

Michael E. Jackson: “Armed and Dangerous”

by George Gramlich

A high-speed chase, originating after a home invasion in Walsenburg and ending on CR 383 in Custer County, has resulted in a man-hunt for one Michael E. Jackson for multiple felony charges. All area residents should be on the lookout for this man as he is armed and considered dangerous. News reports indicate that he also has warrants on him from Pueblo County. As noted in Custer County Sheriff Byerly’s press release, he was last seen early Monday evening, October 26th, in eastern Custer County on dead end CR383 which is located at mile marker nine on Hwy 165 (same road as Bishop’s Castle). Please call 911 if you see this man. Below is Sheriff Byerly’s press release describing the incident:

On Monday afternoon Oc-



Michael E. Jackson

Courtesy photo

tober 26th, at approximately 4:00 p.m., the Custer County dispatch center received a call from the Huerfano County Sheriff’s Office requesting assistance in a high-speed pursuit traveling north on Hwy

69 towards the Custer County line. We were advised the suspect, 33-year-old Michael Jackson, was driving a silver Ford, four-door truck and was armed and dangerous following a home invasion in Walsenburg. Deputies responded southbound towards the Huerfano County line when they were advised the suspect had turned east and was traveling towards the Greenhorn Mountain area and Ophir Creek. Deputies then traveled east to Hwy 165 and towards Ophir

Creek Road to attempt to intercept the suspect.

Approximately one mile north of Ophir Creek Road, deputies observed the suspect traveling north on Hwy 165 towards Hwy 96. Deputies then began to pursue the suspect who, at mile marker 9, turned east onto CR 383. Understanding this roadway was a dead end, deputies slowed pursuit and eventually made contact with the suspect vehicle which was on CR 383.

At this time Huerfano County Deputies, Walsenburg Police Officers, and Colorado State Patrol also arrived at the location. Colorado Department of Corrections was contacted and they dispatched personnel and canines to the area for assistance. Due to the time of day, poor lighting conditions, heavily wooded, and extremely rough terrain, a search was

held off as the situation was assessed. A Colorado State Patrol aircraft was requested and they utilized Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) technology to attempt to find the suspect in the terrain. After several hours of searching by aircraft, the search was terminated.

At the time of this release the suspect remains at large. He is a white male, heavy build with dark brown hair and a small patch of hair on his chin. He has “Ezekiel” tattooed on his neck. He was last seen wearing a blue polo shirt and khaki pants. He is considered armed and dangerous but is believed to have made his way out of the area. If you come into contact with this party, please dial 911. For additional information please contact the Huerfano County Sheriff’s Office or the Walsenburg Police Department.

Lady Bobcats Spike Crested Butte in a Tough Battle

by George Gramlich

In a crucial playoff game, the Lady Bobcats won a hard-fought state playoff game with Crested Butte Tuesday night at home winning three out of the four sets. The Custer County ladies won the first set with a squeaker win of 34 to 32. Crested Butte won the second set decisively with a score of 25 to 19. Our ladies went on the win the next two sets with scores of 25 to 13

and 25 to 23. Elizabeth Mullet and McKenzie Penkoff led the Lady Bobcats with 11 and 10 kill shots respectively.

The Lady Bobcats will now go to Sargent this Saturday for three playoff games. The first game is set for 10 a.m. against Sanford. They are next up around 2:30 p.m. against home team Sargent and their final game is around 4 p.m. against Del Norte. Go Bobcats!



Lady Bobcats win three out of four sets with an outstanding team effort.

Sentinel photos by Jim Silver

Schedule for Saturday:

- 10 a.m. Sanford vs Custer County
- 11:30 a.m. Sargent vs Del Norte
- 1 p.m. Sanford vs Del Norte
- 2:30 p.m. Sargent vs Custer County
- 4 p.m. Custer County vs Del Norte
- 5:30 p.m. Sargent vs Sanford

Games will start at 10 a.m. but all other times are approximate.

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“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord.”

Jeremiah 17:7, NKJV



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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board



DID YOU NOTE WHAT JUST HAPPENED?

The 545 did it again. Actually this time it was only 536. The 9 Supreme Court Justices are “recused” from this one. Under the guise of “bipartisanship”, the leaders of the 536 agreed on more spending, raised the debt ceiling, and threw in some silly little social security disability cuts which will never occur. Take a real close look at what just happened. Boehner and McConnell sold out, once again, and let the liberal progressives further their nanny-state America. They even had the gall to name this the “Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015.” An Obamacare developer bragged about how Obamacare was passed because “the American people are stupid.” There was a little outrage, but he’s right. We are stupid. We continue to elect these same politicians over and over and they keep doing the same reckless and destructive things over and over. So here’s the 2-year deal: spend \$80 Billion more dollars in 2016 and 2017 (that we don’t have) equally on defense and domestic programs. That’s a big problem. Once again these politicians changed the rules. Sequestration is out the window. The spending restraints they bragged about a few years ago are now gone. Special defense spending is justified given the war on

terrorism, our security, and the mess the world is in. America is at risk. The domestic spending is not justified, but the liberals wanted it, so Obama threatened a veto and the Republicans caved again. It was artfully reported as Boehner “cleaning out the barn” as he leaves power and giving his buddy Paul Ryan a huge gift. The deal also raised the debt ceiling through March of 2017. This was proudly reported as “removing” all the pressure from the presidential campaign and election in 2016. Who benefits from that? The politicians and candidates, that’s who. Not America or Americans. The dirty little secret with the debt ceiling is that it just paves the way for even MORE excessive spending beyond 2017. The cycle goes like this. Raise the ceiling. Spend more. Raise the ceiling. Spend more and on and on it goes. We are stupid. Now for the “cuts.” There are never really any cuts, just illusions. The deal includes some long-term social security disability cuts. These cuts will never happen. Why? Future congresses will undo these before they have any real effect. Obama immediately praised this “compromise” and that should alarm all of us. This deal is outrageously bad and reminds one of other bad deals

he’s been involved with. Anyone who believes otherwise has quit hoping that there is any chance in stopping the socialist runaway train. So what just happened is business as usual in Washington D.C. Let a deadline arrive, cut a bad deal, and then promise that they will do better and fix things next time. Funny how their deals always wind up spending more money than we have. We are stupid. So now Congressman Paul Ryan has the cover he needs as he is the new Speaker of the House. He quickly said this deal “stinks” and he’ll put a stop to these last minute negotiations and compromises. Baloney. The Republicans already promised they would return to regular or-

der in the budget process and they didn’t do it. Why should we believe Ryan will change anything? We are being told this deal will allow Congress to address tax reform, entitlement reform, and regular order for separate funding bills going forward. Reminds us of the little boy who cried “wolf” once too often. Those things will not happen because as Charley Reese wrote: The only things that happen in Washington are what the 545 want to happen and they don’t want to change these things. Appeasing special interest groups and increasing unearned entitlements are what keep getting them reelected. Things won’t change in Washington D.C. until we elect enough “out-

siders” who aren’t corrupted by the system. Electing the “insiders” isn’t doing any good for America. We might as well try something different. Let’s stop being stupid. Don’t kid yourself. This was a good deal only for the political leaders, not for all Americans. Here’s hoping the rank and file senators and congressmembers put a stop to them.

On a local note. We endorse **JAKE SHY** for the county school board. Jake is a life-long resident, a successful businessman, has children in the school, and is a solid conservative. We believe he will serve the values of this community and the children well. Vote for **Jake Shy**.

Follow-up to “The State Of The Presidency”

To complement your excellent Editorial of October 16, 2015 “The State Of The Presidency: Are You Alarmed Yet?”, I would offer this from someone who knows the tyranny of the Nazis and communists:

“The danger to America is not Barack Obama but a citizenry capable of entrusting a man like him with the presidency. It will be easier to limit and undo the follies of an Obama presidency than to restore the necessary common sense and good judgment to an electorate willing to have such a man for their president. The problem is much deeper

and far more serious than Mr. Obama, who is a mere symptom of what ails us. Blaming the prince of the fools should not blind anyone to the vast confederacy of fools that made him their prince. The Republic can survive a Barack Obama. It is less likely to survive a multitude of fools such as those who made him their president.”

Translated into English from an article appearing in the Czech Republic as published in the *Prager Zeitung*.

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We Rode the Sky...

It was not long ago that I was hooked to a piece of sheet metal by a carabener. Hanging out of a Blackhawk speeding through the air. Standing on a strut as the pilot flew that beast just feet from the ground. The wind pushed me and I fought it back in a battle of wills. The only thing keeping me in place was my trusty 60 mounted and unable to move. We rode those skies...

Why do I tell you this? Not just because it is a good memory from a bad place, but because the moments we live are what we make of them. We can either ride the sky or fall on our faces and never get back up again. Just a few years ago I lived in silence. My mind and body too scared to move. My soul in a caccoon. I was stuck in a place that I thought I would never be free of. Here is the truth about being lost. It's about if you were properly prepared or not. Did you pack your survival gear and know which routes you were taking? I have to admit I did not have a clue.

Finding myself as many other veterans do in this abyss. It was dark and lonely, even while I was surrounded by family and friends. My mind could only think of combat and loss, hatred and mistakes, anger and the resentment I had for feeling all of

those things. Had I turned into a monster? Did war transform me into some sort of emotionless beast that only thinks of terror and destruction? Then the big questions start. Why me? God? Why him? Her? Us? Them? They all start to run together until the fuel on the fire has created something that seems uncontrollable.

Nothing is uncontrollable! This is when you remember your training. Most of us have ran in snow, rain, sleet, it just didn't matter. We trained to fight, and the enemy doesn't take coffee breaks. So first you identify the target. In this case it's the problems that are keeping you from being the outstanding person you should be. Next you choose your weapons and supplies. There is only one weapon that I know of that can solve this problem, and that is Christ Jesus. When you choose God, you choose to win. Finally, and this is the hardest one, you decide that you want it. You decide that you're ready to ride those skies again...

And I'll see you up there.

Thank you for reading and there's more to come.

*Daniel G. Walter,
Colorado Springs*

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CCCS MAP Test Scores: Part Two *Much Improvement Needed*

*Analysis and Commentary,
by George Gramlich,*

Last week we reviewed the Northwest Evaluation Association’s (NWEA) Measures of Academic Performance (MAP) test score results from the September MAP test for Writing in grades K thru 5th grade at CCCS. This article will review the remaining test scores for the all grades. The categories are Reading, Mathematics, Science, and Writing.

The MAP test scores fall into five categories: Low, Low-Average, Average, High-Average, and High. Restating their terminology in traditional letter grades, Low and Low-Average are Failing (F), Average is C, High-Average is B, and High is A. We will use the

student to start the year; January which shows progress or lack of progress and in early May which is the final evaluation for the year.

What’s good about MAP, and it is unique, is that it gives the school administration and teachers a “work-in-progress” snapshot in January and allows the school to take remedial steps if progress is slow or is not being made. It also shows what is working.

Superintendent Payler said the parents of each student will receive an individual test results report showing the students scores compared against the class average and the “passing” MAP standard score. In January, if a student fails to show progress, an indi-

Grade 1: Mixed results but leaning on good, with 45% of the students scoring B or A and with 24% scoring C. However, 31% are failing.

Grade 2: Very poor results. 60% of the kids are failing. Need some serious work here.

Grade 3: Mixed results with 42% failing and 38% at the A and B level. Way too many F grades here folks.

Grade 4: Very Poor results. An astonishing 70% of the children are FAILING! This is a small class in the number of students so one has to be careful in statistical analysis, but the fact is that out of 17 students, 12 are failing is simply unacceptable. One would imagine that with a low student class count, these kids would be doing a lot better.

Grade 5: Very good performance. Only 5 kids failing out of 25.

Grade 6: Excellent job! 69% of the kids scored B and A! Only 3 kids in the F group. Good work.

Grade 7: Another excellent job: Only 2 kids failing and 40% in the B and A categories.

Grade 8: Poor results with 39% failing.

Grade 9: Mixed results with 38% failing but with a good chunk of students

(47%) in the A and B arena.

Grade 10: Good with only 21% failing and 50% scoring A and B.

Grade 11: Good performance with an excellent 61% scoring A or B and only 3 kids failing.

Mathematics:

Grade 1: Poor scores. 47% failing. 43% scored A or B but the high failure rate is troubling. When students fall behind in the early grades it is extremely difficult to catch up. These early grades are crucial to a students future success.

Grade 2: Failure. 64% of the students FAILED. The class size is only 25 so how this can be happening is hard to believe. This needs to be remedied ASAP.

Grade 3: Failure. 46% of the students failed. Only 2 kids scored an A.

Grade 4: Another Failure. Poor results with 50% of the children failing. Grade 4 is a very small class with only 18 taking the test.

Grade 5: Mixed results with 44% failing (unacceptable) but with 40% scoring A or B.

Grade 6: Good results with only 5 kids failing out of 25 and 48% scoring A or B.

Grade 7: Good, but mixed with 46% scoring A or B

but 8 kids out of 25 failed.

Grade 8: Mixed on the fair side with 13 kids out of 33 failing and only 11 scoring A or B.

Grade 9: VERY Poor results with 57% of the children failing and only 27% scoring A or B. This has to be fixed.

Grade 10: Not bad with 54% scoring A or B, 25% scoring C, and 21% failing.

Grade 11: Pretty good with only 4 students failing out of 23 and 69% scoring A or B. Good job.

Writing: (We did the K thru 5th grade results in last week’s article.)

Grade 6: Excellent performance with 69% getting A or B and only 3 kids failing out of 26.

Grade 7: Pretty good with only 5 out of 24 students failing.

Grade 8: Not too good with 42% failing. 42% got an A or B. Improvement needed.

Grade 9: Poor with 48% failing. Class size is 33 students. 16 students failed. A bright spot was 9 kids got A’s. Improvement desperately needed.

Grade 10: Fair results with 45% getting A or B but 30% (8 kids) failed. Class size is 27.

Grade 11: Fair, with 5 students out of 22 failing and 9 getting A or B. Class size is 22.

Science:

Grade 5: Not too bad with 64% passing (A+B+C). 9 kids failed in a class size of 25.

Grade 8: Decent results with 10 kids failing in a class of 33.

Bottom Line: For Reading: Grades 2 and 4 are disasters. Completely unacceptable results. Grades 8 and 9 are fair. Grades 5, 6, and 7 are Excellent..

What is disturbing, at least to me, is that out of the 267 students who took the Reading MAP test, 89 failed. Too many kids failing, folks. If you can’t read, you can’t function in society.

For the Math test: Grade 10 had extremely poor results with Grade 8 not far behind. Grades 10 and 11 were acceptable with Grade 11 almost being excellent. But overall, too many students (55) failed out of the 176 who took the test.

For the Writing test for Grades 6 through 11: Grades 8 and 9 faired poorly while Grades 6 and 7 did excellent, especially grade

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*“What is really troubling
is the large number
of students failing
in each test category.”*

more familiar letter grades in our analysis.

The MAP tests are given three times during the academic year: September which gives the administration a base line for each

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So let’s take a look by subject matter and grade:

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When a pump fails and leaves your home without water the main priority is getting it fixed. To access certain wells we have had to cut down trees, tear off

decks, take down fences, take a sledge hammer to wishing wells, run over flower beds, bring in a crane, remove or tear down storage sheds, doze a road through beautifully terraced yards and many others I cannot recall.

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Congratulations, Kassi!! Awesome job, and best of luck as you head to the AQHA World show next weekend!

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Search and Rescue Building Ownership and Use to be Clarified

by Paul Sage

At the regular meeting of the board of county commissioners on October 20th at the Wetmore Fire Station, the subject of the ownership and use of the Search and Rescue building was addressed. The building, which is east of the county courthouse and Sheriff's Office, was erected on county land in 2003 with money and labor donated for the purpose of housing the Search and Rescue operation. It had previously been housed in the basement of the courthouse since its inception in 1977.

Over the ensuing years, the uses of the building have been many. In addition to housing Search and

Rescue, it also houses the office of Custer Emergency Services, the broadcast equipment and tower of local radio station KLZR, and is regularly used for meetings of various groups.

As the parties involved have grown and obtained more equipment, questions have arisen regarding insurance of these and the building, among other things. Building maintenance and repair questions have also been clouded by questions of ownership and management.

Research by the county attorney clarified that the county owns the building and property. During the discussion there was a clear consensus between the commissioners and the

concerned parties attending the meeting that represented various entities using the building that appropriate lease arrangements for the property should be established. Informal agreement was arrived at that the county should lease the property to Search and Rescue for a nominal fee, which could in turn arrange sub-lease arrangements with the other involved parties and manage the use of the building.

The county attorney was charged with the task of meeting with the concerned parties and drafting agreements to be reviewed and approved at a later date to ensure the cooperative use of the building by all the groups involved.

Rabid Bat Found in Eastern Custer County

There has been a bat found to be positive for rabies in our county. The bat was found on the eastern side of the county and is the second bat in as many years to be found positive. The important message is that ALL bats should be considered positive and never handled. If a bat has been found to be in the same location as sleeping individuals, Custer County Public Health needs to be

notified. Also, any person coming in contact with a bat needs to notify public health and keep the bat for testing. Please contact public health if a pet is suspected of contact with the bat as well. Call public health with any questions.

Skunks are another animal that have been widely tested positive for rabies in Colorado, THERE HAVE BEEN NO SKUNKS found positive in Custer Coun-

ty. However, if a skunk is found to be out and about during daylight hours this is abnormal and should be reported to the Division of Wildlife. DO NOT HANDLE OR TRY TO CAPTURE THE SKUNK. Also, be aware that the fox can be a carrier as well.

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November 3 Ballot: The Sentinel's Take

by Editor/GG

School Board Director District 2: Vote for Jake Shy

Jake is a Custer County native, with two children in our school and is the hard-working owner (along with his wife, Alisha) of Valley Feeds in Silver Cliff. Jake is a Christian conservative with common sense views and solutions concerning the issues at our school. He is against "federalizing" our local school with the liberal Common Core curriculum and other federal rules and mandates. Jake is for accountability up and down the line at the school. Having grown up in the valley, he knows how valuable our agrarian culture here is and wants it to be an important part of the school's culture. Jake is a successful businessman and will bring common sense, private enterprise solutions to our school. We do not want over-educated career "educrats" with their failed left wing educational and social agendas on our school board. We want local, common sense, student-first board members. Vote for Jake Shy.

Proposition BB: Vote NO

Folks, who can spend YOUR money more responsibly? You or the vast, unaccountable, wasteful, corrupt bureaucracy of liberal Governor Hickenlooper and the State of Colorado? Our beautiful TABOR state amendment says the excess state taxes are to be returned to the taxpayers who paid the tax. This keeps the State of Colorado from ballooning into a bigger monster than it already is. So this year, they collected (that is, stole) \$40 million dollars more than they should have and now the libs in the state want to steal that from us. Of course it's "for the children", "for the schools," etc. But the money is just going to disappear in the state bureaucracy to hire more do-nothing state bureaucrats who will further stomp on our liberty. They have wasted billions of our dollars. Enough is enough.

Vote NO to get the excess tax money they stole from us back INTO YOUR POCKET. It's YOURS NOT THEIRS. Vote NO on Proposition BB.

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Crazy Days (& Crazy Nights)

We can always find some reason to celebrate. Please check out the National Days and Months below. Surely you will find one or two that will give you cause to celebrate. If you want to know the origins and details of any of them, please go to NationalDaysCalendar.com and check them out. For November, we especially like National Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day (7th) and National Baklava Day (17th). Or maybe Aviation History Month would better suit you. Anyway, we are sure you can find some reason to smile. See you at the bakery!

November 1

National Family Literacy Day
National Vinegar Day
National Deep Fried Clams Day
National Cook for your Pets Day

November 5

National Doughnut Day
National Med Make Dinner Day

November 6

National Nachos Day
Saxophone Day

November 10

Marine Corps Birthday
National Forget-Me-Not Day
National Vanilla Cupcake Day

November 11

Veterans Day

November 14

National Pickle Day
National Spicy Guacamole Day

November 19

National Carbonated Beverage With Caffeine Day
National Play Monopoly Day

November 27

National Bavarian Cream Pie Day
National Day of Listening
National Native American Heritage Day
National Buy Nothing Day

November is also known as the National Month for:

Adopt a Senior Pet Month
Family Stories Month
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National Fun with Fondue Month
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And a whole lot more!

Choose your passion and find a day to celebrate!

Elevation Meats: Partners in Provisions

by Fred
"P Dawg"
Hernandez

It all began in Jackson, Wyoming, not too long ago in an old food store called Jackson Whole Grocery. Will Taylor was then in charge of the perishables program when the owners decided to renovate from the original eleven-thousand-square-foot facility to thirty-three-thousand and install new equipment. What followed was a promotion for Will to store manager. Needing a replacement for his former position the search led to Texas and Danny Newton who was hired by the company and moved lock, stock, and barrel to Wyoming. The two men, professionals both, worked well together and bonded quickly and deeply. One day at lunch, after ten months of working as a team, they decided they should consider starting their own business. With the aid of an app on Will's smart phone, they found a shop for sale in the town of Westcliffe, Colorado. The next step was to drive to Westcliffe and check out what was the Chop Shop. They liked the town and did extensive homework. They crunched the numbers of the business and, while not the best, decided they could make it work. The equipment at the store had been well maintained so that was a definite plus and talks with many local businessmen gave them a positive view of what could be expected in terms of business. With that, the Elevation Meat Market was born.



Partners Will Taylor and Danny Newton. (Their beautiful wives, Danielle and Fawnda, were too busy working to be photographed and laughingly said they were having a bad hair day anyway.)

Sentinel photo by Fred Hernandez

The meats are truly prime, A-1, the best. No water, no enhancements of any kind, no additives, no chemicals. Just pure, natural, delicious U.S. (and Colorado) grown beef. The seafood is fresh, fresh, absolutely fresh. Flown into Denver from Seattle and quickly delivered in special containers filled with ice. The seafood we get in this town is, at times, even fresher than those on the coast for the simple reason that what we get is flown in. What they get on the coast is barged from Alaska and takes much longer. The relationship between Elevation and their supplier, SEATTLE FISH, is a great one and Seattle Fish does a great job delivering the very best.

The partners like Westcliffe very much and plan to build their business. At the moment they are preparing for their very first winter in Custer County. Their future plans call for lots of exciting and new food ideas: hot soups in the wintertime; Will mentioned a mouth-watering Chioppino, just as an example.

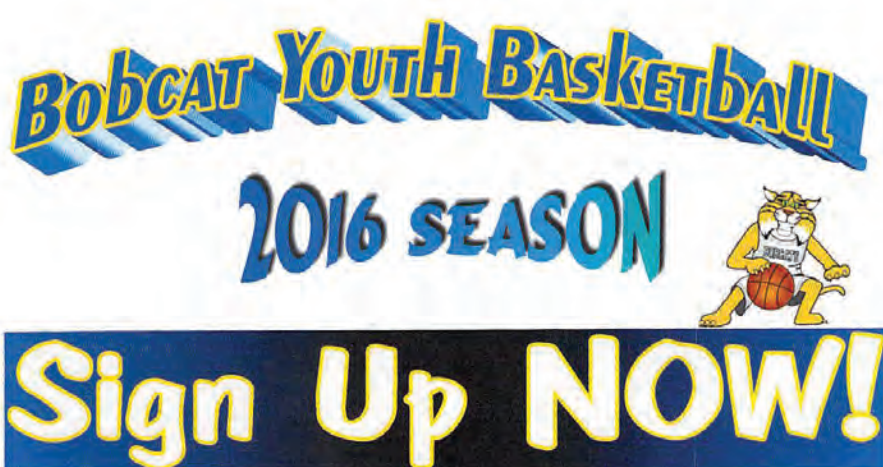
Fresh-cut deli sandwiches and more. Their deli meats, by the way, have no sodium, no nitrates, and no chemicals. The poultry tastes like fresh chicken is supposed to. In fact, the chickens come from Arkansas, where feed is plentiful, and processed in Colorado to assure the freshest product available. The mission is to make this a convenient, all around, one stop shop for Custer County clients. As a sample of good things to come prepared foods such as meatloaf, meatballs, stuffed chicken breast with wild rice, breaded chicken Parmesan, Cajun wild rice stuffed pork chops, home made sausages. Elevation is planning to feature fresh turkey and ham for Thanksgiving. In addition, the partners can get for you ducks, geese, pheasant, and quail. Give them a call to get your order in for the holidays. They are located at 101 South 2nd Street in the former Chop Shop building. Their hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Their phone number is 783-4263.

Custer County Hazard Mitigation Plan Kickoff Meeting

by Mike Kienbusch

On Wednesday evening October 21st, the Custer County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) held a kickoff meeting at the Cliff Lanes bowling alley to initiate the revision of Custer County's Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). This plan identifies natural hazards that threaten Custer County, and ways we can mitigate those threats. The previous version of this plan covered the Upper Arkansas Area (Lake, Chaffee, Fremont, and Custer), that plan has since expired. The updated plan will focus on natural hazards that may threaten our local (Custer County) community. Present at the meeting were representatives from State Government, Custer County Commissioners, Road & Bridge, Sheriff's Office, EMS, the Town of Silver

Cliff, Wet Mountain Fire Dept., Solvista Health, and the public. The official constituents represent the Steering Committee and will develop the plan, the public is encouraged to provide input. The meeting explained the planning process and schedule, and requested the attendees to identify goals and objectives for our plan. That request is going out to the public as well. Review the following links to see how you can provide your input to this important planning document for our community: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CusterHMPCommunitySurvey>. This survey can also be found on the Custer County website www.custercountygov.com and on Facebook on Custer County Emergency Management page. Input is being collected until the next planning meeting scheduled in March 2016.



Age Groups

Junior Division:

Co-ed 1st grade -3rd grade Boys & Girls
4th grade Girls

Senior Division:

Co-ed 4th grade -6th grade Boys
5th-6th grade Girls

Registration Fee

\$30.00 by November 13, 2015

\$35.00 after November 13, 2015
(Post Mark)

\$17.00 for each additional sibling

Make checks payable to:
Bobcat Youth Basketball



For more information:

phone: 719-429-4152

Last Day to Register:

December 5, 2015

Season Starts:

December 5, 2015

Season Ends:

February 27, 2016

Please Register by MAIL or by
giving forms to Kristen Foster

Address:

Bobcat Youth Basketball
105 Rufus Run, Westcliffe

Games will be played at
Custer County School East Gym
on Saturdays with possible Friday evenings.
Schedule still pending.

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Improved Communications

Custer County has three brand new VHF radios for the Sheriff's Office, the Wet Mountain Volunteer Fire Department, and Search and Rescue. Installation began on Tuesday with grant money received from Department of Local Affairs. This will be a redundant system for the 800 system that is currently in use.

Communications Officer John Decker is leading the installation of the new VHF equipment.

Sentinel photo by Fred Hernandez

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Clinic Letter RE: "Medicare Billing"

(Editor/GG: This letter was received by one of our readers. Just a heads up for clinic users.)

West Custer County Hospital
DBA Custer County Medical Center
704 Edwards Street
Westcliffe, CO 81252-8588
719-783-2380
October 16, 2015

Dear _____:

Due to billing errors Medicare is requiring us to resubmit claims of Medicare Part A charges for the period from March 1, 2014 thru April 30, 2015. This resubmission of claims has required us to void the original claims processed during that time.

This letter is to advise you that you may have received or will be receiving multiple items in the mail from Medicare and/or your secondary insurances

regarding services received at our clinic with these dates of service. While the resubmission and voids takes place and we settle out finances with Medicare and secondary insurances, there is nothing you need do for the March 1, 2014 thru April 30, 2015 claims with the Custer County Medical Center. Once the resubmission and voids are finalized, Custer County Medical Center will contact you if the final outcome requires follow-up with you.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions. Please direct any billing questions to Stephanie Urban, Billing/Coding Specialist, or Theresa Kennedy, Finance Manager, at (719) 783-2380.

Respectfully,
Delwin Lester
Chief Executive Officer

TESTS from page 4

6 (Good job there with 18 out of 26 getting A or B!). What is NOT acceptable is that 51 kids out of the 132 who took the test in Grades 6 through 11 FAILED! Not to confuse our Common Core adherents but that's 38.6% and that doesn't cut it.

For the science test, grades 5 and 8: Standard Bell curve results which are acceptable.

Overall: A lot of improvement needed except for a few bright spots. What is really troubling is the large number of students failing in each test category. Our class sizes are generally small which usually means higher scores but not here. We desperately need to address these kids' performance issues as soon as

possible as catching up in later grades is very difficult.

Superintendent Mark Payler was gracious enough to provide some comments on the MAP testing and how he is using it in his 90-Day Action Plans:

"The mid-year (January) MAPS assessment data will provide the achievement and growth data, from fall to winter, to drive classroom level instructional strategies. The data will start to show "holes" in our existing alignment of our instruction to state standards, as well as provide student level data so that we may start to reach the content needs of each student.

Each student, and their parent or guardian, will be provided with MAPS information about how they are learning compared to their classroom and state

peers. We believe in students being in charge of their own learning and the data will help them set individual academic goals at all levels of the district.

NWEA MAPS data is a crucial building-block of the 90-Day Action Plan and is the basis for setting grade-level goals tied to specific action steps which should, if focused and followed, lead to increased student achievement levels across the district. The elementary school has created a public data wall (no specific students are identified) so that both faculty and students may begin both owning their data, but tracking their academic progress as well. The high school has started on data conversations and will be setting specific reading, writing, and math goals, based on the NWEA MAPS results, during a faculty in-service day on November 6th."



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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!!

719-429-0846

Thanks for your support!!!!

Jake Shy

Paid for by the candidate.

Cross Country State Bound!



From left: Kayla Carter, Katlyn Freeburg, Coach Robert O’Callaghan, Coach Jack Swartz, Kayli Short, and Jerald Taylor.



Bobcat Cross Country Seniors



Katlyn Freeburg



Kayli Short



Wesley Kagan

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Bobcat Cross Country: Four Qualify for State

by Coach Jack Swartz

It is “playoff” season for the Custer County Cross Country team. They were in Pueblo on October 22nd for the 2015 2A Colorado Region 3 championships looking to secure their spot at the State Championship the following week. How the qualifying works is the top 15 individuals are guaranteed a spot at the state meet with usually the top 3 teams from each gender going as well.

The girls were up first and for two of the Lady Bobcats, this could have been their last high school cross country race. Seniors Katlyn Freeburg and Kayli Short are veterans of the State Championship and looked to make it one last time. Leading the girls bid for a state birth was freshman Kayla Carter. Carter was seeded 6th coming into the race but had higher expectations than that. Staying comfortable through

the first mile, Carter waited with the lead pack until she felt like she could make a move and leave the other leaders in her dust. She did just that around the 1.5 mile mark, taking the lead and never looking back. Carter placed first in a time of 21:14. Carter could be the first freshman from Custer County to take home a regional championship. As for the seniors, Freeburg (13th) in 23:13 and Short (23rd) 24:43 ran season best times helping the girls team upset Lake City and Center for the third and final qualifying spot to the State meet. This will be Freeburg’s fourth trip to the State meet, Shorts third, and Carters first. As for a team, this is the first girls team to qualify for the state meet in some time.

The boys were looking to pull off the same kind of upset, to make a state appearance. Jerald Taylor led the boys with a 2nd place

finish (17:12) which will send Taylor to the State meet. This will be Taylor’s first appearance at the State Championships. Dalton Wommack finished 31st in a personal best time of 20:31 followed by Wesley Kagan in 35th, a season best time of 21:13. Unfortunately, the boys would be edged out by Del Norte for the 4th and final qualifying spot. Finishing the season strong for the Bobcats was Michael Batson (40th) in a personal best time of 21:51, Scott Freeburg (44th) in 23:06, and Jess Franta (46th) in another personal best time of 24:17.

Both the girls and boys teams improved on personal bests or season bests as the season progressed.

The State Championships are held in Colorado Springs on Saturday, October 31st. The girls run at 9:20 a.m. while Jerald Taylor will represent the boys at 11:30 a.m.

Bobcats Fall Short on Senior Day

by Coach Troy Bomgardner

The Bobcats welcomed the Kiowa Indians for the last home game and senior day last Saturday with hopes of an upset of the playoff-bound Indians. The day began with honoring Sam Dunlap, the Bobcats only senior prior to the game. Joining Sam were his mother and father, Sandy and Perry Dunlap. Sam’s last words to his teammates were “have a fire within and lighting your bones”. And with these words, the Bobcats took the field against the highly rated Indians.

It was a battle from the opening whistle as the Bobcats fought with all they had. After a quick opening score by the Indians, CCHS took a poor kickoff and began driving but were stopped short. A quick kick took the Indians down to within the 5-yard line. An interception by Dylan Schoch put the Bobcats on

the Indians 10 yard line and a few plays later, Sam Dunlap scored to make it a 1 score ballgame at 14-6.

The Indians would score again to go up 20-6 but the Bobcats would answer quickly with a 43-yard scoring pass from Edgar Pedigo to Billy Berry to make it 20-12 with just over 4 minutes left in the half.

“I was extremely proud of how our guys came out and played,” said head coach Troy Bomgardner. “Senior day is always an emotional day and our guys played with emotion. Kiowa has proven to play with the some of the best teams in the state and we hung with them and competed very well.”

The Bobcats went into half-time down 28-12 and with the loss of center Bryce Roscoe on the last play of the half. “Bryce was shaken up on the last play of the half and we didn’t have a back-up center but

Tylor Howedeshell said he could do it and with a few practices he stepped in and did a great job!” exclaimed Bomgardner.

CCHS competed well again in the 2nd half with another Pedigo to Berry completion for a touchdown and a long run by Berry in the 4th quarter. A Chad Lewenkamp pass to Ray Perez added a 2-point conversion and the final score ended up 52-28.

Defensively the Bobcats were led by Sam Dunlap with 16 tackles followed by Andy Feldmann and David Kinsey with 11 tackles each. “Our players continue to give it their best and play competitively,” said Bomgardner. “Kiowa will most likely be a playoff team and we hung with them and I expect us to do that in our last game against Hoehne, another playoff team.” The Bobcats final game will be at Hoehne tonight at 7 p.m.

Heifer International Helping Families Help Themselves

The Community United Methodist Church is sponsoring a benefit for Heifer International on Thursday, November 5, 2015, at the Second Street Kitchen Back Room from 5:30-7 p.m. Complimentary hors d’oeuvres and beverages will be served. Attendees will have the opportunity to further Heifer’s mission to help families in impoverished areas become self-sustaining and to pass on that gift to others.

Heifer helps bring sus-

tainable agriculture and commerce to areas with a long history of poverty. Donated animals provide families with both food and reliable income, as agricultural products such as milk, eggs, and honey can be traded or sold at market. The goal of every Heifer project is to help families achieve self-reliance. Families share the training they receive, and pass on the first female offspring of their livestock to another family. This extends the impact of the original gift, allowing families to become donors

and full participants in improving their communities.

Tickets for the event are \$25 and are available at the Community United Methodist Church, Candy’s Coffee, and The Mining Company/Country Store. If you are unable to attend the event but wish to make a donation online, please visit: <http://bit.ly/WMVgives>

If you have any questions about Heifer International or about the benefit, please contact Pastor Deb at: 719-783-2511 or email: revdeb@centurylink.net



Bobcat Menu • Nov. 2 - Nov. 5, 2015

Monday Breakfast Pancakes Fruit Milk lunch Ground Beef & Mac W.G. Roll Choice of Veg. & Fruit Milk	Tuesday Breakfast Scrambled Eggs, W.G. Toast Fruit, Milk lunch Corn Dog Choice of Veg. Choice of Fruit Milk	Wednesday Breakfast Blueberry or Banana Muffin Loaf Fruit Milk lunch Italian Sausage Pizza Choice of Veg. Choice of Fruit Milk	Thursday Breakfast Sausage Gravy W.G. Biscuit Fruit, Milk lunch Soft Chicken Taco, Rice Choice of Veg. Choice of Fruit Milk
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Elementary: Main Dish, Bread, Milk, and Choice of 1 Veg. & 1 Fruit
Middle & High: Main Dish, Bread, Milk, and Choice of 1 Veg. & 1 Fruit
Middle & High: Salad Bar

KIDS

Friday, October 30, 2015

Halloween

Candy apples, Jack-o’-lanterns, bobbing for apples, bonfires, costumes, and trick-or-treating. Sound familiar? It’s Halloween.

Halloween falls on the evening before the Christian holy day of All Hallows’ Day (also known as All Saints’) on November 1st. All Saints was introduced in the year 609 A.D. It originally was celebrated on May 13th. In 835 A.D. it was switched to November 1st, the same day as Samhain, an ancient Celtic holiday.

Today Halloween activities include trick-or-treating, carving pumpkins, visiting haunted attractions, lighting bonfires, harvest parties, hay rides, corn mazes, or playing pranks.

One unintended prank occurred on October 30, 1938. Orson Welles caused a national panic with a radio broadcast of “War of the Worlds”. It was a realistic radio dramatization of a Martian invasion of earth. The show began at 8 p.m. with the announcement, “The Columbia Broadcasting System and its affiliated stations present Orson Welles and the Mercury Theater on the air in ‘War of the Worlds’ by H.G. Wells.” However, many people did not tune in till about 8:12 p.m. when the story of the Martian invasion was well under way. The radio play was extremely realistic, with Welles employing sophisticated sound effects and his actors doing an excellent job portraying terrified announcers and other characters. It produced panic with people running in the streets and screaming. The hysteria was most pronounced on the east coast in New York and New Jersey. When news of the real-life panic leaked into the CBS studio, Welles went on the air as himself to remind listeners that it was just fiction.

It was quite a memorable Halloween that year of 1938. Today we celebrate with merriment, costumes, parades, and sweet treats for children and adults.

Have a safe, fun Halloween.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: History.com Wikipedia

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Bobcats Sport Schedule

VOLLEYBALL

Friday, October 30
TBD: District at Sargent

CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, October 31
9:30 a.m.: CHSAA State at Colorado Springs (Girls)
11:30 a.m.: CHSAA State at Colorado Springs (Boys)

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Friday, October 30
7 p.m.: Hoehne AWAY
Saturday, November 7
TBA: State Playoff at TBA



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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



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.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A - LEGAL DESCRIPTION
EXHIBIT "A"

A parcel of land in Section 33, Township 22 South, Range 71 West of the 6th P.M., Town of Rosita, County of Custer, State of Colorado, Being a portion of Lots 62 and 63 lying Southwesterly of U.S.M.S. No. 49 AKA the Senator Extension and the vacated Southerly portion of Irwin Street adjacent thereto and the Northerly portion of 1st Street adjacent thereto, all being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of said U.S.M.S. No 49 (Corner No.4) described as being monumented by an aluminum cap by Colorado P.L.S. No. 19883 , Thence on an assumed bearing of North 46°27’16” West on the West line of said U.S.M.S. No 49, a distance of 377.13 feet to the true point of beginning being at the intersection of said West line of U.S.M.S. No 49 and the centerline of said 1st Street(Now vacated) Thence on the following 4 courses; South 66°14’02” West on said centerline of 1st Street(Now vacated) a distance of 170.71 feet to intersect the Southerly extension of the West line of said Lot 63; North 23°43”18” West on said West lot line of Lot 63 and its Southerly and Northerly extension, a distance of 250.11 feet to intersect the centerline of said Irwin Street(Now vacated) the next course shall be on said centerline North 66°13’18” East a distance of 65.95 feet to intersect the said West line of U.S.M.S No. 49 from which a ½” rebar with a 1” yellow plastic cap by Colorado P.L.S. No 19883 bears North 46°27’16” West for a distance of 703.94 feet; South 46°27’16” East on said West Line of U.S.M.S. No 49 a distance of 271.11 feet to the point of beginning of the herein described parcel. EXCEPT THAT PART OF VACATED 1ST STREET.

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

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

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

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

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Denver, Colorado 80203
(800) 222-4444
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov

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Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov

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

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER’S DEED 2012114

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

CHARLES S HOWARD JR
MAX W HOWARD

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

LOT 70, TARA-J SECOND FILING ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Steven P Farley;

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

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Charles S Howard Jr & Max W Howard for said year 2011;

That said Steven P Farley, on the 28th day of August, 2015, the present holder of said certificate, (who) has made a request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate;

That a Treasurer’s Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said Steven P Farley at 10:00 o’clock AM., on the 11th day of February, A.D. 2016, unless the same has been redeemed.

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

Witness my hand this 19th day of October, A.D. 2015.

Suzanne Coleman
Custer County Deputy Treasurer
For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer

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Westcliffe, Colorado

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Custer County Board of Commissioners and Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on November 10, 2015 at 1:30 P.M. Custer County Courtroom. The following will be considered.

1. Hearing for Ludvik Propane Company/ Special Use Permit, Lot 9, Range View Loop, Custer County Colorado.

The agenda is posted on the bulletin board located in the hall of the Custer County Courthouse. Copies of the agenda are available in the Custer County Planning and Zoning office.

Anyone wishing to comment may do so at the Hearing or by mail to Custer County Planning and Zoning office, P.O. Box 203 Westcliffe CO 81252; by fax 719-783-9907 or by e-mail Jackie@custercountygov.com

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Custer County Board of Zoning Adjustment will hold a public Hearing on November 10, 2015 at 1:30 P.M. Custer County Commissioners room. The following will be considered:

1. Hearing for Matt and Julie McGovern, 473 Arapahoe Road, Custer County Colorado.

The agenda is posted on the bulletin board located in the hall of the Custer County Courthouse. Copies of the agenda are available in the Custer County Planning and Zoning office.

Anyone wishing to comment may do so at the Hearing or by mail to Custer County Planning and Zoning office, P.O. Box 203 Westcliffe CO 81252; by fax 719-783-9907 or by e-mail Jackie@custercountygov.com

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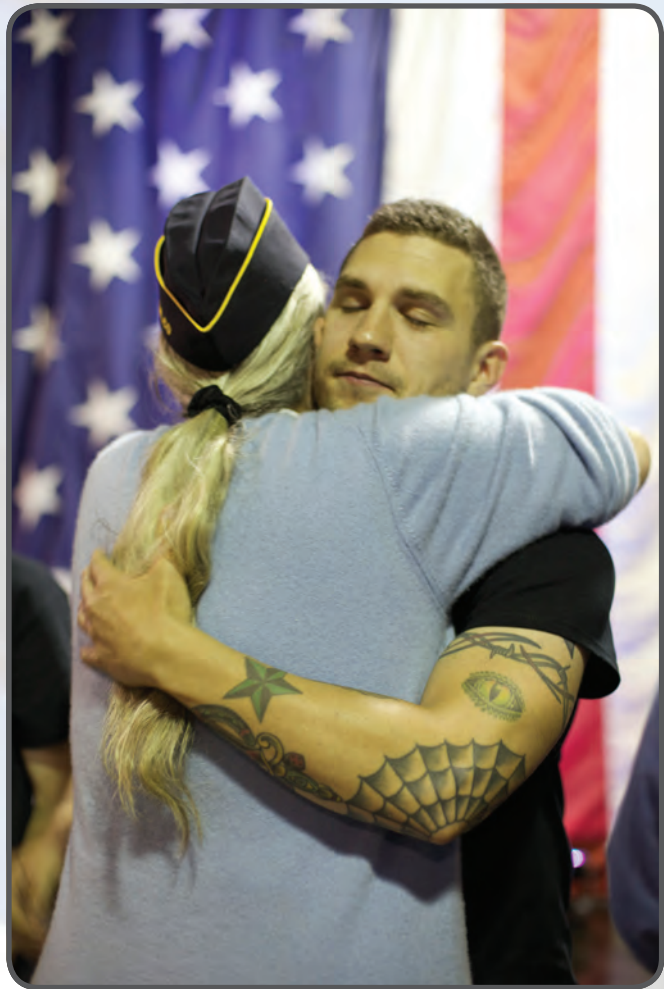
PUBLIC NOTICE

Round Mountain Water and Sanitation District is seeking candidates for the Board of Directors vacancy. A registered voter applicant must be a Resident of the District for not less than thirty (30) days, or the owner (or the spouse of the owner) of taxable real property situated in the District. Self- nomination forms may be picked up during business hours at 59000 Highway 69, Westcliffe CO or you mail a “Letter of Interest” to RMWSD, P.O. Box 86, Westcliffe CO 81252.

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Westcliffe, Colorado

Eagles Summit Ranch: Wounded Warrior Graduation



Hard Fought Final Home Game



Senior Sam Dunlap



Local Mountain News & Notices

Obituary

Dennis Bernard Henry

Dennis Bernard Henry affectionately known as “Buzz”, since his big brother couldn’t say brother, was born on November 11, 1937, to Daniel Boon and Hazel Evelyn “Tillie” Henry in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Buzz was the little brother to Don and the big brother to Jim and Peg. Throughout his childhood his hardworking parents followed work though Nebraska living in Scottsbluff and Stapleton and then on to Blythe, California, before returning to settle in Cozad, Nebraska, in 1947. Two weeks before his 18th birthday he left school to enlist in the Marines. He was stationed in southern California where he became a jet mechanic. After his enlistment was up, he returned to Nebraska to work at the Lexington Mill and Elevator. There the shly young man finally got up the courage to ask out Karen Mitchell and four months later on April 26th, 1959, she became his wife.

Shortly thereafter they began a 34 1/2 year career in

the hotel/motel “hospitality industry” in Holdrege, Nebraska, at the Tower Motel and then onto McCook to the Chief.

In October, 1964, their daughter, Kim, was born and 6 1/2 years later in May, 1971, their son, Cody, was born.

After working for two families and three different motels they scraped together enough to be able to move to Lamar, Colorado and purchase the Blue Spruce Motel. To those who stopped in regularly it was affectionately known as the BS motel befitting of the hospitality... the place was no BS about cleanliness and all BS while keeping it on the social front.

Leaving Nebraska, parents, and family behind was not easy but often resulted in Thanksgiving get togethers and great memories were made with the family pheasant hunting.

Throughout the years the family shared common roots even though they

transplanted across the fruited plains and into Texas and even had a couple of family nuts end up in the mountains.

While taking care of hundreds of customers the family grew up and eventually Kim married Doug Eckert and they added a Joshua and a Jordan.

Cody, following suit of his parents and doing it his own way, added daughter out-law Amanda, and grafted her two sons, Alex and Geoffrey Moore, into the family garden.

Buzz embraced his hippy son-in-law, daughter-out-law and grandkids with open arms into his gnarled family tree.

Later, Cody, never one to follow tried and traditional ways, brought Gina and her kids, Jalen and Elise, into the fold and the tree grafted some more wonky limbs.

When it was time to slow down a bit, Buzz and Karen moved back to the Mitchell homestead outside of Lex-

ington, Nebraska. When asked how he liked retirement, he said, “I’m not retired, you gotta be old to be retired. I’m unemployed!” He helped farm the family homestead part-time until his 72nd birthday when he announced, “I’m old so therefore I’m retired.” That so-called retirement still didn’t slow him down much.

Then the grand kids started adding new branches as Josh married Nicole Smith; Jordan married Cody Myers; Geoffrey added Bronte Gilman; and Alex added Mallorie Neal with her little Autumn. The family tree had lots of branches and deep roots.

Last but not least, the littlest twigs brought a new light to his life when Josh & Nicole Eckert welcomed Paizlee; followed exactly 6 months later by Jordan & Cody Myers’ arrival of Trystin. Two more buds are growing and due to be born March and April of 2016 with a sibling for Trystin and a sibling for Autumn.

The Henry elders relocated to the incredible mountain town of Westcliffe, Colorado, on October 15th, to embrace the golden years of their lives. A town with views and residents like none other. It was the perfect place to embrace the sunset of their lives located half way between each of their children. Sadly on Saturday the 17th of October, Buzz’s time on earth was brought to a close. He shall be tormented no more.

Buzz was preceded in death by his mother and father, his mother-in-law and father-in-law, his brother Don, and also nephew Danny.

He is also survived by his sister-in-law Norma Henry, his brother Jim (Sue) Henry, sister Peg Henry, brothers-in-law Darwyn (Karen) Mitchell, and Tim (Cindy) Moninger, as well as numerous beloved nephews and nieces and friends.

Please join family and friends in a celebration of life in Westcliffe, Colorado, at 2 p.m., Saturday,



October 24th, at the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club. It’s a saddle club.... come casual and wear your plaid and denim in honor of how we all knew Buzz. http://www.wmvsc.com/Wet_Mountain_Valley_Saddle_Club/

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/> or in care of the Holt Mortuary at 806 Macon Ave., Cañon City, Colorado 81212.

Arrangements are under the care of Holt Family Funeral Home. Online condolences @ www.holtfamilyfuneralhomes.com



Come and Worship



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

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

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

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

Cody Park Community Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Mtg.
Wednesday, 7 p.m., Bible Study
0157 County Rd. 27A
Cotopaxi
719/942-3462
719/942-3526

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Wetmore Baptist Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
Junction of Hwy 96 & 67
Wetmore
719/371-1230

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

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

Fateries

Alpine Lodge
6848 Cty. Rd. 140 • Westcliffe
719/783-2660
Wed. - Sun., 5 - 10 p.m.
Sunday Brunch
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Reservations recommended

Candy's Coffee
106 S. 2nd St. • Westcliffe
719/783-9516
Mon. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

JB's Café
104 Main Street • Westcliffe
719/783-3033
Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wed. & Thurs., 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fri. & Sat., 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sundays 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Closed Mondays

The Mining Company Restaurant
60 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-9144
Mon., Thurs. - Sun.,
7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tues., 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Closed Wednesdays

Nacho Mama's
404 Main St. • Silver Cliff
719/783-3331
Mon. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Bar stays open later

Oak Creek Grade General Store, Bakery & Coffee Shop
13 miles north on Cty. Rd. 255
719/783-2245
Saturdays 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.
(Pastries & Coffee)

Rancher's Roost at Cliff Lanes
25 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-2031
Mon. - Fri., 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sat. & Sun., 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

St. Andrews Golf Course Café
800 Copper Gulch Rd.
Westcliffe
719/783-9410
Open Daily * Call for Hours

Silver Cliff Mountain Inn
700 Ohio Street • Silver Cliff
719/783-2688
Sat. - Wed., 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Thurs. & Fri., 7 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Open 7 days a week

Silver Cliff Pizza Company upstairs in the Silver Dome Saloon
110 Main St. • Silver Cliff
719/783-9499
Call for hours

Subway (inside JR's Fuel Stop)
425 S. 6th St. • Westcliffe
719/783-2748
Mon.-Sat., 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sundays, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sugar & Spice Mtn. Bakery
411 Main St. B • Westcliffe
719/783-4045
Tues. - Fri., 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat., 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Tony's Mountain Pizza
630 Main St. • Silver Cliff
719/783-9300
Tues., 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Wed.. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sundays, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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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.

Kids Zone After School Program, grades K-5 at Club America on Tues., 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.

For Rent

WETMORE large 3BR 1 B farmhouse. Non-smoker. References. \$1,000 rent and damage deposit. (719) 783-2265

1 BR 1B cabin near Alpine Lodge. No pets, no smokers. First, last, and deposit. Background check

required. \$500/month and electric. (719) 269-0379

For Sale

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

Help Wanted

Part-time, job-share, manager position at Club America starting November. Need strong people, sales, admin. skills. Send inquiries and résumé to custer2020@gmail.com by Nov. 6.

Moving Sale

2208 Shoshone Drive off Oak Creek Grade, Friday and Saturday, October 30-31, 9 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. **ITEMS FOR SALE:** 2 LAZY BOY RECLINERS, BROWN 1 COWHIDE-PRINT OCCASIONAL CHAIR 3 SMALL OFF-WHITE HASSOCKS 4 DINING ROOM CHAIRS KITCHEN ITEMS WESTERN MOTIF DECORATIVE ITEMS PICTURE FRAMES LONG PLASTIC TABLES WOMEN’S SIZE 1X CASUAL CLOTHING, JACKETS, VESTS MEN’S LARGE MOSTLY WESTERN SHIRTS & TROUSERS, JACKETS MEN’S WESTERN BOOTS, SIZE 10 CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS CARPENTER SHOP ITEMS

Real Estate

Lori Kastendieck
Independent Broker
Real Estate
Westcliffe Broker.com
719/269-0653
Serving buyers & sellers since 1982

Services

CARPET DIRECT Your local sales rep for a nation-wide company. Best prices on best products: Carpet. Wood. Tile & Vinyl. **Jeff Holmberg, cell # (719) 429-3008.**

Mowing and brush hogging. (719) 371-2866

Concrete Flat Work. Driveways, sidewalks, and patios. Quick, professional service. (719) 429-0219. Ask for Mason.

SEPTIC PUMPING
(719) 783-2747 or Cell (719) 371-3523
Please call Art Nordyke for your septic pumping and inspections. Don’t let your septic fail!
NORDYKE SANITATION

CHAINSAW SHARPENING Accurate sharpening. Multiple chain discount. Chain loops made to order and repaired. Ring J.B. 719/783-4448

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below there were

10/21/15

Break Ins:

Deputies responded to Custer County Middle School for a report of a break in. Evidence was recovered and the investigation is ongoing.

Deputies responded to a business on Main Street, Westcliffe for a report of a break in.

Traffic Summons:

Roderick Hubbell was issued a citation for failure to stop at stop sign.

Danny Tubbs for speeding 10-19 over.

10/22/15

Custer County School: A deputy responded to the school for a report of students who had returned late from lunch and may have been smoking marijuana.

Traffic Summons:

Angela Camarillo for speeding 10-19 over.

Amy Moulton for speeding 5-9 over in a school zone and driving with an expired license.

Larry Tosh for speeding

10-19 over.

10/23/15

Traffic Summons:

Charles Hall for speeding 20-24 on South 6th Street, Westcliffe.

Kathleen Herrera for speeding 10-19 over.

10/24/15

Traffic Summons:

Jordan Aguilar for speeding 10-19 on Main Street in Westcliffe.

Manuel Fernandez for speeding 10-19 over.

Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club

Jim Bistodeau of Custer County School will speak on November 2nd about new technology available to CCSD students.

Martin Aksentowitz, a forester with the San Isabel Land Trust, will speak on November 16th about forests of Custer County.

Lunch is served at noon with presentations beginning at 12:30. Meetings are free and open to the public. Reservations required for lunch by calling Marty Newcomb at 783-2092.

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 30

9 a.m.: Board of County Commissioners meet at Custer County Courthouse boardroom

7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: Movie – “The Martian”; Adventure, Sci-Fi, PG-13

Saturday, October 31

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.: Band Chili Supper Fundraiser in CCCS’s multi-purpose room; donation-based with an asking price of \$5. During the dinner, there will be a costume contest and prizes will be given to the top three costumes in each age division.

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.: Halloween carnival in Custer County School’s West Gym. Tickets \$0.25 each.

7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: Movie – “The Martian”; Adventure, Sci-Fi, PG-13

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS. Turn clocks back before retiring for the night.

Sunday, November 1

2 p.m.: Jones Theater: Movie – “The Martian”; Adventure, Sci-Fi, PG-13

Tuesday, November 3

7 a.m. – 7 p.m.: ELECTION DAY

Friday, November 6 – Saturday, November 24

Tues. – Sat., 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Arts and Crafts Extravaganza. Free Admission at Fremont Center for the Arts, 505 Macon, Cañon City, Colorado; For more information, call (719) 275-2750 or www.fremontarts.org.

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.: Music at The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff. Contact Barb St. Amour at (719) 371-1051.

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

Court Report...

Mattot, Dustin David: A charge of criminal mischief (\$300 to \$750) was dismissed. A mandatory restraining order was entered. Must enroll in treatment program within 24 hours.

Routt, Cassandra Jewell: Charges of driving without a license and operating an uninsured vehicle were dismissed.

Pierce, Douglas A.: Guilty of driving while ability impaired. Sentenced to 10 days in jail and two years probation. Monitored sobriety. May serve jail term in Summit County. Assessed \$2,020.50.

Tschappat, Dan Leroy: Guilty of exceeding safe speed for the conditions. Assessed \$114.50.

Dunlap, Samuel Joseph: Guilty of speeding. Assessed \$49.50. Fine suspended upon completion of Alive at 25 within 30 days.

Patton, Michael David: Charges of failing to drive in a single lane and failing to provide proof of insurance were dis-

missed.

Benavidez, Eli I.: Guilty of failing to display proof of insurance. Assessed \$69.50.

Forte, Desiree Angelique: Guilty of possession/consumption of marijuana by a person under 21. Assessed \$416.00 with eight hours of community service.

Tarr, William P.: A charge of careless driving was dismissed.

Edwards, Cathy Marie: A charge of careless driving was dismissed.

Boss, Alisha Lynn: A charge of a possessing a dangerous dog and damage to property was dismissed.

Contreras, Jennifer: A writ of garnishment was issued against defendant for Custer County Hospital District for the amount of \$987.96.

Patton, Michael David: A charge of false reporting/false identification was dismissed.

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

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

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Design u'r Memories

By Rhonda Batson

Design u'r Memories, "that scrapbooking store" at 518 Main St., and owned by Rhonda and Fay Batson, offers supplies for card making, scrapbooking and many other paper crafts.

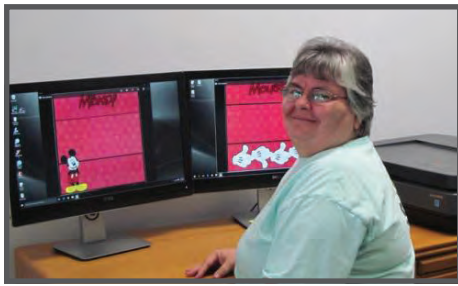
But now Design u'r Memories also offers a high-end imaging and printing system that allows customers to have their large-format scrapbooks scanned and printed on site and also have photographic slides, old photos and large transparencies scanned or printed. The scanning and printing can be up to 12½ inches by 17½ inches and includes specialty papers and canvas.

Rhonda said the system fills a need as her customers complained about having to send their precious books to Florida or leave them for weeks in Colorado Springs. This caused people to worry the whole time about their heirloom scrapbooks and sometimes the results were less than what was expected.

"Having a system in Cañon City allows the owner to leave their books or slides with the store, where they will be safe," she said.

In addition, when slides are being scanned, the client can view them and decide which they want to have saved, if time allows. After the scanning process, the digital information can be saved on a flash drive or DVD. Other people have asked to have multiple copies made of family or vacation scrapbooks and others only want their books scanned to DVDs to store in a safe place in case of a natural disaster. This is all part of the service.

"When working with our first projects, we found the system allows us to remove dust or other imperfections from slides and do minor restoration of photographs,"



Rhonda Batson displays Design u'r Memories' new high-end imaging and printing system that allows customers to have their large format scrapbooks scanned and printed on site.

Courtesy photo

Rhonda advised.

The system seems to be working well and a county-wide following has developed, as the first customers have been from Pueblo West, Penrose, and Cotopaxi, in addition to Cañon City and Florence.

Rhonda reminds people that she expects a holiday rush as more people become aware of the capabilities, and she doesn't want any of her customers to be left out at this busy time of year.

For more information, call 275-2526.

Opinion: ANOTHER Tax Hike??

It seems there are some people who never met a tax they didn't like. That certainly seems to be the case in Fremont County.

For instance in 2013, Fremont County approved a 1 percent sales tax for the Fremont County Sheriff's Department to hire more deputies, investigators, animal control officers, and civilian support staff, as well as replace worn out equipment.

The first thing that happened after it passed is the county purchased the former Garden Park High School to renovate for the Fremont County Nurses Office then the sheriff managed to wrangle the dispatch center to his building, which had to have extensive renovation. Then all the dispatchers in the county were moved into the new center. Prior to that, the City of Florence had a perfectly adequate dispatch center already in operation. It needed some updated wiring, which would have cost a whole lot less than reworking the whole fourth floor in the sheriff's department.

In the meantime, the City of Cañon City has spent \$600,000 a block to build the bump outs on Main Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets and crews are currently working on similar bump outs in the 600 and 700 blocks

of Main Street, much to the dismay of numerous residents. When asked why the city had not fixed the roads or potholes, city officials claim they do not have the money. At the same time, the city closed Macon Avenue between Fifth and Sixth Streets, tore out the pavement and planted grass and placed a pathway that meanders from one end to the other, costing at least \$32,000. That's what they admit to, but it had to cost a whole lot more. How lovely. NOT!!!!

Now they have the gall to ask the residents for another 1 percent tax increase to fix the roads and potholes. Instead of messing up Main Street and Macon Avenue, fix the rotten roads in this city. They can forget what they seem to think is pretty. They are not going to attract one single business to the downtown just because they put flower pots and bump outs that are dangerous when it's slippery and wet. In the past, the city piled the snow in the middle of Main Street. Why don't they put it on Macon Avenue Plaza or what I like to refer to as the "Grassy Knoll." To me it has the same connotation. A big disaster. Vote NO" on the 1 percent sales tax.

Charlotte Burrous,
Fremont County

The Artists' Gallery invites you to First Friday Reception

Join us for a stimulating evening of art and music! The Artists' Gallery, 416 Main St., Historic Downtown Cañon City, invites you to our monthly "First Friday" artist's reception on November 6th from 5-8 p.m. We are featuring the work of three of our 50 talented, member artists:

Always with his camera at his side, award-winning and published photographer, Mel Williamson, has recorded the world around him. While on backpacking trips high into the Rocky Mountains, and on rock-climbing adventures around Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana he has artfully captured breathtaking images. After retiring from 34 years as an educator, Mel found time to "immerse myself into this wonderful dance with light, textures, and emotions". He has had the opportunity to study under several well-known photographers, and in turn, teaches digital photography classes, sharing his expertise and love for the medium with others.

Fabric Artist Betty Parsons takes her skills as a seamstress to new heights, as she expertly constructs wearable art in the form of fashionable jackets, capes, and ponchos. With a keen eye for design, fabric, color, and texture, she creates stylish, one-of-a-kind garments. Betty will also introduce a new item in her repertoire—beautiful woolen wraps, all perfect accessories for the fall season!

Sylvia Carón views her stoneware pottery as a canvas for the intricate designs she incorporates into her work. "I am intuitively drawn to the function of forms and the decorative surface that they lend themselves to. Inspiration is drawn from my surrounding environment, the beautiful forms found in nature, and the foods I enjoy cooking and serving." The lovely glazes she uses on her pottery are intended to complement areas of texture and relief decoration, lending rich and varied color, as well as rendering the wares food safe, strong and durable.

Postponed last month, "Main Street Artz" will honor local sculptor Robert Henderson for his outstanding contribution to public art in Cañon City. The presentation will take place at 6:00 p.m.

Gather with your friends to meet these artists and others, while enjoying complimentary refreshments and listening to Robert Weir perform with his guitar! The Artists' Gallery is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call (719)345-4070 and visit our Facebook page.

The Sentinel is now available at the following locations in Fremont County:

Barry's Den
27077 U.S. Highway 50

Cotopaxi
General Store
20204 U.S. Highway 50

Mr. Ed's
1201 Royal Gorge Blvd.
(Hwy 50) in Cañon City

Here 4 You
2975 CR 27A (Copper Gulch Rd)
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Stopping the “President’s” Christian Holocaust

It is very eye-opening and disturbing to learn just how the U.S. “president’s” policies have enabled a holocaust within the Christian communities in the Middle East and Africa perpetrated by Islam. Frustrating is that those of us who know and understand the truth of this matter find it difficult to do anything about it. Injustices are taking place and those in power are winking and nodding at them, using their words to placate, but doing nothing substantial to end them. We cannot allow frustration to prevent us from action. The lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ are in the balance and we have to start calling out what we know to be true. Their voices are not heard. They need a voice. We need to make it an issue.

Let me relay a story to you as written by a long-time Daily Jot reader:

“This past weekend my brother-in-law, who is a doctor, wrote an article... talking about the Muslim atrocities and their evil god. His daughter, my niece, said people at work had sneered at her and mocked her because of the article. She was upset because her father had taken a public stand against Islam and called it what it is, a monstrous evil. She was afraid he might be attacked or killed. I told her that not long ago I had to make that decision myself. Was I going to let the fear of being attacked or killed prevent me from speaking out in every public forum I could find, or was I going to do what God has called me to do, be salt and light? I decided I would speak out and let God protect me. I told her that her father had done the right thing by his actions.

“Even here in America

where we aren’t really in that much danger, the Muslims have done such a good job of terrifying people that we’re afraid to speak out. If we don’t fight now, from a position of strength, then when we reach the point that we *MUST* fight or be destroyed, we will likely be fighting from a position of weakness...I keep remembering the verse from the book of Revelation (12:11), “And they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony, AND THEY LOVED NOT THEIR LIVES UNTO DEATH.” Jesus says those who will save their lives will lose them, but those who lose their life for Christ’s sake will find them... Keep putting the truth out. Some people will act on it.”

This is an example of the complexity of what we face. But we must act. Nothing is being done because the voices are not loud enough. What can you do? You can talk it up every where you go. Say, “Did you know that our “president” is allowing Christians to be massacred in the Middle East and Africa?” That will start the conversation. Write your newspapers. Call in to radio shows. Organize a protest. Be a voice as if it were your very own family member about to be tortured by these Islamic beasts. What would you do? In Africa, we are reaching out in rural areas to evangelize the Muslims and to support Christians who are at risk. If you want to support our efforts, we always need assistance. Whatever you do, take the first step. Let’s make this an issue.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
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Goodbye Middle Class: 51 Percent of All American Workers Make Less Than 30,000 Dollars a Year

by Michael Snyder, EndoftheAmericanDream.com, via ZeroHedge.com

(Editor/GG: This is Nobama’s and the democrats’ goal. Impoverish the middle class so that they become dependent on government for survival. This is what the democrats define as the “recovery”: serfdom. The numbers below are staggering. Over 100 million workers unemployed or not looking for work! This is no “recovery,” folks. This is the beginning of a recession the likes the world has never seen.)

We just got more evidence that the middle class in America is dying. According to brand new numbers that were just released by the Social Security Administration, 51 percent of all workers in the United States make less than \$30,000 a year. Let that number sink in for a moment. You can’t support a middle class family in America today on just \$2,500 a month – especially after taxes are taken out. And yet more than half of all workers in this country make less than that each month. In order to have a thriving middle class, you have got to have an economy that produces lots of middle class jobs, and that simply is not happening in America today.

You can find the report that the Social Security Administration just released right here. (Editor/GG: See <https://www.ssa.gov/cgi-bin/netcomp.cgi?year=2014>)

The following are some of the numbers that really stood out for me...

- 38 percent of all American workers made less than \$20,000 last year.
- 51 percent of all American workers made less than \$30,000 last year.
- 62 percent of all American workers made less than \$40,000 last

year.

- 71 percent of all American workers made less than \$50,000 last year.

That first number is truly staggering. The federal poverty level for a family of five is \$28,410, and yet almost 40 percent of all American workers do not even bring in \$20,000 a year.

If you worked a full-time job at \$10 an hour all year long with two weeks off, you would make approximately \$20,000. This should tell you something about the quality of the jobs that our economy is producing at this point.

And, of course, the numbers above are only for those that are actually working. As I discussed just recently, there are 7.9 million working age Americans that are “officially unemployed” right now and another 94.7 million working age Americans that are considered to be “not in the labor force”. When you add those two numbers together, you get a grand total of 102.6 million working age Americans that do not have a job right now.

So many people that I know are barely scraping by right now. Many families have to fight tooth and nail just to make it from month to month, and there are lots of Americans that find themselves sinking deeper and deeper into debt.

If you can believe it, about a quarter of the country actually has a negative net worth right now.

What that means is that if you have no debt and you also have ten dollars in your pocket that gives you a greater net worth than about 25 percent of the entire country. The following comes from a recent piece by Simon Black...

Credit Suisse estimates that 25% of Americans are in this situation of

having a negative net-worth.

“If you’ve no debts and have \$10 in your pocket you have more wealth than 25% of Americans. More than 25% of Americans have collectively that is.”

The thing is– not only did the government create the incentives, but they set the standard.

With a net worth of negative \$60 trillion, US citizens are just following dutifully in the government’s footsteps.

As a nation, we are flat broke and most of us are living paycheck to paycheck. It has been estimated that it takes approximately \$50,000 a year to support a middle-class lifestyle for a family of four in the U.S. today, and so the fact that 71 percent of all workers make less than that amount shows how difficult it is for families that try to get by with just a single breadwinner.

Needless to say, a tremendous squeeze has been put on the middle class. In many families, both the husband and the wife are working as hard as they can, but it is still not enough. With each passing day, more Americans are losing their spots in the middle class and this has pushed government dependence to an all-time high. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 49 percent of all Americans now live in a home that receives money from the government each month.

Sadly, the trends that are destroying the middle class in America just continue to accelerate.

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Entitled: Colorado Illegal Aliens Want Shorter Lines for Driver’s Licenses

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: Think about this when you look at your paycheck and the little box that has the taxes that the great state of Colorado has extorted from you. And they want more.)

One of the biggest complaints against illegal immigrants is that they are a drain on the system – sucking public resources away from legal, taxpaying citizens. And local advocate groups for illegal immigrants aren’t doing anything to help disprove this concern. In fact, their latest actions seem to validate it.

According to the Associated Press, immigrant rights groups are gearing up a major lobbying effort to demand more money for a Colorado program that issues driver’s licenses to illegal immigrants. Their gripe? The line is

too long.

Not that it’s surprising illegal immigrants are complaining about waiting in line to get a specialized driver’s license. After all, they weren’t willing to wait in line to get into our country in the first place.

The program itself has been highly controversial, having been forced through the legislature by Democrats two years ago. Yet, even though immigration advocates got their win, they can’t stop asking for more. In our opinion, that’s no way to build support for your cause. We have bigger funding priorities in our state right now than making lines shorter for people who



Illegals in line for controversial driver’s licenses complain about the wait time.

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should just learn to wait for their turn.

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"You Have Two Cows..."

by Simon Black, Sovereign-Man.com, via ZeroHedge.com

(Editor/GG: Simon tells it like it is for good ol' USA. How many cows do you have today?)

When I was a kid, I used to proudly wear around a T-shirt explaining different economic systems using 'two cows' as a metaphor.

It started off like this:

Socialism: You have two cows. Give one to your neighbor.

Then

Communism: You have two cows. The government takes both and gives you some milk.

And

Fascism: You have two cows. The government takes both and shoots you.

I started thinking about this last week when I was in Caracas, because it turns out that Venezuela is a real life example of the two cows metaphor.

It started back in 2001 when the then-President of Venezuela, Hugo Chavez, introduced a law that called for the redistribution of land.

According to their 'Bolivarian socialism' pipe-dream, it was immoral for any single person or company to own too much land. So the government started confiscating people's private property.

And any property owner who resisted was imprisoned. It makes for the perfect entry on that T-shirt I used to wear:

Venezuela: You have two cows. The government steals your land and imprisons you.

Needless to say, the law had an enormous impact on the Venezuelan cattle industry.

Cattle obviously require a lot of land; and running a profitable cattle operation often means having thousands of acres or more.

So when the government started seizing people's lands, beef production in Venezuela collapsed. Duh.

They went from being entirely self-sufficient in terms of beef production in 1998, to, within a few years, becoming the second largest beef importer in the world.

Unbelievable.

Of course, now they have an even bigger problem.

Venezuela's currency is in freefall, and foreign reserves are dwindling.



So not only has beef production collapsed, but now the country can no longer afford to import beef either.

Beef imports to Venezuela are down over 80% this year compared with 2014.

And what little beef does enter the country is subject to the government's severe price controls.

This has caused massive shortages and empty grocery store shelves—textbook consequences that any high school economics student could predict.

Prosperity isn't achieved by government price controls, redistribution policies, and bureaucratic regulations.

It's achieved through freedom. By giving people the opportunity to work hard and take risks. And letting the market determine prices and the allocation of resources.

That's supposed to be what capitalism is. In fact, that was the last entry on the T-shirt:

Capitalism: You have two cows. Sell one and buy a bull.

Sadly this is no longer the case.

Certainly the West is in much better shape than Venezuela. But the vast regulatory apparatus being built in the so-called 'free world' is simply appalling.

Here in the Land of the Free, the federal government alone issues or proposes over 80,000 pages per year of new laws, rules, and regulations.

This means that, right now as you read these words, you are likely in violation of a dozen different regulations that you've never heard of, each of which can carry severe criminal, civil, financial, and administrative penalties.

Children get chased away from running lemonade stands. Teenagers get turned in to Homeland Security for going door-to-door offering to shovel their neighbors' snow.

Businesses must suffer a constant onslaught of new regulations, licenses, permits, and taxes.

Meanwhile the government

continues to expand its debts at an astonishing rate, saddling future generations with the obligation to pay a bill they never signed up for.

And the entire financial system is manipulated by an unelected committee of central bankers who fix the price of money (i.e. interest rates) as foolishly as the Venezuelan government fixes beef prices.

This is not the path to prosperity either. In fact, if I were to update the T-shirt for today, I would include these entries:

U.S. government: You have 330 million cows. You milk them down to the last drop, tell them that they're the freest cows in the world, then train them to be afraid of men in caves.

Federal Reserve: You have two cows. You give them to the banks for free. The banks slaughter them and eat all the meat. You conjure money out of thin air and buy them two more cows.

Wall Street: You don't actually have any cows. But you rake in billions from selling out your own customers and illegally manipulating the price of milk. The government gives you a slap on the wrist.

Silicon Valley: You have two cows. They don't produce any milk, and your operation loses \$500 million per year. Top VC firms invest in your cows, valuing your company at \$25 billion.

U.S. small business: You have two cows. You cannot sell the milk without a permit. You cannot drink the raw milk that comes from your own cows. The government fines you \$10,000 for failing to file form BS-01519.

U.S. big business: You have two cows. You hire the former head of the FDA to be your corporate 'advisor'. You get a huge government contract. Now you have two million cows.

How about you—any ideas?

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Federal Debt Held by Public Has More Than Doubled Under Obama, Now \$57,431 Per Household!

by Terrence P. Jeffrey, CNSNews.com

(Editor/GG: Obama, the libs and our beloved RINO's have maxed out the federal credit card, folks. The world's economic powers are moving away from using the dollar and deleverging their U.S. debt holdings. The bill is coming soon and the payment won't be pretty. So what are our patriotic politicians doing in Washington or Denver? More spending. More borrowing. More printing U.S. dollars. The 1% get richer and we get poorer. And guess who is going to wind up paying for this in the end? It won't be the politicians.)

The portion of the federal government's debt that is held by the public—as opposed to the portion that is borrowed out of government trust funds such as the Social Security and Medicare trust funds—has more than doubled during President Barack Obama's time in office, according to official data published by the U.S. Treasury.

Since Obama's inauguration, the Treasury has increased the federal government's debt held by the public by \$6,739,201,661,284.21—

or about \$57,431.65 for each household in the United States.

When Obama took office on January 20, 2009, the total debt of the federal government was \$10,626,877,048,913.08. But the Treasury divides this total debt into two main components: debt held by the public and intragovernmental debt.

“Debt held by the public represents federal debt issued by Treasury and held by investors outside of the federal government, including individuals, corporations, state or local governments, the Federal Reserve, and foreign governments,” explains the Government Accountability Office. “The majority of debt held by the public consists of marketable Treasury securities, such as bills, notes, bonds, floating rate notes, and Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities that are sold through auctions and can be resold by whoever owns them. Treasury also issues a smaller amount of nonmarketable securities, such as savings securities and State and Local Government Series securities.”

“Intragovernmental debt holdings represent feder-

al debt owed by Treasury to federal government accounts—primarily federal trust funds such as Social Security and Medicare—that typically have an obligation to invest in federal securities their excess annual receipts (including interest earnings) over disbursements,” says GAO.

“Unlike debt held by the public,” says GAO, “intragovernmental debt holdings are not shown as balances on the federal government's consolidated financial statements because they represent loans from one part of the federal government to another.”

Of the \$10,626,877,048,913.08 in total debt that the federal government had when Obama took office in 2009, \$6,307,310,739,681.66 was debt held by the public and \$4,319,566,309,231.42 was intragovernmental debt.

As of the close of business on Tuesday, the total debt of the federal government was \$18,150,481,620,363.39. Of this, \$13,046,512,400,965.87 was debt held by the public, and \$5,103,969,219,397.52 was intragovernmental debt.

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\$13,046,512,400,965.87 in debt held by the public was an increase of \$6,739,201,661,284.21—or 106.8 percent—from the \$6,307,310,739,681.66 in debt held by the public on the day Obama was inaugurated.

That \$6,739,201,661,284.21 increase in debt held by the public equaled \$57,431.65 for each of 117,343,000 households the Census Bureau estimated there were in the United States as of June.

“Debt held by the public and intragovernmental debt holdings are very different,” the GAO said in its 2014 financial audit of the Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service. “Debt held by the public represents a claim on today's taxpayers and absorbs resources from today's economy. In addition, the interest paid on this debt may reduce budget flexibility because, unlike most of the budget, it cannot be controlled directly.”

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Liberal Physicist Says Obama Wrong on Global Warming

by Steve Birr, Daily Caller News Foundation

Renowned physicist and self-described Democrat Freeman Dyson said President Obama is wrong about global warming.

“I’m 100 percent Democrat myself, and I like Obama,” Dyson told The Register in an interview published Sunday. “But he took the wrong side on this issue, and the Republicans took the right side.”

Dyson lamented scientists are ignoring “obvious” facts about global warming, and continue to conflate air pollution — which he says is not behind global warming — with carbon dioxide, which is not technically a pollutant.

“How does it happen that a whole generation of scientific experts is blind to obvious facts?” Dyson asked.

He has taught physics for nearly 40 years at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, and his work in electrodynamics, climate studies, and nuclear engineering has earned him notoriety in the scientific community.

He acknowledged fossil fuels emit “very unpleasant stuff” when burned, but said pollution from coal, oil, and

gas is not behind global warming. The greenhouse gas carbon dioxide, he alleges, is what’s behind global temperature rises.

“Pollution is quite separate to the climate problem,” Dyson told The Register. “One can be solved, and the other cannot. And the public doesn’t understand that.”

Dyson was featured in the forward of a report released Monday by the UK-based Global Warming Policy Foundation, where he challenged his colleagues to honestly judge the climatic effects of carbon dioxide.

“To any unprejudiced person reading this account, the facts should be obvious: that the non-climatic effects of carbon dioxide as a sustainer of wildlife and crop plants are enormously beneficial, that the possibly harmful climatic effects of carbon dioxide have been greatly exaggerated, and that the benefits clearly outweigh the possible damage,” Dyson wrote.

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The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand

2015



Court Decision Paves the Way for Australian-Style Gun Ban

by Michael Filozof,
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(Editor/GG: This, patriots, is the end game. The U.S. Supreme Court has four solid fascists on it now, and with “swing vote” Justice Kennedy, a pathetic excuse for a judge. This case could send the 2nd Amendment into the toilet with ACTUAL GUN CONFISCATION TO FOLLOW. If you think this isn’t a strong and imminent threat, you are drinking the RINO kool aid. ONE MORE SUPREME COURT socialist justice and our constitutional republic is GONE. It is time, folks:

“That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”

The U.S. Declaration of Independence, July 4 1776.)

On Monday, the Court of Appeals for the Second U.S. Circuit issued a long-awaited decision on the constitutionality of the most drastic gun control law in U.S. history, the New York SAFE Act of 2013. The Second Circuit ruled that nearly all of the law does not violate the Second Amendment.

The SAFE (“Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement”) Act was presented to the New York State Senate and passed into law in 15 minutes. No debate was allowed, and senators did not have time to read the bill before voting it into law.

The SAFE Act is a complete ban on the sale or transfer of all military-style semi-automatic rifles manufactured within the past several decades. It is a total ban on the AR-15, AK-47, M-14/M-1a, HK G3, Steyr AUG, and many other civilian copies of military firearms. Prior to the passage of the law, Gov. Cuomo publicly stated that he was considering “confiscation” of existing rifles, but the final version of the law allowed existing owners to keep

their rifles as long as they registered them with the State. Upon the death of the owner, the rifle will be confiscated; it cannot be transferred to an heir within New York State.

The SAFE Act also enacted a complete ban on the possession of all firearm magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds. The law contains no “grandfather” provision for previously legal items.

Beyond that, the SAFE Act banned all private transfers of firearms, except among spouses, parents, and children; it created an ammunition purchase background check and ammunition purchase registry; it banned the private sale of ammunition except from a licensed dealer; and it created a secret reporting requirement under which “mental health professionals” must report anyone suspected of being a “danger” to the State Police for mandatory gun confiscation.

Now that the Second Circuit has upheld the law, residents within the court’s jurisdiction have

no recourse except to take the case to the U.S. Supreme Court – where there will be a guaranteed four votes against the Second Amendment. As I wrote last year, Gov. Cuomo and former Mayor Bloomberg, the backers of the SAFE Act, were betting that the law will be upheld by the Supreme Court, thus paving the way for a national version of the law (which has already been introduced in the Senate by Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.). Indeed, Cuomo immediately called for a national SAFE Act as soon as the Second Circuit issued its ruling Monday.

The Second Circuit’s decision comes only one week after both President Obama and Hillary Clinton publicly praised the Australian and British mass gun confiscations of the 1990s.

If the SAFE Act is upheld by the Supreme Court, nothing prevents Congress from summarily outlawing tens of millions of firearms overnight. Once those firearms become contraband, the government may confiscate and destroy them without compen-

sating the owner (just as the government confiscates and destroys illegal drugs).

The Second Circuit’s decision leaves the Second Amendment in its gravest peril ever. Second Amendment rights are now hanging by a one-vote margin in the same Supreme Court that upheld Obamacare and declared a national right to gay marriage. Constitutional conservatives and Second Amendment supporters ought to be terrified over the prospect of Justice Scalia having a heart attack during a Hillary Clinton presidency.

The Second Circuit’s decision places the hands of the Second Amendment doomsday clock at two minutes to midnight. If you think “it can’t happen here,” you’re wrong.

It already is happening here.

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Beware of the Sympathetic Squeeze

by Brent Wheat,
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Reflexes are standard equipment on all normal human bodies and serve valuable survival functions. Sometimes they are even a bit humorous, such as when the doctor uses that little rubber hammer to make your leg flop around.

However, among all your body’s other involuntary physical responses there is one reflex that has tremendous bearing on defensive firearms usage: the sympathetic squeeze reflex or, more properly, inter-limb interaction. This phenomenon needs to be more widely understood among those who carry firearms for self-defense.

Sympathetic squeeze came to the forefront in the 1990’s when researchers were trying to understand why surrendering suspects were killed by police officers who later claimed they didn’t intend to shoot. It soon became apparent that there was more to these situations than lying or trigger-happy cops.

The inquiry led to the discovery of inter-limb interaction. Simply put, it

is the simultaneous movement of the opposite fingers or hand during high stress events. For example, if you grab something during a crisis, it is very likely your non-involved hand will likewise close.

This was seen in many cases where suspects were shot when an officer tried to transmit on his portable radio. The act of pressing the transmit button caused a similar, involuntary movement of the trigger finger on the other hand. If the gun was pointed at the suspect, which it often was, the result was a dead suspect and indicted officer.

Sympathetic squeeze can occur with many actions: opening a door, flipping a light switch, grabbing a handhold or attempting to operate a flashlight. It also isn’t theory. The author can vouch for one memorable instance when the stereotypical radio transmission caused curling of his trigger finger during an apprehension following a wild car and foot chase. In retrospect, the momentary mental consternation of being unable to transmit without pulling the trigger is humorous but it could have been disastrous.

So what can gun owners do to prevent a tragedy and/or a potential murder charge in such situations?

The simplest fix is to continually practice the advice given in the widely-adopted

“Four Rules” of safe firearm handling written by Col. Jeff Cooper. First and foremost in regard to inter-limb interaction is Rule #4: “Keep your finger off the trigger unless your sights are on target.” This is one of the primary reasons why professional instructors are so adamant about keeping a straight trigger finger when not firing.

If your finger is habitually straight and properly stowed alongside the weapon frame, it is unlikely to creep onto the trigger when you don’t intend to shoot someone, even under incredible stress.

Rule #2, “Never Point the Weapon at Anything You Don’t Intend to Destroy,” is the second important facet in combating sympathetic squeeze and the reason we never hold adversaries at gunpoint. Keeping your weapon at a “guard,” “low-ready,” or other such position offers tactical advantages (such as good visualization of a suspect’s hands and allowing nearly instantaneous firing if aggressive action is necessary) but also provides a margin of error if you have ignored rule #4 and then suffered from a case of inter-limb interaction.

Shooting a bad-guy is a life-changing event; accidentally shooting a bad guy in many ways is worse because now you will likely become a criminal in spite of your otherwise honorable intentions. Don’t ignore the serious dangers of sympathetic squeeze!

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And Here It Is: Karl on Gun-Free Zones

by Karl Denninger,
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Go ahead folks, call me “insensitive.”

The shooter reloaded two handguns with ammunition from his backpack during the killings, Downing said. Harper-Mercer was “firing on people who were just lying there,” Downing said.

The shooter reloaded **twice**?!

Further, he didn’t have his magazines immediately at-hand (e.g. in a belt pouch or similar) **and got them from his backpack?**

What are we talking here -- 10 seconds or so for **each** reload? **The people in the room, who had just witnessed their friends getting shot in the head, sat still for long enough to allow this clownface to reload twice?**

It gets better. What I have long maintained is that these shootings are about **control** and as soon as challenged by *anyone who gets aggressive* the shooter tends to kill themselves **because control is the entire point.**

This is why the shooters go to “**Gun-Free Zones**” to commit their horrific act -- they **know** that law-abiding citizens will not be carrying arms suitable for attempting interruption of their **control**. It’s also why the mall shooter who was confronted by an armed citizen **retreated into a side hallway and shot himself**; he lost **control**, even though the citizen never got a shot off because there were too many other people in the area he might have hit by accident.

And it’s why this shooter, once wounded, killed himself instead of going down fighting.

He didn’t come to fight, he came to exert “con-

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Muslims Take Over Christian Chapel With University's Help....

Accuse Christians for THIS

by Michelle Jesse, Associate Editor,
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(Editor/GG: Step by step we are losing our country. Where is your line in the sand? If you have one....)

We're not in Kansas anymore, folks. Even in this American Heartland state, on a predominantly Christian campus, Muslims are exerting their dominance. And as astonishing as it should be, you may actually not be all that surprised to learn that university officials are behind them.

And the Christians who protested having their chapel "cleansed" of its Christian trapping? Well, they're Islamophobic, of course.

As reported in Christianity Today:

Right in the American Heartland, in the state of Kansas, a minority group of Muslim students have succeeded in taking over what used to be the Christian chapel of their university to the dismay of the school's majority Christian population.

Ironically, the Muslims gained control of the Christian prayer area with the help of the administrators of Wichita State University (WSU) who, last May, decided to make the university's chapel "faith neutral" to accommodate Muslim students, according to a Fox News report.

University officials ordered workers to remove all the pews and the al-

tar inside the Harvey D. Grace Memorial Chapel. Muslim prayer rugs and some portable chairs were then brought inside.

In a statement, WSU President John Bardo said the changes were in compliance with the wishes of the chapel's benefactor, Mrs. Harvey D. Grace, who in her last will wrote that "this chapel will be open to all creeds and to all races of people."

Guided by this, Bardo said they decided to convert the chapel into a facility "welcoming to all religious groups on campus."

And by "all religious groups" — the university apparently meant Muslims.

But the changes ultimately resulted in a "Christian cleansing," according to Fox News. "Anything remotely related to the décor of a Christian church was given the heave-ho."

The student alumni and university donors protested the removal of the pews and altar. "Why did they have to take out all the pews?" alum Jean Ann Cusick wrote on Facebook.

But the Muslims now in control of the facility are dismissing the Christian outrage, calling it "Islamophobia," or prejudice against Muslims.

The Muslim students have also apparently taken over the university's student body and publication, the Wichita Eagle. Student body president Joseph Shepard told the Wichita Eagle that the Christian outrage is

"coming from off-campus, not from the students here."

Of the university's 15,000 predominantly Christian students, only about 1,000 are Muslims.

The Christian protesters continue to appeal to the university administrators not to deprive its majority Christian student population of their religious rights — as they well should.

Perhaps they should accuse the Muslims, now in control of the chapel, of Christianophobia? It certainly sounds like that is a more accurate description of what is actually going on here.

How is it that this public (i.e., taxpayer-funded) university is letting this vocal minority overtake the rights of the majority? Last I checked, the rule of law in this land was still the Constitution, despite increasing and concerted efforts to undermine it. Students — Americans — of ALL religions should be afforded the same freedom to exercise their religion.

Our hyper-PC, progressive culture has gone so far in the name of "tolerance," it has become tyrannical.

When tolerance becomes a one-way street, it will lead to cultural suicide. God help this republic.

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This Marine Grunt Believes Women Should be Excluded from Combat

by Jonah Bennett,
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One former Marine thinks that the discussion about integrating women into all combat roles is missing one crucial element: the distinction between being in a combat zone and actually engaging in combat.

Chad Russell, a former Marine infantryman, served with the 3rd Battalion 1st Marines and deployed for three tours in Iraq, engaging the enemy in combat for each tour. He's also a veteran of the storied Battle of Fallujah. Russell recently gave an interview with Boston's NPR news station and argued that while women bring equal value to the military, being in a convoy that might have to deal with an improvised explosive device is completely different from "sustained, direct

action against the enemy up close and personal."

For Russell, there's just no comparison.

"There's a big difference between being exposed to an IED, right? Going out and being an attachment versus being in a sustained combat role day, after day, after day in these high stress environments," he said. "It really boils down to that bottom line of — we have a saying in the Marine Corps 'complacency kills.'"

Former Marine Commandant Robert Barrow made the same point back in 1991, when he argued that combat is not identical with exposure to danger.

"Combat is a lot more than that," Barrow told the Senate Armed Services Committee. "It's a lot more than being shot at. It's killing. That's what it is, and it's

done in an environment that's as difficult as you can possibly imagine. Extremes of climate, brutality, death, dying. It's uncivilized, and women can't do it."

Russell added that whether women could technically perform in combat is not the right question to ask. Instead, the right question is whether including women is an absolute necessity, as opposed to a fulfillment of political desire and pressure.

This political pressure has been brought to bear by Navy Secretary Ray Mabus, who Russell said had already made up his mind even before the summary results of an exhaustive gender integration study conducted by the Marine Corps were released.

Russell isn't by any means the only person to criticize Mabus. GOP Sen. John

McCain has wondered aloud whether the study had any point whatsoever, given that Mabus has chosen to ignore the results.

Additionally, women present a major sexual distraction in an environment full of young males ready for combat.

"We have a strong sexual drive and we are noticing them and going out of our way to notice them," Russell said. "So it does create a distraction. I can't imagine going through Fallujah and, you know, having a bunch of females in the platoons. I just can't imagine it."

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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.



Sanctuary or Sanctimonious Cities

On October 20th Senate Democrats voted down the "Stop Sanctuary Cities Act" which contained a provision resembling Bill O'Reilly's "Kate's Law," a proposal which came in the wake of the killing of Kate Steinle by an illegal immigrant in San Francisco. The offered legislation sought to impose a mandatory, minimum prison sentence on undocumented immigrants attempting to re-enter the country after deportation. Miss Steinle's murderer is a convicted felon who had been deported five times.

Sanctuary cities (340 of them in the U.S.) are communities that refuse to cooperate with federal immigration officials when attempting to locate illegals. Ignorance on the part of the public aids in the continuance of this delusional policy.

A government report commissioned for Congress by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement found that sanctuary cities released more than 9,000 illegal immigrants whom federal authorities were seeking to deport between January 1 and September 20, 2014. As of last year, 69 percent were still at large in the U.S. Of the 6,460 criminal aliens who were still roaming the streets of America during the time period studied, 3,803 (58%) had prior felonies or violent misdemeanors. None of this insanity will change until the politicians that permit it to continue are voted out of office.

It may come as a surprise to conservatives and liberals that the basic concept of sanctuary cities is found in the Bible. Of course, San Francisco democrats never rely on this secret tidbit of information to support their position; it's one of those hidden treasures that is revealed only to those who actually read the Scriptures. However, Numbers 35 which lays out the instructions for those cities is a bear trap for those who are grasping for political straws. Never thrust your hand in the bushes before a thorough investigation – you might get snake bit.

God instructed Moses to designate six cities throughout Israel as "cities of refuge" to harbor those guilty of accidental manslaughter. These asylums protected the refugee from "the revenger of blood" until such a time as...watch out, here's the snare...he could be judged before the congregation to determine his guilt or innocence. If the accused was found guilty of pre-meditated murder the death penalty was invoked. If, on the other hand, the incident was concluded to be an accident, the defen-

dant was declared blameless.

America's sanctuary cities have miserably failed on the judging part of the equation preferring to subscribe to a subjective stupidity. God succinctly summarized the problem: "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." (Ecclesiastes 8:11) The result of these erroneous policies are increased crime and taxpayer expenditures.

The Lord had another change up pitch which helped cement proper judgment. The acquitted individual was to remain sequestered in the city of refuge until the death of the high priest. (Numbers 35:25) This caveat provided intensified motivation for the citizens to carefully examine the evidence before rendering a decision. The alternative was the possibility of a murderer living in their midst. How many Kate Steinles have to die before San Francisco grabs a clue?

The death of the high priest providing complete freedom pictured a release from another banishment that was in place until Jesus died. The Old Testament saints were kept in "Abraham's Bosom" (Luke 16:23) until the great high priest, Jesus Christ, (Hebrews 3:1) completed the necessary sacrifice for the redemption of sinners.

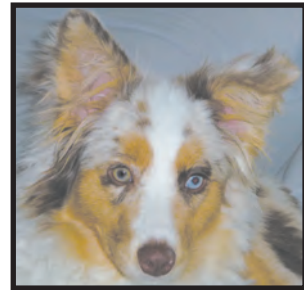
The last paragraph may have been a tad heavy for the doctrinally challenged so let us return to the basics. The negative results of protecting illegals are obvious, but no one seems to be grappling with the question of why some feel it necessary. The vast majority of sanctuary cities are liberal in every aspect of their political bent. Their "no condemnation" policies make them feel better about themselves. The misrepresentation of Jesus' words, "Judge not, that ye be not judged," provides a highway to self-justification for any desired behavior. The best way to isolate yourself from criticism is to pretend that you refuse to participate in judgment of others. Of course, it's perfectly acceptable to keep religious conservatives in the cross-hairs...they are dangerous.

Many are familiar with John 3:16 but not so much with the following paragraph which states in part "for every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." John 3:20-21

A Sheepdog Barks!

A few weeks ago I was very upset but then Obama held a press conference and explained "everything." I felt so much better afterward. This same thing just happened with HilLIARy. She went to Washington and endured 11 hours of "brutal" and "dangerous" questioning by a Special Committee of the House of Representatives. Afterwards, I was told she was "courageous" and "a fighter" and that "she was not a quitter." Wow, I have so much more respect for her now. I used to think she had been derelict in her duty to protect the employees she had in the State Department. But when she explained how she has "taken responsibility" I could no longer be angry. That comment explains everything. I'm sure I was just being too harsh in my judgment. I mean, c'mon, 11 hours, even with potty breaks, was "grueling." Not nearly as easy as fighting for your life for 11 hours with no help coming. This was almost "torture" and I was worried that many times, given her facial expressions and body language, that she might have been bored. That would be terrible. Many times my compassion for her was overwhelming. When she explained how she had lost more sleep over Benghazi than all the questioners put together, I felt bad. That's a lot of sleep. For a second I thought maybe I'd been wrong about her. Then I wondered. Why didn't she lose any sleep the night the attack, which was apparently caused by a d**n video, was still going on? Apparently she and the president spoke only once and didn't go to the situation room for a sleepless night. She went home. But I'm sure she and Bill stayed up all night working on ways to help all the Americans that were killed and injured. After all, they were her employees and friends and she was responsible. I'm sure she didn't get ANY sleep. This is the woman that told us we could trust her to handle the 3:00 a.m. phone call. We can? How? By realizing that she would hang up and go back to sleep, without rousing the National Security Team to get things done? The only sleep she has lost over Benghazi is worrying about whether or not

it will keep her from getting elected. So, I got angry again. But, then I heard her tell me she had "wracked her brain for what could have been done to prevent the murders." Wow, hearing that I was again overwhelmed with compassion for her. How troubling this has obviously been for her. I was sad and felt sorry for her until I remembered that there had been over 600 requests for additional security in Libya, almost 80 for the Benghazi compound alone. Why did she have to "wrack" her brain? Weren't those 600 requests enough to make her think she needed to do something to help protect her employees? When exactly was she "wracking" her brain? During all those sleepless nights? Maybe if she had read just one of those 600 requests or taken even just one of her Ambassador's phone calls she might have been able to figure out a way. HilLIARy takes "full responsibility" yet blames everyone else for the actual failures. You know, one of the meaningless statements like, "Yes, I'm overall responsible but I didn't make any specific decisions about security. I left that up to the security specialists. But, I'm overall responsible. So, my conscience is clear." This is not the person we want answering the 3:00 a.m. phone call. WOOF! And get this. She also goes on MSNBC and basically says the Republicans have trumped up the VA problems in treating our vets for political purposes. She actually said she doesn't understand the problem because she has seen surveys that say most vets, once they get treatment, are happy. The survey actually said that 55% of vets that finally get treatment have difficulties with the VA. She told us the problems are not widespread. MORE LIES! WOOF! She, like Obama, lives in a delusional world if she believes the VA scandal is only a political issue and is rather isolated. Try understanding 307,000 vets died while waiting treatment. This is not the person we want to be Commander-in-Chief. Her comments were followed up by Senator Blumenthal (LPSD-NJ) blocking a vote on holding VA employees accountable for wrongdo-



ing. Can you even imagine that? What we have here is an orchestrated effort. This is what we get with an LPSD Administration. Do we really want 4 or 8 more years of that? This sheepdog doesn't. We have got to get rid of these kinds of politicians. Take a look at some more examples of how this trickles down in a Liberal Progressive America. WOOF!

OIALPA: Wesleyan University, Connecticut. So much for Free Speech in America under liberal progressive control! *The Wesleyan Argus*, the university's newspaper, is being punished by the students themselves. They have voted to hold back one half of its annual budget because of an article that was critical of Black Lives Matter (BLM). We know universities are mostly liberal, and most of the students are liberal, but this is a cause they used to promote – FREE SPEECH. BLM deserves criticism – the organization, not the phrase. The organization is a hate group calling for the killing of cops. ALL lives matter. Students are liberal. Liberals are intolerant. Just another example of why LPSDs are hurting America. WOOF!

OIALPA: USA. I read in "Dear Abby" the other day a letter from a man (at least for the time being) that was invited to his wife's wedding shower. He didn't really think he should go, so he wrote "Abby" for advice. Now he's no longer a real man. Can you believe he actually thought he needed to ask? Abby told him that he should go; that this is very common now and men are attending wedding and baby showers. She said they are called "Jack and Jill" showers. OMG! We are doomed. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



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trol” and murder defenseless people.

As soon as that paradigm was shattered in his mind he was done.

If we removed that paradigm from his consideration by dropping the so-called “Gun-Free Zones” that he read as “Murder Here, You’re In Control”, thereby raising the risk that he would confront others willing and able to offer armed resistance to his plan, the assault probably wouldn’t have happened.

But, until such a change takes place (and it only will if **you** insist that the Second Amendment be enforced **as written**, America), the fact remains that, **if** you find yourself in such a circumstance, **your best option is to take any tactical advantage, no matter how fleeting, to attack.** There were two such opportunities here and, while there is **no** guarantee of success, it certainly beats lying on the ground **while the shooter reloads**; not only might you succeed in preventing him from getting that mag into the gun, **it’s a h**l of a lot harder to hit a moving target than one that’s quietly lying on the floor.**

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Obama’s America: Look Why This Black Church is being Fined

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We already know the left has a problem with all those bitter folks who cling to their guns and religion – code words for white Christians. We reported yesterday about the high school football coach who could very well lose his job for praying on the 50-yard-line before each game.

But it appears the assault on Christianity in this nation isn’t a “whites only” policy. A church in Oakland, California, has been threatened with a nuisance fee of \$3,500 and daily fines of \$500 – for what?

Singing.

Yes, while most people who love Gospel music call it “the joyful noise,” apparently folks in Oakland just hear it as...noise.

land sent a letter to Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in West Oakland with details of the supposed infraction and resulting fines and saying “...this activity (choir practice) may constitute a public nuisance due to its impact to the use and quiet enjoyment of the surrounding community’s property.”

Church pastors met this week to discuss the issue and said the real problem is gentrification of the neighborhood. The church is located amidst a neighborhood full of old Victorian homes which are being purchased by affluent tech workers.

“The pastors said all churches are threatened by the city’s action and they plan to fight it. Pastors are also thinking about organizing outdoor services throughout Oakland so everyone can enjoy the joyful noise that much more.

For its part, the church said it will

continue with choir practice on Thursday.”

Do #ChristianBlackLivesMatter? Remember, the Obama administration didn’t lift a finger to help Sudanese Christian Meriam Ibrahim escape her captivity and death sentence – even though her two children were American citizens.

You’d think she would have hit all the buttons: black, immigrant, refugee... but nope.

No, black Christian lives only matter if they can be used to push an ideological agenda, as in the South Carolina tragedy. Otherwise, no. And please keep the noise down.

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As KPIX 5 reports, the City of Oak-

Kissin’ Kollektivist Komrades: Paul Ryan Wants Open Borders, Unlimited Immigration

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Rep. Luis Gutierrez’s endorsement of Rep. Paul Ryan for Speaker of the House has drawn new attention to Ryan’s two-decade history of pushing for open borders immigration policies. A previously little noticed 2013 video of Ryan and Gutierrez stumping for Sen. Marco Rubio’s amnesty bill—in which the two make a candid pitch for unlimited immigration—shows just how far Ryan is willing to go to push for open borders policies.

In the wide-ranging 53-minute video, which took place in Chicago, both

Gutierrez and Ryan outline their shared plan for adopting open borders: that is, a national policy of allowing companies to bring in and hire as many foreign workers as they would like. This “free movement” of people across national boundaries is the centerpiece of the open borders ideology to which Ryan has devoted much of his career.

The video is entitled: “Rep. Paul Ryan and Rep. Luis Gutierrez Push For Immigration Reform.” The two congressional partners lay out an immigration plan that is far more radical in scope than many would have imagined, and absent



“Paul Ryan’s Open Borders Push With Luis Gutierrez Exposed in 2013 Video.”

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from virtually all major media coverage of the Ryan speakership push. The video gives fresh insight into what legislation Paul Ryan would advance— and what legislation he would block—if given the Speaker’s gavel.



I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

Phil. 4:13, NKJV

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Hold Onto Your Wallet! Single-Payer Health Insurance Heads to the Ballot in Colorado

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Timing is everything, and the proponents of a single-payer health insurance ballot initiative have picked the perfect time to file signatures needed to get their pipe dream onto the ballot.

Perfect for those of us who think it's a crappy idea, and that the failure this week of Colorado's co-op is the reminder voters need that these "too good to be true" schemes are exactly that.

And expensive.

ColoradoCare supporters would have everyone lose their private insurance, then fork over \$25 billion every freaking year through a 10 percent premium tax for the state to reimburse costs. From the *Durango Herald*:

Employers would share employees' costs by paying 6.67 percent of the 10 percent, leaving employees with a 3.33 percent responsibility. After seeking a waiver under the ACA, federal dollars also would be made available.

If the phrase "federal dollars also would be made available" looks familiar, it's because that is why the co-op says it was shut down. First they wasted \$23 million, and then federal dollars were no longer available.

Do we really want to go down this path, again? Can we not learn from that lesson before we waste billions more in Colorado tax dollars?

Backers of the single-payer system say they have more than 98,000 signatures necessary to get their measure on the ballot next year.

"The uncertainty that we continue to have in our health-care system ... made people hungry for something a little bit different," said state Sen. Irene Aguilar, D-Denver, a physician and proponent of the effort. "The frustration with Congress ... provides a good tilling of the soil for the possibility of Colorado designing its own system."

Enough of these experiments.

We'd give our right arm to have our free-market system insurance again. Well, we wouldn't literally give our right arm, because our insurance doesn't cover limbs that are ripped from the socket while a patient is trying to wrest their money from the clutches of another Ponzi scheme.

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Drowning: EPA Water Rule Dumped Out in Appeals Court

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

In the most recent development in the saga over the Environmental Protection Agency-proposed Waters of the United States rule, a U.S. Appeals Court has temporarily blocked the implementation of the rule nationwide. Previously, a federal judge in North Dakota prevented implementation in 13 states until a court could determine whether the proposed regulation was legal. The rule would have placed 3% more waterways in the United States under federal jurisdiction.

While that does not sound like a huge increase, it's the type of waterways that would now be included that is problematic. Almost everything but puddles would be under the EPA's rules. For example, the new rule would require a federal permit to use the waters or could prevent access completely. The required federal permits come with major red tape and cost. Most states viewed this as a huge (and costly) overreach.

Colorado Attorney General Cynthia Coffman was one of the attorneys general leading the



charge against the EPA's overreach, as was Republican U.S. Senator Gardner who said this following the Cincinnati-based court's ruling:

"This ruling is a victory for agriculture, rural communities, and all Coloradans. The EPA's WOTUS rule represents a massive federal takeover of what had traditionally been state and local efforts to carefully regulate our own water.

The rule would put the federal government in Washington in charge of ponds and streams in Colorado communities from Greeley to Alamosa.

I've consistently opposed this power grab by the EPA, and am glad to see it halted nationwide. I'll continue to press for state and local control of our water, and against federal efforts to micromanage Colorado's water from Washington."

With the recent pollution caused by the EPA in Colorado's waters due to attempts to clean up mining spills, Colorado is probably better off managing its own waterways.

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