing reported in the article surprised me. Not Mr. Johnston's arrogance or his openly admitting his arrogance in the end. I completely sympathize with each Board Member's statement of a lack of trust in John Johnston and their inability to work with him. Why? Because I, too, had the misfortune of an eerily, similar happenstance with John Johnston and it cost me time and money, and it was all for show. He was arrogantly duplicitous and eventually admitted it, as if telling the truth a year later was somehow humble and right. I'm proud of you Town Board Trustees, you who expressed your astonishment over how John would undermine a board trying to work together, while not always agreeing. It certainly isn't an easy task. And why would a Trustee create such a silly division? My expensive run-

in with Johnston happened years ago, but that's not the reason for this letter. I write because of the weird way this idiocy has been portrayed on the Custer County Community Facebook page that, if I'm not mistaken, John Johnston manages. He received a lot of attention, a lot of attention and support and praise for his "Art Mural Battle" as though it were a worthy cause worth fighting for! I happened to be reading the comments as they came in from locals and, more often, from people out of our area. They all seemed to sympathize and agree that John had done nothing wrong. A few people pointed out the obvious fact that, as a Town Trustee, he had an "obligation" to obey the rules, to comply like the rest of the "wee folk". I wrote a comment that years ago when The Saddle Club was working on a mural for the Fair Board wall, I had to submit for approval to the Board, a small drawing done by the artist representing what the mural would look like. The mural was swiftly approved and completed and, though beginning to fade, is still lovely to look at. The

"out-of-town" comments were getting more vicious, calling the Board "Nazi-like" and "What do you expect from a bunch of Tea Baggers?" I kid you not!! I was astounded and wrote, "How in the Wide, Wide World of Sports did the Tea Party get dragged into this?" Another, who shall remain nameless, replied, "Oh, come on Lisa, you know that there are Tea Party people here!" To that I replied, "Yes, of course, I know that...because I am a member of the Tea Party. But I doubt very much, that anyone on the Westcliffe Town Board is a member!" What a country, folks on Facebook screaming FREEDOM while attempting to curtail other folks' constitutionally-guaranteed rights. Wow!! What a country! I'm just shaking my head. But something good did come out of the Facebook Showdown. Yes something good did result from it. I no longer follow the Custer County Community Facebook page and I'm free!!

Lisa Frank,
Custer County

Secure The Door Fundraiser for CCCS

In light of recent events concerning school security around the country, Custer County School District C-1 Superintendent Mark Payler has initiated a fundraising drive to raise money to replace the unsafe front entrance doors to our school with a modern door system that will provide a much more safe environment for our kids and school staff.

Superintendent Payler described the type of door system in an email to the *Sentinel* last Friday:

"My vision for securing the main entry is to have a time-controlled lock on a set of doors that would be open during the first and last part of the day when students are entering the building. At a set time, the door then locks. Mounted on the building would be a secure box with a push button/notification system with a video camera, microphone, and speaker. A person requesting entry into the building would push a button that would activate a screen in the office. The administrative assistant

would then ask the individual to show an ID (we could generate our own for our "frequent flyer" parents or visitors), and once the administrative assistant feels comfortable with the identity of the individual, they could push a button to remotely open the entry door, while at the same time keeping a digital video of the front entry if that documentation is needed later."

He also stated that he anticipates the cost to be about \$20,000 and that is already seeking bids for the project.

So, let's dig deep citizens and get this done. It's a lot of money but potential benefit is priceless. And every little bit helps. Please send your checks to Custer County Central School, 709 Main Street, P.O. Box 730, Westcliffe, Colorado 81252. Or you can drop them off at the front office. Please make checks payable to Custer County School District C-1, Memo: Secure the Door Campaign.

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Dear Custer County School District C-1 Community

School safety has been getting a lot of needed attention in recent weeks – unfortunately based on experiences that, not too long ago, we thought were “unthinkable”. School shootings are becoming commonplace and almost every day brings a new incident of behaviors that are foreign to all of us in rural America. We may think, this can’t happen here... but have learned otherwise.

Teachers, by their very nature, are nurturing and trusting individuals – it’s why our staff have chosen the career pathway they deeply love and practice each and every day. They do touch the future. But they need our help in keeping our schools and students safe. Schools are places of learning and knowledge, and perceived as a safe haven so that learning can flourish. But we have come to realize that this may not be the case both here and in most of our schools across the country. Small rural schools have become easy targets for those with evil intent – and that is no longer acceptable.

The time for all towns and cities to have a frank discussion about school safety – indeed community safety - is now. Many topics need to be discussed in a manner which is factual,

non-threatening, and open to all. Frank discussions about all opportunities to minimize threats to our children need to be put on the table. These include perimeter safety (doors and windows), interior safety measures, communications, on-going threat and response training, weapons in schools, and teacher and staff school safety training...as well as the resources required to address these needs.

Ideas that seem far-fetched need to be considered and promoted. Maybe it is time for our universities to require a school safety class in our teacher preparation programs. Maybe it is time for the legislature to put aside grant dollars, not on a competitive basis as it is now, to be awarded on an annual basis so that every school can conduct an outside expert threat assessment review. The resulting safety report needs to be implemented in a prudent and logical manner – all with an eye on securing our buildings. What we don’t need are more unfunded mandates, with so many strings tied to it, that we can’t get the mission accomplished to ensure the safety of our children. And all of this extends well beyond our schools and into the streets of our communities as well.

In closing, we do take safety seriously in Custer County schools. Administrators are required to complete Incident Command Systems training. We have monthly drills in our schools which practice evacuation, lockouts, and lockdown procedures. We do want our posse, sheriff, EMS, and fire department to be a part of our greater school community – and they do so willingly. Now is the time to put our minds together and come up with both the solutions and resources needed to ensure our community’s safe and productive future. The “Secure the Door” campaign is only a start on a multi-prong approach we need to keep our schools safe – but it is a start and as such I am thankful to those that have helped contribute so much toward this safety campaign.

But I welcome the community conversation as well. We just can’t keep kicking this can down the road...but must have the confidence and courage to collectively face this challenge in Custer County.

Together we can make a difference.

*-Mark A. Payler
Interim Superintendent of
Schools, Custer County
School District C-1*

Perspective on Westcliffe Town Board

As member of the Westcliffe Board of Trustees (BOT) for 5 ½ years, I have been puzzled by the John Johnston Mural Affair. Both John and I were members of the BOT when Anne Relph of the Jones Theater requested permission to have murals painted on the side of her theater. The process was simple. The artist produced a pencil sketch of the proposed mural and the BOT voted unanimously to permit the mural. Anne repeated the process for the second mural and again the BOT approved the project unanimously. Both John Johnston and I attended both meetings and voted to approve. So, I know for sure that John understood the town ordinance and agreed with the process. One can only wonder

what was going through John’s mind when he purposely defied this ordinance and the approval process. For some unexplained reason, he decided to defy the ordinance twice.

I believe that laws should be followed and enforced. If the law is onerous, change it. Members of the Westcliffe BOT swore to uphold the laws and ordinances of the town when they take office. As I see it, there is only one remedy for a trustee who refuses to live up to the Town rules...resign. I urge John to do the right thing. He must submit a letter of resignation immediately.

*Sincerely,
Joe Cascarelli
Westcliffe*

Roseburg, Oregon, to Obama: Don’t Come Here to Politicize Our Grief

by Audrey Slater

Three weeks ago, a madman got into the high school in Roseburg, Oregon, and killed innocent Christian students and staff. (Note: It was another, typical No Guns Allowed kill zone that these sick monsters seek out as targets.) The conservative, close-knit town of 21,000 residents came together to grieve and mourn their lost loved ones.

Not one to miss an opportunity to further the attack on the Second Amendment, President Obama an-

nounced that he was coming to Roseburg to meet with the relatives of some of the deceased to console them. The real reason, of course, was to use the death of these innocent people by this sick, sick shooter to knock gun ownership by American citizens.

Well, this didn’t sit too well with the rural towns people and especially with the editor of the local newspaper David Jacques whose weekly paper, the *Roseburg Beacon*, sees things a little bit different.

In an interview with Bill

O’Reilly from Fox News, Mr. Jacques stated, “Now he wants to come to our community to stand on the corpses of our loved ones to make some kind of a political point and it isn’t going to be well received.”

So the town, neighboring citizens, and even out-of-staters came to together and decided to protest this unwelcome visit by Obama.

The day the President arrived in Roseburg he was

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Silver Cliff Town Meeting of October 5th

by Fred Hernandez

Called to order at precisely 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Larry Weber, followed by the Pledge, the meeting was quickly underway. Sheriff Byerly gave a brief report from the Computer Aided Dispatch which revealed about three thousand incidents for the whole county in the last quarter. Mr. Lowe asked if cameras might be a deterrent in some of these incidences and the Sheriff replied that cameras would help but would not eliminate the problems since nothing is foolproof.

Next was consideration for approval of a contract with an organization that would help town personnel in conducting the 2016 elections. The question raised was whether to pay a flat fee of \$5,000 or go with a rate of \$75 per hour. The company is GovPro, a consulting group led by Ms. Judy Egbert. It was revealed that the town has several items they wish to place on the ballot including a mill levy, the marijuana issue, a reduction in the number of trustees from the current seven to five, and the issue of broadband, and, there may be one more issue. After a brief discussion, the trustees approved to go

with the flat fee.

There followed a brief discussion, after a suggestion made by Mr. Richard Lowe, about the possibility of giving stipends to the elected officials of the town. He explained that it would go to cover out-of-pocket expenses. This notion was quickly dismissed by the mayor and most of the trustees on the basis that the town does not have the necessary cash flow for the additional expense.

The trustees then approved the 2016 health insurance with CEBT for the town employees.

Next on the agenda, the staff reports: Mr. Camper reported that there is an offer to buy the contract of the town tower (60ft) and he invited all to attend the meeting which will take place on October 14th, at 1 p.m. He recommends its sale because a new and taller one will soon be installed west of town. Also under zoning, Mr. Camper reported that the planning commission will meet on October 21st, at 5:30 p.m. and invited town residents to join in. A brief discussion followed regarding signs posting speed limits on the town streets. It was suggested that a sign (four

signs strategically located around town) stating that the speed limit is 25 miles an hour unless otherwise posted would be sufficient and would be more cost efficient than posting numerous signs everywhere. This suggestion was approved.

Ms. Dorothy L. Urban, Curator of the Silver Cliff Museum and an officer of the organization Frontier Pathways, reported on the status of the museum as follows: the attendance over a three month period, with the museum open only on week-ends, was approximately three hundred visitors with an average fee of \$3 per person.

The second meeting to review the artwork for the Silver Cliff Kiosk was on October 8th, with the third meeting on October 30th, at 2 p.m. and the fourth and final meeting will be on December 8th, at 9 a.m. All meetings will be at the Town Hall of Silver Cliff, 612 Main Street.

This is a CDOT program and co-sponsored by Southern Rockies Crossroads of Culture. The other important date is the OPEN HOUSE and re-enactments for the Custer County History Club on November 11th from 5 - 7 p.m.

Custer County Historical and Genealogical Society Annual Dinner

by Jim Silver

The dinner and program were held Saturday evening, October 10th, at the Ranchers Roost meeting room, graciously led by Dorothy Urban, president of the organization. Ms. Urban recounted briefly the history of what became CCHGS, begun originally by a group of people from both Custer and Fremont counties. They were a combined organization for a number of years, until scheduling difficulties and varied interests eventually brought about the formation of the Custer County entity, registered with the State of Colorado on July 22, 2002.

Five of the original members who formed the organization and have since passed away were honored by Ms. Urban: Dave Stubbs, Stan Francis, George Colgate, Ara Weimer, and Barbara Campbell. The current board members were introduced at the start of the evening's festivities: Claudia Cole, Shannon Proctor, Gary Frickell, John Brandenburg, Joyce Gregor, Carl Heck, Patrick Lynch,

Sue Michell, and Herb Weimer.

The after-dinner program of the evening was entitled, "The Miner and the Socialite." Presenters were Jackie Hobby and Elizabeth French, both dressed in "period" attire. Elizabeth French played Mrs. Elsie Beckwith, whose husband George, and their two sons began their cattle ranching enterprise in 1869 with 5,000 head of cattle trailed into the Wet Mountain Valley by Charles Goodnight. As the years went by Mrs. Beckwith was able to live the life of a world-traveling socialite, bringing home to the ranch furnishings and treasures from far-off lands, as shown by photographs of the interior of the historic Beckwith Ranch projected for the attendees.

Jackie Hobby became an unscrupulous character, banker Walter Stuart, by putting on a black mustache, hat, and coat. Stewart and his partner, James R. Boyd, founded the Rosita Bank in 1875 and in that same year became "miners" by forcefully taking

over the Pocohontas Mine. There's more to this story which didn't end well, but suffice it to say that the bank survived in the town of 1,000 residents under new management until 1881. The stories were tied together by the added detail that the Beckwiths banked more securely in Cañon City. The program thus depicted the short-lived boom and bust of the early history of the valley, here one brief 10-year window of time.

This was an entertaining and informative example of the speakers series of the CCHGS-- held on Friday evenings, June until October at the Library Community Room, 7:00-8:00 pm. The annual banquet is held in October each year. This is a great way to discover the historical story of Custer County, and membership cost is \$15 per year individual or \$20 for a family. The mailing address is P.O. Box 436, and email address may be included if you wish to receive newsletters. Genealogy research is available as well by calling Dorothy Urban, 783-2837.

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Obituary Anita Sue Henrich

Anita Sue Henrich, 83, passed away October 10, 2015, in Pueblo, Colorado. The daughter of Charles and Zelma (Sparks) Ryan, she was born March 19, 1932, in Exeter, Missouri. Anita's family moved to rural Westcliffe, Colorado, in 1934. She attended Froze Creek School, Westcliffe School, Silver Cliff School, and graduated from Custer County High School in 1951.

On June 7, 1951, Anita was united in marriage to William A. Henrich. Besides being a rancher's wife, she also worked as a cashier at Charlie Files Drug Store, Evie's Variety Store, Jennings Market for over 30 years, and then at the Westcliffe Supermarket until her retirement in 2010. Anita was an active member of Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church and served on the cemetery board for several years. She enjoyed gardening and bowling, but most of all she loved her grandchildren.

Anita is survived by her children, Wilene (Roger) Squire, Laura (Bill) Lockhart, J.D. (Jeanne) Henrich, and Janet (Bob) Walsh; thirteen grandchildren; and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, William, in 1983; her son, Gary Henrich in 2014; one grandson; one sister; and two brothers.



Recitation of the Rosary will be at 7:00 p.m., Friday, October 16, 2015, at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 17, 2015, at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church with interment to follow at the Catholic Cemetery in Silver Cliff, Colorado. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Custer County Catholic Charities at 109 5th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252.

Arrangements are under the care of Wilson Funeral Home. Online condolences @ www.wilsonfuneralhome.org

Obituary Kirk Emil Ruzanski

Kirk Emil Ruzanski, age 43, passed away unexpectedly on October 5th in Pueblo.

Kirk was a hardworking man with a big heart for his family who had a love for the outdoors and always a love for life. He was a 1990 Pueblo County High School graduate who excelled at baseball and basketball. He attended UCCS in Colorado Springs on a basketball scholarship and later attended Colorado State University in Fort Collins, where he met his wife Melinda of 22 years. He was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. For the past 25 years he ran cattle and hay operations on the family ranches in Westcliffe. In addition, he owned K.E.R. Auction and worked at Rocky Mountain Livestock Sales in Salida for the past 18 years. He was always generous with his auctioneering talent, donating countless hours to Custer County 4-H and FFA programs, the Willow School House historic foundation, and the Custer County Republican party. Kirk was an outstanding musician, carpenter, and western artist. He was an avid hunter, outdoorsman, and, above all, a loving father.

Preceded in death by his father, George



Ruzanski. Survived by his wife, Melinda (Hribar) Ruzanski of Westcliffe; children, Kody Ruzanski and Kylie Ruzanski of Westcliffe; mother, Willdra Walker Ruzanski of Westcliffe; sisters, Wanda (Larry) Dietrich of Lincoln, Nebraska, Vanette "Sudzy" (Bryan) Benesch of Penrose; brothers, George Ruzanski of Penrose and Scott Ruzanski of Westcliffe and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Graveside services were held on October 12th at the Ula Cemetery in Westcliffe followed by a celebration of life at the Westcliffe Saddle Club hall at noon. In lieu of flowers and food, contributions can be made to the Kirk Ruzanski Memorial Fund at any Minnequa Works Credit Union location.

Obituary Jack Geroux

Third generation valley resident Chester D. (Jack) Geroux died Saturday, October 10, 2015, in Pueblo, Colorado, after a brief stay at a care facility. He was 90. He was born January 14, 1925, to Dona and Elizabeth (Kattnig) Geroux in Florence, Colorado.

He attended the Ula School and graduated from Custer County High School in 1942.

On November 16, 1947, he married Ruby P. Hanssen. Jack is survived by 3 children, Clarice (Byron) Dean of Oak Creek, CO; Nancy (Robert) Tallent and Darell (Twila) Geroux both of Westcliffe; 13 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren. Other survivors include a sister, Lois Crow of Pueblo, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby, in 2006 and a son Harvey, and daughter-in-law Ginnie in 2014, also his parents, 2 sisters, a sister-in-law, and 5 brother-in-laws.

In 1949 Jack and Ruby bought their ranch from his uncle and until the age of 85 Jack worked on the ranch. Jack served in the Army in Korea and was honorably discharged as Sergeant in 1947. Jack was a member of the Westcliffe Volunteer Fire Department, Colorado Cattlemen's Association, an honorary member of the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club and served on the school board for 24 years. Jack was instrumental in starting the Custer County Chapter of the FFA and a huge supporter of youth activities. He was a 4-H leader and judging coach for many years and helped build many of the buildings at the fair-



grounds as well as a member of the original Top Rail Club, now the Saddle Club. He was a member of the Ula Cemetery Board and donated many of the trees there as well as the sod from his ranch and poles for the lights on the original football field.

Jack loved to hunt and fish and was very proud to be a rancher and farmer often inviting perfect strangers to stop by. He was a hard-working man but was never too busy to help a neighbor, friend, or family member needing his help.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, October 20th, with viewing at 10 a.m. and services at 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 20th, at Valley Bible Fellowship. Burial will follow at Ula Cemetery with Holt Family Funeral Home making arrangements.

Memorial contributions can be made to Custer County FFA or Custer County 4-H Foundation.



New Parish Priest Inducted

It was a most special day on Sunday, October 11th at Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church in Westcliffe. Bishop Stephen Berg of the Diocese of Pueblo was presiding on this important day to administer the rite of induction of a new pastor for the parish. Always done within the context of Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Church was filled to capacity as the Knights of Columbus, in full regalia, lent color and prestige to the occasion as the entrance procession made its way to the Altar. After the opening prayers and the Gloria sang together by the choir and community, the Bishop gave a brief homily based on the day's Gospel after which, following church tradition, started the induction process of Reverend Father John Farley, pastor-elect. His Eminence, Bishop Berg, calling for a renewal of the promises made on entering the priesthood asked Father John to renew the commitments made to discharge faithfully the office of priest in the care of his flock, resolving to exercise the ministry worthily and wisely; preaching the gospel and teaching the faith; resolving to celebrate faithfully and in accord with Church tradition the mysteries of Christ- especially the sacrifice of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition, resolving to be united more closely to Christ, the High Priest, and promising respect and obedience to the Bishop and his successor. To each of these Fr. John asserted his commitment by stating for all to hear the words, "I am, with God's help". The Bishop then asked his fellow priest, the Pastor-Elect, to "always be a loving father, a gentle Shepherd, and a wise teacher". This was then followed by the Profession of Faith by the new Pastor and the whole community. Turning to the congregation at one point, the Bishop asked if there would be full support for the new Pastor, full backing in material and spiritual growth. The community responded in one full voice giving positive affirmation. The Holy Mass continued until conclusion when the Bishop called the Parish Council forward and introduced members to the new Pastor, and the new pastor to them, saying that the council will assist the new pastor in the conduct of Parish affairs and the new pastor pledges to receive and accept its counsel and guidance. It was a memorable ceremony, a joyful day and another milestone in the history of Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church in its continuing service to God and His Kingdom.

Sentinel photo by Barbara Napolitan

***"I am the resurrection and the life.
He who believes in Me,
though he may die, he shall live."***

John 11:25, NKJV

Appleseed Marksmanship Clinic at SSSC

by George Gramlich

Seven lucky shooters spent two days of rifle marksmanship instruction with master instructor Jim “Lotti” Heath, the “shoot boss” for the event, at the Sangre Shooting Sports Club’s (SSSC) facility south of Westcliffe. The participants shot their semi-automatic rifles, both rimfire and centerfire, at various targets over the weekend as Jim Heath taught them the finer points of marksmanship. Jim is the head Appleseed instructor for Colorado. He was ably assisted by Copper Gulch resident, Tommy “Da Spook” Kravitz, an assistant Appleseed instructor. One of the goals of the weekend is to pass the “AQT” test (the Army Qualification Test) with a score over 210 which means you will receive the treasured Appleseed “Rifleman” patch.

There were two confirmed winners of the Rifleman patch at the event, and a ru-

mor of a third. The two confirmed patch winners were high school student Joshua “Mr. AQT” Bainbridge of Pueblo West and our very own Daryl “M.O.A.” Bressan from the valley.

After this reporter left the event late Sunday, it was reported, but not officially confirmed, that somehow local resident and SSSC board member, Mike “Malfunction” Allen conquered the AQT and received his patch. (Based on how Malfunction Mike was shooting when this reporter was there, it could be a dubious claim. We definitely need to see the actual target to verify.)

We would like to thank Appleseed instructors Mike Heath and Tommy Kravitz for volunteering their time, the Appleseed organization for their country-wide program, and the Sangre Shooting Sports Club for hosting the event.



The weekend participants and instructors: Left to right: Aaron “Bullseye” Pelouzi (who was an observer after getting his Rifleman patch at the last Appleseed at SSSC); Mike “Malfunction” Allen; Daryl “M.O.A.” Bressan; Joshua “Mr. AQT” Bainbridge; Joshua’s mother, Kristy “Ten Ring” Bainbridge; Harald “Landsmann” Frank; Harold’s lovely wife and co-owner of the local real estate firm Hayden Outdoors, Lisa “Oath Keeper” Frank; assistant instructor Tommy “Da Spook” Kravitz, and the “shoot boss”, Jim “Lotti” Heath.



The two confirmed Appleseed “Rifleman” patch winners: Daryl “M.O.A.” Bressan and Pueblo West High School student, Joshua “Mr. AQT” Bainbridge. Well done, guys.



Lisa “Oath Keeper” Frank slams .223 rounds down range with her new AR15 topped with a nice Vortex red dot sight. Governor/Tyrant Hickenlooper: please note that the evil, 30-round-magazine Lisa is using is pre-ban and NOT in violation of the unconstitutional magazine ban law YOU signed two years ago. (Seems to be a lot of them 30 rounders floating around lately. All pre-ban, of course.)



Harald “Landsmann” Frank lights up the target with his AR15 topped with a very nice Trijicon ACOG scope.



Above: Mike “Malfunction” Allen uses the rarely seen “black glove” technique with his nice Ruger 10/22 sporting a trick custom stock. The rumor that he mysteriously got his “Rifleman” patch very late in the day on Sunday has not been confirmed.



Left: Participants practice shooting from the prone position. Standing and kneeling/sitting are also taught during the weekend.

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Custer County School Board Hosts “Meet the Candidates”

School Board candidates Jake Shy (left) and Cynthia Williams (2nd from left) answered questions previously submitted by Custer County Combined School District C-1 students at the recent “Meet the Candidates” night.

Both Jake Shy and Cynthia Williams are running for District 2, and (at right) current board members Brian Cline and Monty Lee are running unopposed.

Current board members Terre Davis’ and Bob Jolley’s districts are not up for election this year.

Sentinel photo by Fred Hernandez

Lady Bobcats: 3 Wins in One Weekend!

by Coach Greg Cravens

Custer County High School volleyball team had a great weekend coming away with three league wins and still in the hunt for a share of the league championship.

It all got started Friday night against the Center Vikings with an excited 4 set match. The Vikings came to play that night but the Bobcats were able to get the victory, 25-18, 25-15, 26-28 and 25-18. Center was very good on defense and the home team had a very hard time finding the floor. Elizabeth Mullet led the team with 8 kills. The team worked on some more options offensively at practice this week and Mullet let it show on Friday. Mullet also came alive on the serves line with 6 aces. Athena Wisecup and Tish Schlabach led the Bobcats defensively. Wisecup had the only block of the night

and Schlabach had 32 digs. Serenity Ham ended the night with 32 assists.

Saturday the team traveled to Fairplay to take on South Park and Crested Butte. The Bobcats came to play on Saturday and it was very exciting to watch for all of those who made the trip on a beautiful autumn day. The Titans from Crested Butte were first with the Bobcats winning is straight sets 25-16, 25-20 and 25-10. McKensie Penkoff led all hitters with 5 kills. Sarah Geringer and Mullet were close behind with 4. The team also worked on their serving this week and it showed. The Bobcats served up 13 aces against the Titans with Ham getting 3. Emily Crossley had 3 blocks and Ham finished the match with 17 digs.

It was South Park’s homecoming and the Bobcats had the role of spoiler. The Burros were fired up and

excited to take on the ‘cats with the crowd ready for a great match. The Bobcats stepped up to the challenge and play one of their best matches of the year with a straight set victory, 25-19, 25-19 and 25-14. Again, serving was the skill of choice for the Bobcats. Crossley and Mullet both finished with 3 aces apiece. The team was serving corners of the court and made the Burros run all over the gym trying to return the serve. The team ended with 12 aces. Penkoff, Mullet and Crossley led the team offensively with 5 kills apiece. Crossley also finished with 3 blocks and Schlabach had 29 digs.

The Bobcats played the Sargent Farmers on Tuesday to determine a strong hold on the league championship. We will have the details of that match in next week’s paper. The team travels to Cripple Creek on Saturday to take on the Pioneers.



Jake Shy for School Board District 2

I am Jacob (Jake) Shy and I am running for School Board District 2.

I was born in Westcliffe and have lived here my whole life except for two years when I attended Northeastern Junior College and received my Associates Degree in Equine Management.

I have three daughters. Two of them attend CCHS and the other will be in a few years. They are third generation students of Custer County Schools.

I am running for this position for several reasons. First, I have no political agenda. I want the best possible education for our students. I want this school to be a place where we are excited to send our children. I want to make sure it is a safe place

for learning and extracurricular activities. Sports and other after school activities are important and I want to make sure we can keep them. I also am an advocate for vocational education as well. Not all people are going to go to college so if we can teach them a skill or trade that can be very useful for their future.

I run a business here and my roots run very deep in this community so I feel it is my time to step up and do my part in preserving its future.

If you have questions or concerns, please stop by Valley Feeds or call me personally on my cell!!

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Bobcat Harriers Ready for Championship Season

by Coach Jack Swartz

The Custer County Cross Country team traveled to Colorado Springs for the well attended Doherty Spartan Invitational. The course, on the backside the state course is a rolling route made up of a very even running surface.

The girls took to the course first led by Kayla Carter finishing 35th in a time of 21:36. A few seconds off of her personal best. Senior Katlyn Freeburg stepped up, dipping down to sub 25 for the first time all season finishing 89th in 24:16, a season best. Freeburg looks to put it all together with only two guaranteed meets left in the season. Kayli Short finished in 121st in 26:35. The girls did not place as a team and won't again until it matters at the Regional Championship on October



The Custer County Bobcats Cross Country Team

Sentinel photo by Jim Silver

22nd in Pueblo.

As for the boys, Jerald Taylor would finish 33rd in 17:50. Dalton Wommack (119th) in 20:50, Wesley Kagen (135th) in 22:28, Scott Freeburg (136th) in 22:38, and Michael Batson (140th) in 23:10. The boys would place 17th out of 19 teams. The boys looks to make a late season statement at the Eric Wolf In-

vitational in Monte Vista on Friday, October 16th, which serves as the teams League Championship.

Both the boys and girls will get a good look at the competition for the Regional Championship while in Monte Vista. The boys look for a top three finish while the girls try and find that late season push to the State Championship (11/31).

Charting Your Course

by Fred Hernandez

“Don’t let life happen to you!” And, with that gem of wisdom, Ms. Jo Gearhart, professional high school counselor, launched her session with a group of seniors coaching them in preparation for their next phase in life. The session was part of a seminar for seniors called “Charting Your Course”. Counselor Troy Bomgardner, along with retired educators from the community, planned the event to give seniors some practical, hands-on work with planning for their future.

In one of the sessions, aided by a website called “My Next Move,” Ms. Gearheart expertly guided the class of about a dozen

students, each one with a laptop, maneuver through the site and determine the talents they each possessed and which they could develop effectively. A color chart featuring sections related to the different areas was passed out for each one to determine which of their inherent strengths could be best utilized as they made their plans for the future. The emphasis was on the importance of having a plan, no matter if the plan was a military career, a job, further schooling (college), business or any other activity as long as there was a plan.

The second part of the morning session was with Mr. Ron Terry who at one time was an associate dean at the Louisiana State Uni-

versity where he focused on the admission process for young adults going into college. Mr. Terry worked with the group to build awareness of their mental and physical persona when applying for a position at either a job or higher education. His emphasis was on the outcome of the interview and included the initial approach, the eye contact necessary to display an air of confidence and innate ability which could spell success.

“I was very pleased with the session and when we concluded the seminar and asked seniors what they learned during the session, it was evident they were attentive and picked up a few nuggets of wisdom,” noted Mr. Bomgardner.



Bobcat Menu • Oct. 19 - Oct. 22, 2015

Monday Breakfast
Pancakes
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Nachos
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Tuesday Breakfast
Scrambled Eggs,
W.G. Toast
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Meat Lasagna
W.G. Roll
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Wednesday Breakfast
Blueberry or Banana Muffin Loaf
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Chicken Patty Sandwich
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Thursday Breakfast
Sausage Gravy
W.G. Biscuit
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Beef Taco, Rice
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

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



Annual 6th Grade Conservation Poster Contest

Each year the Custer County Conservation District sponsors a sixth grade conservation poster contest. The theme is determined by the National Association of Conservation Districts. This year’s theme was Local Heroes – Your Hard-working Pollinators. The colorful posters were displayed at the Conservation District’s Annual Dinner/Meeting held on September 24th at Tony’s Mountain Pizza’s Event Room. Prior to the meeting, attendees were invited to judge and cast their vote for the top three posters that illustrated the theme the best. This year’s winners are in first place - Samuel Babcock; second place – Morgan Foster; and third place – Bailey Sluder. The first place winning poster will be sent to the statewide competition held in November at the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting.

Pictured above: 1st place – Sam Babcock, 2nd place – Morgan Foster; 3rd place Audrey Sluder.

Courtesy photo by Carol Kuisle-Franta

KIDS Friday, October 16, 2015

The Cuban Missile Crisis

It was a close call - maybe the closest call in human history. For two weeks in October 1962, the world teetered on the edge of nuclear war and the end of the world as we knew it. For thirteen days, the fate of the world hung in the balance.

At 8:45 a.m. on October 16, 1962, the National Security Advisor, McGeorge Bundy alerted President Kennedy that a major international crisis was at hand. A United States military surveillance aircraft had taken aerial photos of Cuba that showed that a Soviet missile base was under construction just 90 miles from the coast of Florida.

Tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union over Cuba had increased after the failed Bay of Pigs invasion in April 1961. Since then Castro was convinced that the United States was planning an attack. They asked Russia for more military aid. Russia sent missiles and materials to build launch sites.

After many long and difficult meetings with his advisors, President Kennedy decided to place a naval blockade, or a ring of ships around Cuba. He demanded the removal of the missiles already there and the destruction of the sites.

On October 22, President Kennedy spoke to the nation about the crisis in a televised address. “It shall be the policy of this nation to regard any nuclear missile launched from Cuba against any nation in the Western Hemisphere as an attack by the Soviet Union on the United State, requiring a full retaliatory response upon the Soviet Union.”

The nation was on alert and praying for a peaceful resolution to the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Leaders of both superpowers recognized the devastating possibility of a nuclear war. On October 28, 1962, with events spinning out of control, Krushchev suddenly relented. The missile sites would be dismantled immediately.

The peaceful resolution of the crisis is considered to be one of President Kennedy’s greatest achievements.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: jfklibrary.org, U.S. Department of State office of the historian, History.com

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Bobcats Sport Schedule

VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, October 17
10 a.m.: Cripple Creek AWAY
Saturday, October 24
10 a.m.: Del Norte/South Park
AWAY at Del Norte

CROSS COUNTRY

Friday, October 16
TBA: League Championship

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Friday, October 16
7 p.m.: SIMLA Away
Saturday, October 24
1 p.m.: Kiowa at HOME



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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



PUBLIC NOTICE COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 12-15

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

On July 9, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.

Original Grantor(s): Jerry Ayers
Original Beneficiary(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Homes Loans, Inc.

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificateholders of the CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2005-44, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-44

Date of Deed of Trust: June 29, 2005

County of Recording: Custer

Recording Date of Deed of Trust: July 05, 2005

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 201787 Book: 526 Page: 279

Original Principal Amount: \$337,500.00

Outstanding Principal Balance: \$333,889.72

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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A tract of land located in the SW1/4 of Section 35, Township 46 North, Range 12 East of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, Custer County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows;

Beginning at a point that is 1061.6 feet North 89°33' East along the Section line from the SW corner of said Section 35; thence North 01°20' West 6.3 feet to a point on the Easterly line of the Bassett Tract; thence North 01°20' West 216.7 feet along said Easterly line to a point; thence North 01°20' West 37.6 feet to a point on the Southerly line of a road; thence North 63°12' East 190.7 feet along said Southerly road line to a point; thence South 78°20' East 128.6 feet along said Southerly road line to the NW corner of the Nelson tract; thence South 01°48' West 318.5 feet along the Westerly line of said Nelson tract to the Section line; thence South 89°33' West 280.0 feet along the Section line to the point of beginning.

County of Custer, State of Colorado

Also known by street and number as: 3060 County Road 182, Westcliffe, CO 81252.

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NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 11/25/2015, at the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR

BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

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www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 07/09/2015

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:

Malcolm Cisneros, A Law Firm 6595 West 14th Avenue, Suite 100, Lakewood, CO 80214 (303) 586-1174

Attorney File # Ayers/B26647

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 COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 13-15

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

On July 21, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.

Original Grantor(s): Jerry Meschke

Original Beneficiary(ies): First Federal fsb

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: MidCountry Bank, successor to First Federal fsb

Date of Deed of Trust: April 02, 2003

County of Recording: Custer

Recording Date of Deed of Trust: April 07, 2003

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 194598 Book: 456 Page: 35

Original Principal Amount: \$144,500.00

Outstanding Principal Balance: \$117,910.10

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

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Lot 155, according to the correction Plat for Rosita Hills Subdivision No. 2 a/k/a 5977 County Road 328, Westcliffe, CO 81252

Also known by street and number as: 5977 County Road 328, Westcliffe, CO 81252.

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NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 11/18/2015, at the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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DATE: 07/21/2015

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

By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee

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

John A. Lobus, PC 710 Kipling Street, Suite 402, Lakewood, CO 80215 (303) 232-5606

Attorney File # Meschke

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 COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 14-15

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

On August 11, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.

Original Grantor(s): Bruce K. Roth and Carrie J. Roth

Original Beneficiary(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., acting solely as nominee for Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

Date of Deed of Trust: October 31, 2008

County of Recording: Custer

Recording Date of Deed of Trust: November 10, 2008

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 211482 Book: 618 Page: 5

Original Principal Amount: \$189,992.00

Outstanding Principal Balance: \$181,310.64

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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SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A - LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Also known by street and number as: 145 County Rd. 328H, Westcliffe, CO 81252.

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NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 12/09/2015, at

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the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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DATE: 08/11/2015

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:

Klatt, Augustine, Sayer, Treinen & Rastede, P.C. 710 Kipling Street, Suite 402, Lakewood, CO 80215 (303) 232-5606

Attorney File # CO150159

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE AS TO PROPOSED BUDGETS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that proposed budgets have been submitted to the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District, including the Upper Arkansas Water Activity Enterprise, for the ensuing year 2016. Copies of such proposed budgets have been filed in the office of the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District, 339 East Highway 50, Salida, Colorado, where the same are open for public inspection. That such proposed budgets will be considered at a regular meeting of the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District to be held at the office of Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District, 339 East Highway 50, Salida, Colorado, on the 12th day of November 2015 at the hour of 2:00 o'clock pm. Any taxpayer within such district may, at any time prior to the final adoption of the budgets, file or register his objections thereto.

Dated: October 8, 2015

/s/ Jimmy McCormick
Treasurer

/s/ Ralph L. Scanga, Jr.
General Manager and Budget Officer

Published: October 16, 2015

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Westcliffe, Colorado

PUBLIC NOTICE Custer County BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Tentative Agenda TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 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

- Rocky Mountain Fire Extinguisher, LLC annual inspection
- Search and Rescue Facility Designation/Usage
- 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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2015 Real Property Tax Delinquent List Custer County, Colorado



Public Sale: November XX, 2016

8:30 a.m. - Courthouse

Custer County Courthouse - Westcliffe, Colorado

TO BETTER SERVE YOU

- Pay promptly. Due date for first half is the last day of February, second half is due June 15.
Total tax due by last day of April.
- Allow for postal delays when remitting tax payments.
- Notify the County Assessor or County Treasurer of address corrections immediately.
- Refer question regarding property valuation to the County Assessor.

If you have any questions, please inquire at the
Treasurer's Office or call 719-783-2341
Virginia Treasurer, Custer County Treasurer
P.O. Box 209, Westcliffe, CO 81252

ATTENTION CUSTER COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS!

Delinquent taxpayer names will appear in
all the issues of the

Delinquent Tax List

published weekly for three consecutive
weeks.

Tax payments must be in the County Treasurer's Office on or before November 15, 2012, in cash or certified funds to avoid delinquent property going to tax sale. If property goes to tax sale, you will be required to pay investor's interest at a rate of 10% per annum. Redemption of these taxes must be paid in cash or certified funds, within 3 years or a Treasurer's Deed will be issued to the investor. Contact Custer County Treasurer for an information regarding delinquent taxes.

Lady Bobcats Three Game Winning Streak!



Back row from left: Coach Greg Cravens, 8-Athena Wisecup, 4-Halie Lemons, 14-Emily Crossley, 11-McKensie Penkoff, 3-Sarah Gerringer, and Manager Emma Aldrich. Front row from left: 2-Ashley Gillum, 5-Elizabeth Mullett, 9-LaTisha Schlabach, 6-Serenity Ham, and 7-Madysen Paxton. Unavailable for photo: Manager Madison Henrich and Manager Brittany Benoit.



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decision approved a recommendation to offer Mr. Mark Payler a permanent contract as superintendent after satisfying a required fourteen day waiting period. The Board is very pleased with Mr. Payler’s work and they felt offering a permanent contract now rather than waiting until January 2016 would help create some stability for the teachers and students in the district. Congratulations, Mr. Payler.

The Board unanimously did not approve the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey. Mr. Payler indicated he could not see the benefit of using instructional time for the students to take this survey. He felt it would have no real impact on the District. The Board reinforced Mr. Payler’s sentiments using intrusive, overly personal and unnecessary in their assessment. *(Reporter’s note: I had an opportunity to view the survey several months ago. It was one of the most rude, nosy, and mean-spirited collections of junk questions I have ever seen. The superintendent and board are to be congratulated for pro-*

tecting the sanctity of the students at Custer County C-1.)

The Board heard final readings / adoption for three District Policies: BEC & BEDG – Executive Session / Minutes. GBED – Staff Conduct (and Responsibilities). GCO –

Evaluation of Licensed Staff. Approved.

Policy CCA – Organization Chart, received a first reading and IKA – Grading / Assessment Systems – a second reading. Both approved.

Policy GDO-E (Exhibit Only) Classified Staff Evaluation Report was approved. Policy GBEE – Staff Use of the Internet and Electronic Communications – was a discussion only item. The Board after thoughtful and genuine concern for students and teachers decided to retain the current policy. They asked Superintendent Payler to make it clear that communications using these mediums should be limited to the dissemination of needed information. Personal, two-way communications should be avoided and discouraged.

The two principals offered their reports. Mostly, they

continue to disseminate, crunch, and evaluate the data associated with the tests completed. This data crunching involves looking for parameters, evaluative techniques, and other subtle trends to help teachers assess the group and individual performance of the participants.

Mr. Payler indicated he had the opportunity to visit, but not to evaluate, but do some reflective observation of three classrooms today. He plans on continuing these visits (three per day) until he has been to every classroom. The state of Colorado has put out new requirements for graduation which are radically different from years past. He offered caveat that they must react to these options over the next couple of years. As examples the State of Colorado is now mandating a minimum of 18 on the ACT in English and 19 on the mathematics portions in order to receive a diploma. Mr. Payler recommends joining School Spring which will help automate the employment process.

A great Career Fair, thank you so much. The Secure the Door campaign has already generated \$2,490.

Food purchases have been changed resulting in nearly \$1,100 in savings with some indication that food quantities are larger this year than last.

A Special Board Meeting was set to consider the approval of a permanent contract for Mr. Payler on October 27, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. in the Administration Building.

During the second Public Comment Session, Candi Sage asked if any further debates would take place in regard to the upcoming school board elections. It was determined the ballots went out today so there would be no more debates before the election. Mr. Lee indicated the two candidates for the contested position on the Board would be speaking at the Rotary Club meeting on Monday, October 19, 2015, at 12:30 p.m. at the Mining Company if you wanted to hear them one more time before the election. Ron Rodriguez wanted to know if the district did anything to follow-up with delinquent parents who do not attend parent-teacher conferences as an example. Principal Jones said, “Yes” individual teachers follow through sometimes calling parents

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PASTOR SAGE THEURER



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and know that I am God
Psalmn 41:10, NIV

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Classifieds

Classes

New Classes for Seniors at Club America with instructor Janie Bolte starting October 5. Chair Strength meets Tuesday/Thursday, 10:30 – 11 a.m. – don't let decreased mobility keep you from being strong! Seniors in Motion on Monday/Friday, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., works on balance, flexibility, and strength to keep an able body self-sufficient. TONE! Meets Monday/Wednesday, 5-6 p.m., for those ready to get in shape. Free to members. \$7 drop-in fee for nonmembers.

Step Aerobics with Sarah Flynn now at Club America, Monday and Wednesday, 5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. \$7 drop-in fee; free to members.

Kids Zone After School Program, grades K-5 at Club America on Tues. and Thurs., 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Friday, 10:30 a.m. – noon. Introductory price: \$3 for 1 hour or less; \$5 for over 1 hour, Kids Zone membership \$30 per month, includes public swim. An activity-based child development program, not child care/babysitting. Develop strong kids, with kind-hearted values. Your child escorted from school to Club. Call 783-0750 or come to Club America for details.

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Help Wanted

The Custer County School District has two openings for coaches for the 2015-2016 school year, one for an assistant high school wrestling coach and one for a head high school baseball coach. Classified staff applications are available online at custercountyschools.org or at the Administration Office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. Both positions will remain open until filled.

The Custer County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for an Administrative Manager. Job requirements prefer a working knowledge of computer systems, developed typing skills, strong organizational and interpersonal skills, integrity, professionalism and confidentiality. The position is responsible for records management, information sharing with the District Attorney's Office, invoicing, payroll processing, concealed carry permit processing, and other assigned duties. The position is an administrative position for the office of Sheriff. A background check and drug testing will be conducted prior to a job offer. The position is a full-time position as a county employee with a competitive wage and benefit package. Starting pay will be \$13 to \$17 an hour, depending on experience. Applications can be obtained at the

Custer County Sheriff's Office, 702 Rosita Ave, Westcliffe, CO 81252, or by contacting Undersheriff Chris Barr via e-mail at cbarr@custercountygov.com. Applications are due by October 23, 2015.

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Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 103 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 10 to EMS, and 2 to the Fire Department. On October 13th there were 3 males and 2 females in the county jail.

10/7/15
Traffic Summons: Jacob Coleman for speeding. Arrests: Roderick Hubbell for DUI.

10/8/15
Traffic Summons: Claude Neal for speeding in the school zone. Brandon Penkoff for speeding. Search and Rescue: Deputies and SAR dispatched for a mountain biker in trouble near CR 369.

Rider was able to make it down by himself.

10/9/15
Theft: Deputies responded to Main Street in Silver Cliff for a report of a theft of a pistol from an individual's vehicle. Investigation is ongoing.

Traffic Summons: Jimmy Alencio for speeding. Martin O'Laughian for speeding.

10/10/15
Traffic Summons: Douglas Bashara for speeding. Arrests: Nicholas Harson for child abuse and menacing.

10/11/15
Domestic Disturbance:

Deputy responded to CR 255 and CR 277 to assist Fremont County with a domestic disturbance.

10/12/15
Traffic Summons: Gary Bachelor for speeding on CR255.

10/13/15
Traffic Summons: Joshua Borieo of San Antonio, Texas, for speeding. Kimberly Cannon for speeding.

Arrests: Kenneth Day arrested for driving a vehicle with a suspended license, driving without a valid drivers license, displaying a fictitious license plate, speeding and operating an unlicensed vehicle.

Events Calendar

October 1 – 31

Fremont Center for the Arts proudly hosts the Westcliffe Contemporary Quilters and Fiber Artists for the month of October at 505 Macon Avenue, Cañon City, Colorado. Call for hours (719) 275-2790, or visit the website at www.fremontarts.org.

Friday, October 16

9 a.m. – Noon: Flu Shot Clinic at Custer County School's multi-purpose room; Fee: \$25. Bring your Medicare/Medicaid cards to cover cost. Info: Custer County Public Health Agency (719) 783-3369

7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: Movie, "A Walk in the Woods" – Action, Drama, R

Saturday, October 17

6 p.m.: "Whisker Ball" hosted by the Friends of the Pueblo Animal Shelter at the Pueblo Convention Center, 320 Central Main St., Pueblo.

7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: Movie, "A Walk in the

Woods" – Action, Drama, R

Sunday, October 18

7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: Movie, "A Walk in the Woods" – Action, Drama, R

Tuesday, October 20

9 a.m.: Board of County Commissioners meeting in Wetmore

Saturday, October 24

4 – 8:30 p.m.: Boo! At the Bridge! Howling Good Fun! At the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park. Hay rides, trick or treat, ghost train, night flights, carnival games, special music and surprises. All ages welcome. See ad on page 14

Sunday, October 25

2 p.m.: Jones Theater: In Concert: "Spinphony" – Classical Pop Fusion String Quartet. Tickets Candy's Coffee, Loan A Ranger, or at the door. (719) 783-9709

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 community room in downtown Westcliffe.
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.: Jammin' band at The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff

First Tuesday of the Month:

6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes - American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting
6:45 p.m. Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (March-October) at the Saddle Club.

Tuesday through Friday

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

Wednesday

9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Line dancers meet at the Methodist Church. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370
6 p.m.: Closed Big Book study Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172, or 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

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GRIEF

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by hundreds of pro-gun protesters - they lined the streets. I called David Jacques, who stated, "The protesters understood this was a solemn occasion and given the anger that was seething underneath, it was surprising that it was so peaceful. I think the point got across to the Presi-

dent." Mr. Jacques stated he was disappointed in the mixed signals that were sent out by two commissioners and some city officials. He did mention that those two commissioners are now taking heat from the public.

Mention was made in the press concerning the mother of the shooter stockpiling guns. Mr. Jacques said this is a gun-toting community. It is not unusual for anyone to have some guns here.

"What difference does it make how many guns there are? One gun in the hands of a psychopath is more dangerous than hundreds of guns in the possession of a law-abiding citizen."

The families who met with the President have not yet said what was discussed in the closed door meeting. There was no press allowed and cell phones were confiscated so that nothing could be brought out of the meeting.

Drum Circle to Meet Monthly

An open drum circle led by djembe musician and craftsman Zach Taylor will begin meeting monthly at the West Custer County Library Community Room on Saturday, October 17th, at 3 p.m. The drum circle is open to all ages and abilities.

"The library has hosted several drumming events this year during which people voiced a desire to meet regularly," said Library Director Amy Moulton. "We are thankful to Zach for leading the sessions and sharing his amazing abilities with the community."

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own drums, though Taylor will have a few extra on hand. The library's community room is located at 209 Main Street in Westcliffe. For more information on the drum circle, contact the library at 783-9138.

Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Southern
Colorado
Survivors**
1st Sat at 10 a.m.
El Alazan
Mexican Restaurant
1925 Fremont Dr.
Cañon City

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Tailored West Expands to Colorado Springs

by Candy Thompson

Nanci Kezar is following her dream for retail women's clothing by opening another Tailored West in Colorado Springs on November 1st at 103 Tejon. She feels she has been blessed over the last four years since she came to Cañon City, growing from one room in the Abbey to the building at 224 on Main Street and then expanding to another store, Unbranded, at 328 Main, with the help of her son, Wyatt Reed. Nanci has given many people in Fremont County job opportunities with her manufacturing and retail clothing, and has mentored women in many facets of her business. The Colorado Springs store will focus more on professional and travel wear, but will carry many of the same items and brands as her store here.

"Energetic", "visionary", "creative", "caring", "talented", and "inspirational" are only a few words her customers and employees use to describe Nanci, but she says she "gives all the credit to the Lord," when asked to share her business model for success. "I don't make decisions without prayer and inviting my whole staff to pray together," she emphasizes. She feels really blessed by the people of this area having had such rapid growth, but says that she is

taking time now to regroup, refine, and reflect to become more efficient, something that is hard to do in a fast growth period.

Nanci pointed out that her employees at the Cañon Store will be receiving and handling merchandise for the store in the Springs and in Cañon and she is maintaining jobs in Cañon City for her website, sales, and distribution. She also hires local people for photography and modeling. Her experienced staff in Cañon will continue her high standards of service.

The 224 Main Street building was the old Livery Stable built in 1875, Nanci explained, and the property she now owns beside it is the only one on Main Street that has never had a building on it. She said she started praying last summer about purchasing the empty lot beside her to turn it into a park where people could enjoy events such as musicals, fashion shows, family reunions, etc. They spent all summer getting it ready to use. "That was an answer to prayer and God made it possible," she emphasized.

Admitting that construction on Main Street has brought special challenges to her business, she said that it has hurt many of the businesses causing many to close for the duration. "Our business



Proprietor Nanci Kezar in front of her new store in Colorado Springs.

Courtesy photo

is down," she says, but never to be one to get discouraged, knowing that God is in control, she has planned an event to promote the west end of Main Street that will involve Unbranded and Tailored West and other businesses.

What she would like to tell customers is that they can come down Highway 50 to First, Second, Third, and Fourth Streets and find access to Main Street for this event with plenty of parking and take ad-

vantage of this incredible reduction of her fabulous inventory.

This "huge" and "incredible" event from October 20th – 24th will be at 224 Main Street and will be an Inventory Reduction Sale, due to being inventory heavy from buying projections that didn't count on the construction on Main Street. Nanci wants customers to know, "it's our way of saying 'thank you' because these businesses have been successful because of you."



All American Freedom Festival

Left: The participants of the All American Freedom Festival Scholarship were challenged with writing an essay on the U.S. Constitution. The students who placed in the top four are in the front row, left to right: Nick Snyder, 2nd place, Bethanny Lyons, 1st place, Levi Garner, 3rd place and Damian Hallett, 4th place.

Above: Representatives from local law enforcement agencies were honored at the All American Freedom Festival last Saturday, October 10, 2015.

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in Cotopaxi

Mr. Ed's Family Restaurant



1201 Royal Gorge Blvd., Cañon City
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NOTE: When writing about God and Jesus, The Daily Jot means YHVH as God and Yeshua Ha Mashiach as Jesus--the actual original names and the true nature and character of them.

Presidential Implications of Christian Mass Murders

The Washington Post reports that the "president" is considering executive actions to clamp down on gun buyers. As he said in his comments about the recent Oregon shootings, "Well, this is something we should politicize...This is a political choice that we make to allow this to happen every few months in America...So the notion that gun violence is somehow different, that our freedom and our Constitution prohibits any modest regulation of how we use a deadly weapon, when there are law-abiding gun owners all across the country who could hunt and protect their families and do everything they do under such regulations doesn't make sense." So he wants to make gun dealers liable for gun-related deaths.

The Post says that the "president" "is seriously considering circumventing Congress with his executive authority and imposing new background-check requirements for buyers who purchase weapons from high-volume gun dealers. Under the proposed rule change, dealers who exceed a certain number of sales each year would be required to obtain a license from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and perform background checks on potential buyers." This accomplishes two things: 1) it puts the liability on gun dealers if a gun is used illegally, and 2) it places the government in full control of whether a gun dealer can sell guns. The aim is to put gun dealers out of business.

The problem in America, however, is not a gun problem. Those who were killed in Oregon and in Charleston, South Car-

olina, were Christians. According to Former Focus on the Family employee Carl Chinn, who has been researching church violence, deadly church violence since 2009 (when the current "president" took office) has increased 422% over the previous 11 years. It would be a reasonable prediction based on these statistics that the current "president" has arguably presided over the most violent time against churches in recent American history. These are deaths that took place in churches, but they could be indicative of violence against Christians in America.

Blaming guns for the deaths of Christians in Oregon and South Carolina is, as the "president" admitted, politicization, especially when you see who is getting killed and who is doing the killing. Nazis and Islamists have been doing the killing. Christians have been getting killed. And what of the impact of a "president" who has perhaps incited these killers by demonizing Christians and characterizing conservative Christians (pro-gun, pro-life, pro-marriage) as racists, radicals and extremists? The atmosphere has been established where churches and Christians, in particular, have become targets of a dark and evil element in our society. Jesus said in Matthew 24:9 that "ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake." Sadly, in America over the last seven years, this hate is stronger than it ever has been.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
www.dailyjot.com
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by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

(Editor/GG: This is why, especially in the coming days, of having a Constitutional Sheriff and an informed citizenry.)

This is an outrageous story:

The travesty imprisonment of Orville "Lee" Wollard will continue, with the blessing of Gov. Rick Scott. Last week, Scott cast the decisive vote to keep Wollard locked up for firing a warning shot after being attacked in his home by his daughter's boyfriend. Police said the boyfriend ripped the surgical stitches from Wollard's abdomen.

The 60-year-old first-time offender has already served about seven years of a mandatory 20-year term. A Polk County jury had convicted him of shooting into a dwelling and aggravated assault with a firearm.

A charge of child abuse was included because the boyfriend of Wollard's daughter was 17 at the time of the incident, in 2008.

Curiously, the same prosecutor who'd originally offered Wollard a deal of five years' probation (with no prison time) told the state clemency board on Wednesday that Wollard should stay behind bars after all this time.

So let's look at what we have here.

A man was attacked in his home by his daughter's boyfriend. That alone is sufficient, assuming he believed the threat was credible (and it appears he did), to shoot him dead. Indeed, the record shows that the boyfriend did inflict serious bodily harm (the threat thereof being the threshold for the use of deadly force.)

Instead of shooting the boyfriend he discharged the weapon into the wall.

For this he was charged with use of a firearm in the commission of a felony (shooting in/into an occupied building) and child abuse (since the daughter was not 18) and under Florida's mandatory sentencing law for firearms offenses he was incarcerated for 20 years (since he discharged the weapon.)

The stupidity of the way this law was applied is obvious on its face. Nonetheless, this is what the law allowed at the time (it has since been fixed, incidentally, however that fix was not retroactive.)

Governor Scott just confirmed that he lacks the mental acuity of an ant, as the law was clearly misapplied in this case. Florida's 10/20/Life law is a good law in the general sense, but that doesn't mean it cannot be misapplied. All laws can be misapplied; we would hope that when legislators write them they avoid that through careful construction but since laws are made by men and passed by men this sort of error does occur.

Enter two groups of people who are supposed to prevent this. The Prosecutor is the first one. Where are the people in this county and why aren't they picketing that b*@\$!@%d's home and office?

Second, however, is the jury. Despite what you are told when you are called to Jury Duty your job is to judge the totality of the situation before you. That's why we have juries in the first place; there is no need to weigh evidence when it is incontrovertible, and often it is. Indeed, in today's world of cameras and audio recorders it is frequently the case that there is no dispute over what happened at all; there is in fact a record of it in a form that, absent tampering, is known with a fair degree of certainty.

The fact is that your job doesn't end there as a juror despite what the Judge

will tell you. **Your job includes judging whether the charge leveled against the defendant is appropriate given the circumstances of the alleged offense.**

In other words your job is to determine **if a breach of the peace has occurred, not** simply if a violation of a "law" has occurred.

Laws are made by men. Men commit errors. They commit errors both in declaring something illegal **that is not** because it violates one's unalienable rights (which no man, and no government, may rightfully infringe) but **also** in applying a law that was written for one purpose to another **either through ignorance, stupidity or malice.**

This prosecutor disgusts me. But what's **equally** disgusting, if not more-so, **are the citizens of Polk county who condemned this man to prison for what appears to be a factually-incorrect application of a law intended for violent criminals to a man who was being attacked in his own home.**

Do you live in Polk County? If so then **you** have a responsibility to right this wrong. **You** are responsible for this Sheriff (you elect him), **you** pay the taxes that support this county government **including the prosecutor's office** and **you** imprisoned this man unjustly.

You did that. He didn't do it, **you** did it.

It is your responsibility to fix it and that responsibility rests in each and every one of you.

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It's a Civic Duty

Students Respond to Legal Threats Over Pre-Game Prayer With Massive Prayer Meeting

by Victor Skinner,
EAGNews.Org

ASHDOWN, Ark. — Students at Ashdown High School are fighting back against efforts to purge prayer from their school.

Atheists at the Wisconsin-based Freedom From Religion Foundation recently sent the district a threatening letter in hopes of forcing school officials to end pre-game prayers at school sponsored athletic events.

The response was likely not what FFRF expected.

At last Friday's game, students, fans, coaches and players from both teams, as well as the referees took to the field for a massive prayer session led by a group of students.

"We are not going to stop any student who wants to exercise their freedom of religious expression such as a prayer," Ashdown superintendent Jason Sanders told KSLA. "As for the situation Friday night, I think that is a great example of student freedom and the rights of students to express themselves religiously and the government not get involved and keep them

from doing that."

Sanders told KTBS he consulted with the "Alliance for Defending Freedom" about the FFRF complaint — which takes issue with the pre-game prayers, as well as a high school band director who allegedly led students in prayer — and concluded the district has not violated the law.

"We feel like that the freedom of our students to express themselves will hold up in a court of law," he said.

FFRF contends it issued the legal threat last month after the group was contacted by

a concerned student, but First Baptist Church Pastor Butch Riddle said the mis-sive has been a blessing for believers.

"It's encouraged the students to understand that they can in fact pray in many different ways and different times," Riddle said. "You cannot really legislate morality. You cannot legislate religious conviction."

And you cannot keep Ashdown residents from exercising their faith.

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A Weekend With Bernie: A Dive Into the Heart of the Sanders Campaign

by Blake Neff,
Daily Caller News Foundation

(Editor/GG: Game over folks. A homosexual socialist/communist is drawing huge crowds around the country on a platform of overturning the Constitution of the United States. The welfare state that the democrats and RINO's have created to buy votes and destroy our liberty and freedom is not enough. They want ALL of your money and the little remaining freedom you have. Get ready.)

BOSTON/SPRINGFIELD, Mass. —
Bernie Sanders has become the fresh face of the Democratic Party, providing an unexpected disruption to Hillary Clinton's coronation march despite being so old that bizarre essays about rape he wrote 43 years ago have come back to haunt him.

These days, Sanders is all over the media. He's on top in New Hampshire, close in Iowa, and potentially stronger than Clinton in a general election. He's fund-raising at Clinton's pace despite relying heavily on small donors, and he's reportedly drawing tens of thousands of people to his rallies.

But, thus far, coverage of Sanders has focused superficially on his rise in the polls and the potential threat he poses to Clinton. Less attention has been given to what a Sanders presidency would mean, and how American voters are reacting to his candidacy. Wanting to better understand the Bernie Sanders phenomenon, The Daily Caller News Foundation dispatched a reporter to his two rallies in Boston and Springfield, Massachusetts over the weekend to encounter Sanders and his supporters in their natural habitat.

What we found is revealing: A socialist movement split over what socialism actually is: a mostly-white movement wishing it could add more melanin; a movement that demands new programs and new taxes but denies that it wants "free stuff."

TheDCNF came away with nine major findings from its daylong journey into the heart of the Sanders campaign:

1. Sanders fans want free stuff, but they don't want to say so.

In Boston, one of the strongest reactions of the night came from a preliminary speaker, climate change activist Bill McKibben.

"Jeb Bush says [that] Democrats want to give 'free stuff' to people," said McKibben, which unleashed a torrent of boos from the crowd. "If by free, Republicans mean things like Social Security, then by God, we work for those things," he added, unleashing a second wave of cheers.

But as Sanders' own rhetoric delivered just minutes later revealed, it really is "free stuff" that is driving much of his campaign. Sanders opened his speech by blasting Walmart's Walton family (their mere mention attracted a chorus of boos) for possessing as much as wealth as they do. He followed it up quickly with a call for a \$15 minimum wage, for a massive government jobs program hiring millions in teaching, daycare, and construction, and for a "real hard look" at the "greed and recklessness" of Wall Street, which he described as too unwilling to make affordable loans to small businesses.

After an interlude to condemn Citizen's United, he struck up the refrain again, calling for free public college and an end to the "absurdity" of student debt. This was most certainly a call for "free stuff," as Sanders said this free college could be financed entirely via a \$70 billion a year tax on "Wall Street speculation"—a practice none of his supporters appear to view themselves as engaging in.

While Sanders himself never outright mentioned "redistribution of wealth" as a goal, several of his supporters said it was a reason they liked him, with one describing his agenda straightforwardly (and positively) as "wealth redis-

tribution through taxation of the rich."

2. Sanders still has a "black people" problem, though his backers badly want to fix it.

Both Sanders and his supporters are very, very eager to counter his perceived problem with minorities, who have been far slower to hop on his bandwagon than white liberals.

Sanders' Boston speech had some rhetoric about rolling back police brutality and ending institutional racism, but it's clearly not his passion, taking up just a few moments. Still, his supporters went all-out to show their fervent devotion to the Black Lives Matter cause.

In Boston, a pep rally-type squad of Bernie believers at one point chanted "Black Lives Matter! Bernie Knows!" in addition to its more generic cheers. Not only that, but during the Boston rally any mere mention of Black Lives Matter or racial solidarity (by Sanders or by his preceding speakers) elicited enormous cheers from the crowd — even louder than those given to rhetoric on income inequality or other core Sanders issues.

For all their efforts, though, the crowd at both Sanders events was white. Very, very white, with a healthy sprinkling of youthful Asians. Getting an exact tally was of course impossible, but it seems likely that no more than two or three percent of attendees at either rally were black. That's a very small figure for a Democratic event, especially in Springfield, where 22 percent of the population is black.

3. Sanders fans are just fine with backing socialism ... whatever that means.

TheDCNF interviewed more than two dozen attendees at the two rallies to learn more about their attitudes, in particular how they reacted to a self-described socialist making a serious run for the presidency. Not a single person viewed Sanders' socialism as a negative in his presidential run, but they also had many different ideas about what the word precisely means.

One supporter, a bearded button-seller from Alabama ("a blue dot in a sea of red"), argued that Sanders wasn't truly socialist or even left-wing.

"I think socialism is a name given to Bernie," he said. "That's what's been shoved upon him ... he's not socialist, he's equalist. He wants everybody to be equal, and that's common sense. That's not socialism, that's not leftist thinking, that's common thinking."

Emily Engel, a Sanders backer who achieved some fame on the Internet for selling

homemade Bernie Sanders dolls, offered a third definition for socialism as a counter to those who categorically oppose supporting a socialist.

"They don't educate themselves enough to understand what [socialism] is. It's not a dirty word," she said. "It means change in the right direction ... there's a difference between socialism and communism. Period."

Yet another person, a "superannuated hippie" named Carl (who sported a T-shirt showing Sanders in a Che Guevara-style beret), said socialism's merits had been proven by Europe.

4. Bernie may embrace socialism, but not all socialists embrace Bernie.

There were a good number of self-identified socialists at the rallies, but surprisingly they weren't necessarily the Bernie diehards one might expect. Among the Bernie skeptics who could be seen at the rally were several socialists who feel Sanders doesn't go far enough. TheDCNF encountered Elena and Jack, two members of the Trotskyist political party Socialist Alternative, who were hawking the party newspaper at the Boston rally.

5. Sanders fans may care more about social issues than they advertise.

Sanders has spoken about putting social issues aside to focus on the greater issue of income inequality, and during his Boston speech he spoke about winning over working-class Republicans who allegedly vote against their own interest. Nevertheless, the loudest cheer of the night (save for Sanders' entrance and exit) wasn't for free health care, or free college, or for taxing the rich. Instead, it came when Sanders condemned the Republican stance against abortion.

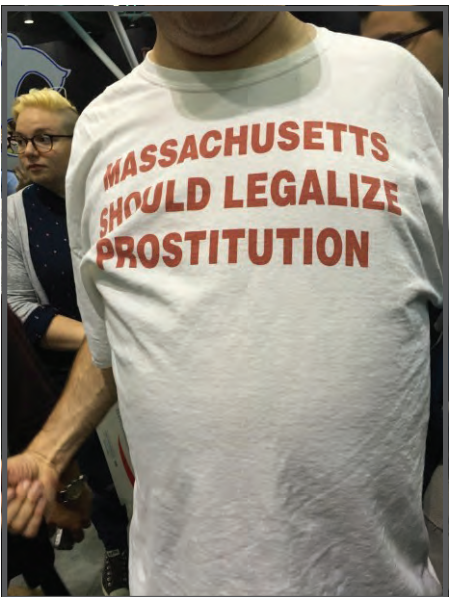
6. Sanders fans don't rock the flag that much.

Political rallies are often drenched in gratuitous patriotism, so the Sanders rallies stood out in their sheer lack of American flags. In fact, the only American flags carried by attendees at either event were carried by a handful of conservative counterprotesters standing outside the Springfield event.

7. Many Sanders supporters dislike Hillary Clinton nearly as much as Republicans do.

Unsurprisingly, most Sanders fans said that if his campaign fails, they will be willing to vote for Clinton; some even said they would do so enthusiastically as Clinton was a close second for them.

But not everybody felt this way. Some said Clinton was at best the lesser of two evils, and some outright despised her, viewing her as no better than the hated Republicans.



A Bernie Sanders supporter sports his refreshingly honest T-shirt.

Courtesy photo

Those who loathed Clinton rarely pointed to a particular policy position that made them oppose her. Instead, their dislike was much more personal: Many described Clinton as fundamentally less honest than Sanders (several cited her email scandal), and all pointed towards her fundraising apparatus and its heavy reliance on wealthy donors, which they predicted would bind Clinton to the interests of corporations and the "one percent."

No fewer than four people independently pointed to a \$500-per-plate fundraiser Clinton held Thursday in Holyoke as a reason they were behind Sanders, suggesting Clinton may be swapping votes for money on the campaign trail.

8. Sanders fans can be refreshingly honest:

9. Odds and ends:

People With Dyed Hair Spotted: 46

Coexist Bumper Stickers On Cars: 8
In the Springfield Parking Garage: 8

Fedoras: 4

Different Petitions Circulated: 4
One of them wanted to amend the Massachusetts Constitution to define corporations as non-persons; another sought to levy a new tax on all incomes over \$1 million.

"Bernie! Bernie! Bernie!" Chants: 5
The subjects were abortion, equal pay for women, abolishing the Citizens United decision, eliminating institutional racism, and eliminating college tuition.

Bern/burn puns (e.g. 'Feel the Bern,' 'Bern It All Down'): Unfathomable in their multitude.

Best audience quote: "What are they playing the Marine hymn for?" Uttered with derision by an older man who was chatting with the Trotskyists about the clash between the pro-North Korea Spartacist League and other Communist groups in the United States.

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Is It Too Cold to Move to Russia?

(Editor/GG: The problem here is the ruskies have a president who loves his country while we have a president who loves himself. Putin is putting his country's fate above all personal and political issues while our boy-man is actually destroying our country's legal, economic, moral and social structure as a result of his marxist upbringing, outright stupidity, narcissism and his racist hate for Europeans. Too bad it is so darn cold there.....)

Oops: The Climate Scammers Lose

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.Org

Now about those so-called “scientists” that want those who do not believe the “climate narrative” **prosecuted** -- can we go after them under 42 USC 1983 and 18 USC 242 **for attempting to deprive persons of their rights under color of law?**

A MATHEMATICAL discovery by Perth-based electrical engineer Dr. David Evans may change everything about the climate debate, on the eve of the UN climate change conference in Paris next month.

A former climate modeller for the Government’s Australian Greenhouse Office, with six degrees in applied mathematics, Dr. Evans has unpacked the architecture of the basic climate model which underpins all climate science.

He has found that, while the underlying physics of the model is correct, it had been applied incorrectly.

He has fixed two errors and the new corrected model finds the climate’s sensitivity to carbon dioxide (CO2) is much lower than was thought.

It turns out the UN’s In-

tergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has over-estimated future global warming by as much as 10 times, he says.

Do you know why science requires (1) the publication of your **raw** data, (2) the publication of **all** the manipulations, constants, formulas and other transformations you do to your data, (3) the publication of your **methods** (that is, your means of collection of data, how you decided what data to collect, etc.) **and** your analytical process?

It’s for exactly this reason -- **and what’s better when the IPCC models are re-run with this clear error repaired the lack of correlation with the prediction and actual results disappears.**

And guess what: **Global warming now looks to be caused by.... exactly what I have been saying was the cause.**

So, the new improved climate model shows CO2 is not the culprit in recent global warming. But what is?

Dr. Evans has a theory: solar activity. What he calls “albedo modulation”, the waxing and waning of re-

flected radiation from the Sun, is the likely cause of global warming.

Yes, which was something that I noted immediately when I started looking at **the actual data**: global temperatures had a very high correlation with observed solar activity **which we have a very good record of going back hundreds of years** because it was very easy to observe without modern scientific equipment. We thus have **direct** observations of same and records of same. They correlate, with a fairly deterministic (that is, fixed) lag time, to global temperatures.

CO₂ does not which means you need to postulate a model that does not square with what we know about the physical properties of carbon dioxide.

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The Disaster in Europe (and America)

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.Org

(Editor/GG: We are currently allowing over 250,000 muslims from third world cesspools to immigrate to our country PER YEAR. Add in the untold illegal muslims. They have no job skills. They can’t speak or read English. They are here for the welfare check, the free healthcare, and to produce more muslims for more free money. They have NO interest in becoming Americans. It is a mass migration/invasion to turn this once free land into an islamic state. And BOTH political parties in this country are allowing it. So what do we do now? And note that the only presidential candidates acknowledging this (Trump and Carson) are NOT politicians.)

No, it’s not their economy.

That’s coming. It’s coming with certainty, because the EU refuses to put a stop to so-called “migrants” that are coming because of the social handouts that are available in EU nations to anyone who can manage to get in and stay.

This is really no different than what we have happening here in the United States with our welfare policies and open borders, with one exception: **Those migrants are almost all Muslims, and a material percentage of them are probably radical, violent Muslims.**

We begin here with a bit of the violence part:

When a rubber dinghy carrying around 100 African refugees across the Mediterranean began to sink, a Nigerian Christian prayed for his life in an innocent act that would end in the deaths of 12 fellow migrants.

One of the Muslims on board the rickety craft ordered him to stop, saying: ‘Here, we only pray to Allah.’

When he refused, a violent fight ensued and 12 Christians drowned when they were thrown overboard by the Muslim refugees.

Got it? **12 Christians were murdered for praying.** On a sinking raft. A raft full of Muslims. The Great Religion of Pieces strikes again.

But that’s just what you see on the surface (although it ought to be enough!) Oh no, it gets better. A large percentage of these so-called “refugees” aren’t refugees at all; they’re not fleeing a war. They’re coming to take advantage of economic conditions and to import Sharia, beginning with their plural marriages which they are exploiting to gain even more social benefits (and make more Muslims.)

Now if everyone involved was coming to pay taxes it might be ok. But they’re not. They’re explicitly coming to do an effective terraforming operation on the EU in the political, social benefit and legal realm.

We’re not talking about a small number either -- in Germany projections are (at current run rates) that this will amount to **800,000 people** -- and that’s before the chain migration starts from those they pull once they’re in Germany.

Why would Merkel sit for this? *Maybe it’s because she knows Germany has a collapsing birth rate and the ponzi scheme of ever-more leverage and debt fails when there is nobody to saddle it with in the next generation.* The problem is that what she’s importing is not pliable serfs like we have here in the United States but a coherent body of people who may well turn around and decide they’re not going to take the yoke.

It’s not limited to Germany either; the same is playing out across the entire Middle East.

You’re seeing a fundamental transformation all right -- a fundamentalist transformation, I suspect, and by the time we wake up to it, we’re likely to find that it’s too late.

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The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand



2015

Oregon Massacre: Things to Remember When You Are Face to Face with Evil

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(Editor/GG: Read every word folks. Mike reminds us of the true battle for our country and God.)

We are beginning to get a sense of the shooter in the Oregon Massacre and it seems to me to be as clear a case of demonic possession as you are likely to find. The little pissant who couldn't get a date lived with his momma and craved attention, saying, "The more people you kill, the more you're in the limelight." He reportedly was "filled with hate" and executed Christians after identifying them with shots to the head.

We also now know that all his weapons were purchased legally and that he wrote that he would be "welcomed in Hell and embraced by the devil." Additionally, we know that despite claims of heroic intervention by the cops to save the situation, in fact he died by suicide when they arrived, and that, predictably, the massacre took place in the laughably cruel confines of what the collectivists are pleased to call a "gun-free zone." We also

have the statement from the college leadership that they have no intention of changing and that the welcome mat is still out for any mass murderer who wishes to take advantage of such a "death zone."

The talking head shows are filled with discussions about "mental illness" and the need to disarm the citizenry a la Australia and Britain in some sort of Soviet psychiatry meets the Department of Pre-Crime scheme to make us all "safe." Of course, such safety is illusory and merely a con job to rob the rest of us of our God-given and inalienable liberty. For just as with every collectivist tyranny, mere opposition to the regime is accepted as an obvious case of lunacy. Why do you think they call us "gun nuts" and "religious fanatics?"

Yet as Jack Kerwick wrote at the time of the last slaughter of Christians in Charleston, "Either a person is evil or he is 'mentally ill.' He can't be both. Either his actions are evil, or they are symptoms of an illness. They can't be both." He continued: "(A)llusions to 'gun violence' and 'mental

health' are especially pernicious inasmuch as they obscure the evil nature of the deed being explained. To see just how egregious an offense this is, consider some analogies. Imagine if, while discussing the Holocaust, we spoke about 'gas chamber violence,' or while discussing Islamic State mass beheadings, we talked instead of 'machete violence.' Or suppose that discussions of the lynching of blacks were peppered with references to 'rope violence.' None of this would sit well with decent human beings, for it is clear, or at least it is thought that it should be clear, that such descriptions miss entirely that which is fundamental to the phenomena being described—the perpetrators responsible for these wicked deeds."

As I wrote then, commenting upon Kerwick: "(A) dmitting that there is unrelenting evil in the world leads back to the Devil which leads back to God, and overarching moral authority other than their (the collectivists') own cannot be conceded or tolerated. It was not accidentally that Obama criticized people who 'cling to their Bibles and their guns.' Collectivists view both as deadly dangers to their appetites."

And here I arrive at the central point that many folks

who approach this problem from a mere secular point of view not only fail to grasp but many reject out of hand. You cannot successfully confront evil without considering where it comes from and recognizing this basic truth: evils in all their forms are merely permutations of the eternal struggle between Good and Evil, between God and Satan, and you cannot win against it on your own. You must rely upon faith in God to win the battle against evil, which is both within and without you. Indeed, as Christians the rest of us understand that the final battle of this war will be won by God alone, no matter how successful we are in the skirmishes leading up to it. God doesn't command us to win in these fights, but he does command us to fight. He commands us to stand -- both in our daily activities in the world and in our own internal struggle against the "powers and principalities" that seek to corrupt us to the Devil's purposes.

As Ephesians 6:10-12 says: "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual

forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

These are crucial truths, for we can only stand strong in the Lord's power, not our own alone. It is God's armor that protects us, and our battle is ultimately against spiritual forces of evil in the world.

This is indeed spiritual warfare on all its fronts. For those who are put off by the task of seeking answers directly from the Bible, I would commend to all of you a slim volume recently published that explains this in detail: A Hobbit, a Wardrobe, and a Great War: How J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis Rediscovered Faith, Friendship, and Heroism in the Cataclysm of 1914-18.

Together, Tolkien and Lewis took their shattering experiences of the evils of the "Great War" and charted out a middle ground between the unrelenting nihilistic despair of many others and the errors of Bolshevism, Nazism, eugenics, and a plethora of other anti-God, humanist collectivisms that some turned to. What is central to both the Narnia and Middle Earth tales is the understanding that only with the overarching power of God to help us take up the battle can we win the many fights against evil both within and without. Only within this framework can true peace and liberty be achieved. In

both tales we see that it is the inner struggle against the corrupting influence of evil that makes even tactical success against it in our day-to-day external lives possible.

This is not a call for a theocratic state. I am, as I have said many times before publicly and privately, a Christian libertarian. With all my faults I trust my own faith to inform and protect me, not to dictate to others (particularly with the force of government) how they must believe. But what I'm saying is that like Tolkien and Lewis, I have come to understand true happiness and liberty only comes from accepting that you can't do it on your own, that you must allow God to shoulder the burden.

So what are we to do when confronted by evil face-to-face as the Christian martyrs of Charleston and Roseburg were? The first and most immediate task is to kill the evildoer with any tool at your disposal in order to protect the innocent. Secondly, it is vital not to let your reaction to such evil corrupt you to do evil yourself. In short, we must confront the evil in the mirror, before we take on the evils outside the door.

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Police that support the Second Amendment give disarmists nightmares. In theory, all police should support the Second Amendment. They all take an office to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. The oath has been ignored by many for decades. That is changing.

Twenty years ago, Sheriff Richard Mack of Graham County, Arizona had the fortitude to challenge the constitutionality of the Brady act. He won. It set an important precedent. Sheriff Mack then founded the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, an organization of Sheriffs and police officers that follow their oaths of office. Their website states that they have "enlisted 500 sheriffs to stand with CSPOA in defense of the Second Amendment." There are about 3,080 Sheriffs in the United States.

This year, Sheriff Daryl Wheeler of Bonner County, Idaho, rallied to support the Second Amendment rights of

one of his constituents:

On August 6, residents and Bonner County Sheriff Daryl Wheeler lined up outside the Priest River, Idaho, home of veteran John Arnold to prevent the Veterans Administration (VA) from taking away his guns.

The same month, Police Chief Jeffrey Horvath of Lewes, Delaware, refuses to enforce an unconstitutional law:

From the police department's side, Chief Jeffrey Horvath said the idea of enforcing something he sees as unconstitutional is untenable.

"The Delaware constitution says you have the right to keep and bear arms. That's exactly how it's worded," Chief Horvath said.

In May of 2013 Sheriff Timothy B. Howard of New York said that the SAFE act is unconstitutional, and he will not enforce it.

"I'm more than reluctant," he said of the new law Thursday. "I won't enforce it."

Howard, one of four sheriffs who joined in filing the brief this week,

said he considers the law unconstitutional and a waste of valuable resources, and believes it will ultimately be overturned by the courts.

Sheriff Howard was reelected.

Liberty County Sheriff Nick Finch of Florida refused to charge a law-abiding citizen with carrying a gun in his pocket. A state prosecutor charged him with crimes, but a jury vindicated him.

"Nick Finch, the Florida sheriff arrested in June after he defended the Second Amendment, has been declared 'not guilty' of the charges brought against him by the State of Florida, according to [former Graham County, Arizona, Sheriff] Richard Mack.

Where police support the Second Amendment, it is secure. Politically, when police leaders decide that armed citizens are allies instead of enemies, we have won. When State Police testified for Constitutional Carry, even

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Good For Nothing: Lefty Do-Gooders at Whole Foods Nix Colorado Prison Work Program

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: Some excellent cheese is made in Cañon City by our local state prisoners there. More love from the libs for the underclasses they supposedly support.)

Could you imagine working at the Whole Foods corporate offices in the area responsible for answering the mail from the crazed left-wingers across the country? It is far more rigorous than the typical communications role at a sleepy brick and mortar retailer or consumer packaged goods company. When liberals attack out of a sense of self-righteous anger, they get vicious and organized really fast.

That's exactly what happened when word got out that Whole Foods was purchasing tilapia and goat cheese

produced by a Colorado prison work program. Outraged by the practice of Whole Foods supporting this program that enabled prisoners to learn valuable work skills, protesters actually took over a Houston store.

At issue with the protesters: prisoners were not being paid a living wage. Hello? They are in prison. Not only does this program pay something to inmates, but it teaches valuable life and business skills that can be used after release.

Colorado Correctional Industries was the group leading this particular prison work program, and with positive results. According to the organization's filings, almost 80% of prisoners who are in its program for at least six months, stay out of jail for at least one

year after release. The national average is around 62%. But once again, the urge to scream first and think later has overcome a bunch of left wing nutters, and their threats and antics have pushed normal Americans trying to run a legitimate business to run for the hills.

Instead of prisoners earning a modest wage and marketable skills while incarcerated, prisoners are now robbed of that opportunity because of liberals' shrieking. Oh, and a Colorado company's business model was undermined. Great job, guys.

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Nevada School Board Unanimously Rejects Transgender Bathroom Use

by Steve Gunn,
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ELKO, Nev. — Not every school board in America is willing to be bullied by the federal government or the American Civil Liberties Union when it comes to student dignity and privacy.

The school board in Elko, Nevada, unanimously voted last week to deny the request of a mother to allow her middle school daughter, who identifies as a boy, to use boys' restroom and shower facilities.

The facilities in the school district will remain segregated by students' actual gender, not what some perceive themselves to be. The student in question will continued to be allowed to use a special education unisex restroom, according to the Elko Daily Free Press.

"I strongly support the school board in their decision," said Karen England, CEO of the Capitol Resource Family Alliance, who urged residents to lobby the school board to oppose the request.

"The Elko County School District's policy supporting privacy while accommodating gender non-conforming students does not violate the U.S. Constitution or Title IV of the Higher Education Act. The school board has done its due diligence to ensure the protection and privacy of all students."

The Elko board's decision is rare and newsworthy.

Throughout the nation, dozens of school boards (if not hundreds by now) have agreed to allow transgender students use the restrooms and/or locker rooms of their choice, regardless of their biological gender.

That means biological boys are using girls facilities and vice versa.

This practice has been wildly unpopular with parents and other citizens in many school districts, but most school boards have allowed it anyway, largely because they're afraid to do otherwise.

The U.S. Department of Education has decreed that transgender students have the right to use the facilities of their choice, based on Title IX federal regulations regarding non-discrimination in schools.

The federal government has threatened to withhold millions of dollars in school aid to districts that fail to cooperate with full transgender access. The ACLU has threatened (an in at least one instance followed through) to sue school districts that fail to comply.

Many school board attorneys are also telling board members they must comply because it's the law.

But the members of the Elko, Nevada, school board are willing to take their chances, based on what they believe is right and wrong.

"We make policies that are

best for all students according to our mission statement," school board Trustee Cindy Elquist said at the meeting, according to the local newspaper. "Agreeing with the request would go against that."

"The school board made reasonable accommodations for the student," said board President Thad Ballard, according to the local newspaper. "The law doesn't go that far to designate the student can use the restroom of the gender they identify with."

Actually that may not be the case in Nevada right now.

SB 504, an anti-bullying state law rushed through the legislature earlier this year by the Republican majority and signed by Gov. Brian Sandoval, includes language that makes it illegal for schools to maintain single-gender student showers or restrooms.

Several legislators showed up at the Elko school board meeting last week and apologized for unwittingly supporting the bill without fully understanding it.

State Rep. Jim Wheeler said he only voted yes because he thought the bill exclusively addressed student bullying, according to



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the Daily Free Press.

"Had I known the provisions for (the bill), I would never have voted for it," Wheeler was quoted as saying.

But there is also a provision in SB 504 that calls for safe learning environments for all students, according to England, and "having coed bathrooms completely contradicts that," she said.

England did not seem shocked by the school board's decision, but clearly appreciated it.

"I think part of it is that it's Nevada," England told EAGNews. "A lot of Nevada is very conservative, and they are shocked that any of this is even being brought up."

"The school board knows this is a balancing act. They know they have to balance the rights of all students, and they were willing to stand up."

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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 Plus of Poverty

According to brand new Census Bureau numbers, a record 46.7 million Americans are living in poverty. President Obama has been in office long enough to own this "recovery." The median household income of \$53,657 is essentially the same as it was in 1989. When inflation is factored in, Americans are on the losing side of the ledger.

Democrats will continue to play the poor card in the next election while never assuming any responsibility for the existing conditions. In 2008 Mrs. Clinton remarked that, if elected president, she would appoint a poverty czar. You can expect similar rhetoric in the near future. If my memory serves me correctly, LBJ declared war on poverty and told us a "Great Society" would be the result. Fifty years later it's clear that this is another war we are not winning. This is all in spite of the fact that federal and state budgets allocate more to alleviate the problem than ever in history. Politicians have long realized that persuasive speeches about poverty play well to the audience, but the only solutions they ever provide is to throw more tax dollars in the direction of the afflicted.

The Bible is full of admonitions to provide for the downtrodden, but according to Jesus, we will never completely solve the difficulty. (Mark 14:7) There must be legitimate reasons for His statement. The entire subject from a scriptural perspective is initiated with a profound principle found in Proverbs 29:7..." the righteous considereth the cause of the poor; but the wicked regardeth not to know it." God makes it abundantly clear that not all of the poor are eligible for help because they have eliminated themselves from consideration.

The number one reason for exclusion from assistance is laziness. (Proverbs 6:6-22; 20:4) The Apostle Paul went so far as to state..." if any would not work, neither should he eat." (II Thessalonians 3:10) Several years ago I pastored a church that was in visual proximity of a major freeway. Almost daily total strangers would magically appear at our office door looking for a financial gift. They all had a distressful story of unfortunate circumstances. Our policy was simple: there was always work to do --weeds to pull, windows to wash, etc. Work would be rewarded with reimbursement. We never had a taker; they all, without exception, shuffled down the

road looking for a freebie at the next church. I suppose that at least 50% of them even asked me where they could go to get help with no strings attached. I'm still waiting for a "give-it-away" Democrat to tell us how to discern the lazy from the legitimate, or if in their estimation it's even necessary. God says it is and if you don't, He labels it wickedness.

Jesus indicated that the best thing to extend to the poor is the Gospel. (Matthew 11:5) The message is clear....spiritual things first! The logic of this is really quite simple. When people get a grip on the Bible point of view, they realize how much God denounces sluggards and endorses a strong work ethic. That is accompanied with an understanding that there are real cases of poverty that deserve our attention and help. The mantra is to "consider the cause." Churches, local charities, and individuals are in a much better position to do that as opposed to big government.

The silver lining in the cloud of poverty is given to us in James 2:5..." Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?" The general tendency is that the less humans have in material goods, the larger the possibility of a great faith!

Abraham Lincoln, one of Barack Obama's alleged heroes, said, "You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the wage-earner by pulling down the wage-payer. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

Perhaps the final exclamation point was given by Simon Cameron, the Secretary of War under Lincoln, when asked why his son, who was smart, attractive and had all the advantages of his father's influence and prestige behind him, had not done so well in politics. "Donald is a likely fellow and will do well," Simon Cameron replied, "but you must remember that I started life with a big advantage over him."

"What was that?" was the question.

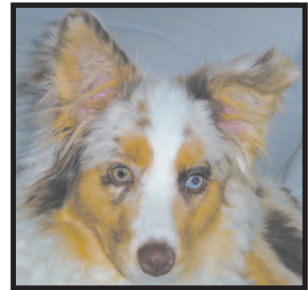
"Poverty," answered Cameron.

It appears that the government has implemented hundreds of programs to rob people of that great advantage.

A Sheepdog Barks!

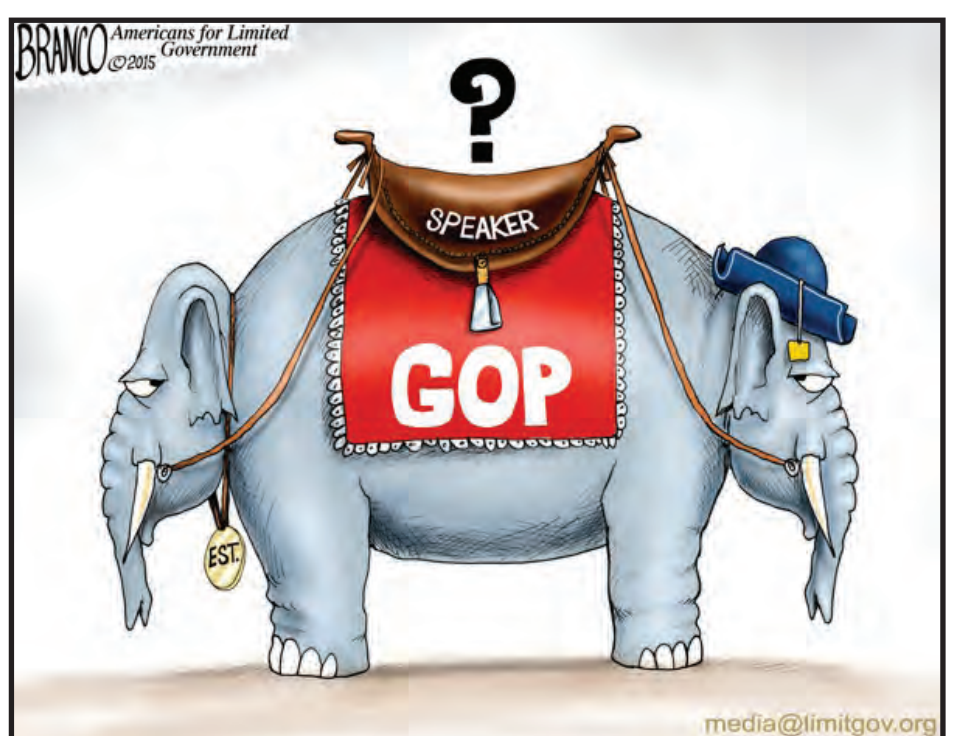
This sheepdog will no longer vote for ANY establishment politicians. The time has come for a third party or a completely Reformed Republican Party. The current Republican Party has lost its way. It no longer stands for the conservative values it says it does. We were lied to by the current Republican leaders when they asked us to put them back in power. We did. Conservative voters gave them majorities in both the House and the Senate. They promptly "shredded" all the campaign promises and returned to the typical status quo, fool the American people, work behind closed doors across party lines and then go out in public and act like they are fighting for us against the other party. It's all a big LIE. The entrenched, established leaders are corrupt with power and money. They all want it to stay the same, while convincing us that they are going to fix things. It is all propaganda. The Republicans told us they would fight Obama's insanity. They told us they would repeal or at least defund Obamacare and present something better. They told us they would reform the out-of-control entitlements and would develop balanced budgets. They told us they would restore "normal order" in the budget process. They did none of these things. They LIED about all of them. They talk tough and then act like mice. The GOP symbol of the big, strong, powerful elephant is a false symbol. A better image would be a small, weak mouse with the look on its face of one that's just been dropped in a rattlesnake pit. I've called them straw lions before but now I won't even give them that status. They are mice! EEEK! EEEK! This Speaker of the House battle is exactly what us Tea Party types have wanted for six years. We finally sent enough freedom-loving representatives to Congress who respect the Constitution that things are happening. Boehner is the enemy of conservatism. He's been around too long, likes his corrupt power and is a d**n cry baby. GOOD RIDDANCE! McCarthy was not the answer either. He was just Boehner 2.0. Ryan is even worse.

He is the liar that created the UNbalanced budget for 2016 that ONLY has a \$580 Billion deficit. Thank goodness the Freedom Caucus has served notice on him, also. It's time for real, meaningful change. The Republican Party needs some fresh leaders that respect "We the People" and the Constitution. The only thing that will fix the current Republican Party is burning it to the ground. Out of those ashes might arise a Reformed Republican Party with a real conservative platform that will be respected and followed. You know like smaller government, less taxes and spending, and more personal responsibility. The things the current party leaders ignore and trample on. Once again I urge you to google the columns written by Charlie Reece about "The 545" in the mid-80s and modified in the 90s. Make sure you are reading HIS columns. They have been modified and edited by many on the internet. He is spot on. They want it the way it is or it wouldn't be this way. We need to cast them out and start anew. A real Conservative third party might take time – 3 or 4 elections. SO WHAT?! Look what we have now by returning the establishment Republicans to office. Just more Democrats as far as I can tell. Ted Cruz calls them all the Washington Cabal. He is absolutely right. It's why they hate him and why the Republican Party does everything they can to hurt him and destroy him. This is the kind of guy we need to light the fire and bring on the ashes. I have for too many years thought we could fix the Republican Party. I argued that it was the right thing to do to vote for the "lesser of two evils." I was WRONG!! It is not the right thing to do. We can't fix the current Republican Party. We can't make them conservatives. They are broken. They couldn't even pass the legislation out of the Republican caucus to support the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. Unbelievable and unforgivable. They are lost and need completely reformed. Better yet, a third party might be the answer. One that would attract REAL Conservatives. One we could



trust. One that wouldn't lie to us. One that wouldn't treat us like idiots and fools. One that would respect "We the People." One that would do what it says it would do. Look, we all know that the America-hating Obama would veto everything. SO WHAT? DO THE RIGHT THING! PASS the right kind of legislation and budgets and force them to his desk and let him veto them. You can't control his pen. We know that. Force him to veto all the good things for America. In the end this would strengthen the conservative power in America. Instead, Boehner and McConnell wilted in the face of veto threats. They decided to give Obama everything he wanted and wrongfully thought that was a smart thing to do. The Main Stream Media, the pundits and even Fox News think this "battle" over the speaker is bad for the Republican Party. It is exactly what is needed. It's what we Tea Party types have wanted since 2009. Root out the "fat cats." Get some new blood in there that respects the Constitution, respects the Separation of Powers, and respects the power of the purse strings. Instead, the Republicans seem intent on outspending the Democrats. What is that about? It's about the Washington Cabal and they need to be eliminated and replaced. You go, Freedom Caucus. Do what is right for America. Defeat the establishment status quo types that are helping to strangle our country, eliminate our freedoms, and deny our rights. It may take a while. Most good things do. The journey of a 1,000 miles starts with the first step. The taking down of Boehner was a good, first one. The replacement with a different type of Speaker will be a good second step. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



POLICE

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with a Democrat majority, Constitutional Carry won.

Most police officers are supportive of an armed citizenry. Because of long experience dealing with criminals, they know how effective personal arms can be. Most have had positive experiences with armed defenders and recommend that people buy guns and train with them. They know the old media lies about armed defense because they experience it daily. They take an oath to protect and defend the Constitution. Police in the United States do not live in protected, "green zone" enclaves. They have non-police friends, family, and associates. Many are already strong Second Amendment supporters. Police and sheriff departments are a rich source of natural allies.

Most police officers have been sympathetic to armed citizens, but it was the success of the concealed carry movement that persuaded police chiefs like James Craig of Detroit to tout the benefits of armed self defense. Once Chief Craig was on board, the whole tone of the City of Detroit about armed citizens changed. Armed self defense is celebrated in the City. Sheriff David Clarke won reelection as a Second Amendment Supporter against a Bloomberg-funded

campaign in Milwaukee. Federal and State governments rely on local police to enforce gun laws. When police refuse to enforce unconstitutional laws, tyrants in government are stymied. Consider recent events in Colorado, Washington State, and New York for examples.

Sheriffs can be elected directly. Mayors and city councils can be pushed to hire police chiefs that take their oath seriously. Governors can be pushed to appoint state police leaders with the correct attitude. Officers with bad attitudes should be identified and disciplined. Activism by 2A advocates has resulted in numerous legal settlements and positive training changes for police departments across the country.

In the worst case, police patriots will be crucial intelligence assets in restoring the Constitution against a tyrannical government. The time to develop those assets is now. When the government cannot trust police to follow unconstitutional orders, tyranny becomes harder. Recruit police to the side of the Constitution. It kills gun control.

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PRAYER

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"I believe we should keep praying," resident Gerald McElhenon told KSLA. "If they don't want to listen, they can just leave."

Avid Ashdown Panthers fans Pat and Susy Dillenger, who live across the street from the school, told the news site they don't think it's FFRF's place to demand changes from local school officials.

"Always had prayer at every game," Dillenger said. "You know, it's terrible when somebody can come from way up north to tell you what you can do down here at your school."

Many folks who commented online seemed to have a similar opinion on the situation.

"I think we need freedom from the Freedom From Religion Foundation," Kay Vandiver Compton posted to Facebook.

"Way to go Mr. Sanders and students!" Rhonda Barker added. "I wish more schools would quit tiptoeing around being afraid of offending people. God is the only one we have to be afraid of offending! God Bless You All!!"

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by Casey Harper,
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A former college football player is suing his alma mater for its Bible verse ban.

Michael Lucas donated \$2,500 to the Colorado School of Mines for a new athletic facility. In exchange for the donation, the school allows donors to have whatever they like inscribed on a nameplate that will go in the football locker room.

Everything from "Give 'Em Hell" to "OK Gentlemen, it's time to gird your loins" has been approved by the university, which receives public funding. But when Lucas submitted two Bible verses for his nameplate, he says the school refused, saying the words "Lord," "God," or "Jesus" cannot be on the nameplates. On top of that, he said Bible verses that in-

clude those words are also banned.

Lucas wanted Colossians 3:23 and Micah 5:9 on his donor plate, just the verse citations, not the actual text of the verse.

Colossians 3:23 reads "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

Micah 5:9 reads "Your hand will be lifted up in triumph over your enemies, and all your foes will be destroyed."

That use of the word "Lord" in one verse was too much for the school, so now Lucas has teamed up with the Christian legal group Alliance Defending Freedom to file a federal lawsuit.

"Public colleges and universities should encourage, not shut down, the free exchange of ideas, espe-

cially in a forum like this," ADF Legal Counsel Natalie Decker said in a statement. "The school initially imposed no restrictions – or even guidelines – on the type of message a donor could include, and contrary to what the school is arguing, the First Amendment protects – not restricts – a simple reference to a Bible verse. It's patently ridiculous to argue that a Bible reference that doesn't include the text of the verse is somehow inappropriate simply because someone might look it up and see that 'Lord' is mentioned there."

Colorado School of Mines did not respond to request for comment in time for publication.

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63.2 Million "Residents" of U.S. Don't Speak English at Home! Arabic Speakers Up 29%

by Rachel Stoltzfoos, Daily Caller News Foundation

A record number of U.S. residents are speaking a language other than English at home, new Census Bureau data shows.

The number of residents five years or older speaking a foreign language at home has roughly doubled to a record 63.2 million since 1990, the Center for Immigration Studies analysis of Census data found. As a share of the total U.S. population, that's more than 1 in 5 U.S. residents.

CIS is an advocate for reduced immigration.

About 40 percent of those who said they speak a foreign language at home told the Census Bureau they speak English "less than very well" at home. Speakers of Arabic and Pakistan's national language, Urdu, increased by the largest percentage from 2010 to 2014 — up

29 percent for Arabic and 23 percent for Urdu.

Close to half of those who don't speak English at home were born in the United States.

Spanish speakers increased by 2.3 million between 2010 and 2014 to nearly 40 million, and are the largest group. Chinese speakers followed with an increase of about 330,000 to 3.1 million in 2014.

"After the last great wave of immigration more than a century ago, the level of immigration was reduced and remained low for about half a century," Steven Camarota, CIS director of research, said in a statement Tuesday. "This certainly helped with assimilation. But with no pause in immigration levels in sight, the nation is headed into uncharted territory."

The share of the U.S. population that is foreign-born has jumped from 5 percent to a near-record

14 percent. By 2065, nearly 1 in 5 U.S. residents will be foreign-born.

The size of the foreign-born population has increased sharply from 9.6 million to a record 45 million, and is projected to reach 78 million by 2065, when deaths and departures from the U.S. are accounted for.

New immigrants and their descendants accounted for 55 percent of U.S. population growth since 1965, adding 72 million to the U.S. population as it grew by about two-thirds. Pew projects they'll add another 103 million (including their descendants) to the U.S. population by 2065.

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