

Wet Mountain Distilleries Wins International Award

by George Gramlich

When Wet Mountain Distilleries, LLC, owner, Steve Rorick, sent in a bottle of his Wet Mountain Spiced Rum to be judged at the prestigious New York International Spirits Competition held on October 18th and 19th at the 3 West Club in New York City, he hoped he wouldn't do too badly in the world-wide contest. Little did he know, but this little, new distillery in Westcliffe, Colorado would rock the spirits world!

Steve and his team just got their federal license to make distilled spirits from the federal government this year and it was not an easy task. They then rented a building out in the Rangview Industrial Park, constructed their own distillery equipment and began making a variety of bottled rum products. He

has been stocking them in over 60 liquor stores in Colorado and has also opened a tasting room (where you can buy it by the glass and also buy the bottled liquor to take home) at 307 Main Street, Westcliffe. Steve was quite pleased with the customer traffic at the store this summer.

Having won some medals in a Colorado distilled spirits competition this year, Steve decided to go big time and enter one of his rums in the "big one" in New York, the New York International Spirits Competition. He was one of almost 500 entries from 35 countries that competed. He decided to send all three of his current production rums to be judged: the White Rum, the Blackberry Rum, and the Spiced Rum.

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The Sangre Distilleries Team!

The award winning crew that earned two awards at the New York International Spirits Competition in October: Right to left: owner Steve Rorick, Johnnie Z, Dan Smith, and James Jarrard. Not pictured is David Squire, Distillery Manager and Sales Manager.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

Students Targeted by Strangers at Cañon City Middle School

by Barbara Penezic

Once again a Cañon City School is in the spotlight for less than a positive reason. The middle school is the target of this new problem connected with technology. This latest issue only serves to re-enforce the message already heard from the sexting scandal that is still under investigation at the Cañon City High School; if your children are using today's technol-

ogy, supervision is a must.

Students have been contacted by strangers through the use of texting, email, and social media. These unseen strangers are asking some rather alarming questions of the students. Questions that have caused the Cañon City Police Chief Paul Schultz, and Cañon City School Superintendent, George Welsh, to respond to the matter. Nothing can be taken

for granted anymore, we must take these things seriously and err on the side of caution. This is probably not a threat to our schools, but we will investigate.

Parents were understandably upset by this latest happening at an area school. "We are just coming to terms with the idea that something like the widespread sexting scandal is occurring right under our noses," said Mary Haiden, "and now we find that our children are being contacted by unknown persons with unknown agendas, this is highly unsettling to say the least." Other parents agreed that this is a time to learn about the pros and cons of technology for their children. "Parents must first be sure they have schooled themselves to the dangers of technology when placed in the hands of children and young adults,

This is a learning opportunity and a timely 'Heads Up' for all of us," added Tim Jelky, "I just hope we are all paying attention; we the

parents must take more responsibility for our children and not expect the schools and law enforcement to keep our little one's safe." Several parents expressed concern about students having cell phones at school. There are phones that can be programmed with emergency numbers if this is an issue for parents, but having phones with cameras and internet access...the ability to 'google' test answers, etc. Maybe it is time some new rules were instituted concerning these issues. It is important to know what your child is up to and teach them right from wrong. Welsh continues to urge parents to be aware of who their children are contacting and communicating with through the use of their cell phones.

(Editor/GG: We thought Cañon City Schools Superintendent George Walsh letter to the parents contained some great recommendations on how to handle possible threats, so we reprinted it in our Letters to the Editor section, page 4.)

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I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.

Psalm 69:30 NIV

Some of the questions being sent to students include:
How big is your school?
How many kids are in your school?
Does your school have security?
See page 4 for more details.



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Our Opinion... From the Editorial Board

THE 2015 HOLIDAY SEASON

As we went to press one of America's biggest holidays and traditions was just hours away, Thanksgiving. There is a lot of varying history about how our current day celebration evolved. Most attribute the day of thanking God for all his bounties and mercies to a November in 1621 when the Pilgrims celebrated a holy day of Thanksgiving. Many of us were taught that the first Thanksgiving in America was celebrated with the local Native Americans that helped the Pilgrims survive those first tough years. Observances of Thanksgiving were varied over the next 200 years, different in most states. In 1941 Congress permanently established the holiday on the fourth Thursday in the month of November. It has always been primarily a day to thank the Creator for His gifts, a day for people of strong Christian faith to not only revel, but to celebrate a joyous outpouring of gratitude. It has become a day for most Americans where food and family take center stage. It is our biggest holiday for "going home." Thanksgiving weekend is usually the busiest travel time of the year in the United States, both in the air and on the roads. Some celebrate it only as a day to eat turkey, stuffing, and watch football. That's a choice we have in America. But most families gather, share in their bounty, and thank God for His many blessings. For a majority of Americans it's a Christian holiday. We hope it was

safe and happy for you and yours.

Today, the Friday after Thanksgiving, has become known as "Black Friday", the single biggest day for "sales" and shopping all across America in getting ready for the next big one. The countdown is now on for another major Christian holiday – Christmas. It's about celebrating the birth of Jesus. Although there is controversy over exactly when Jesus was born, most of the Christian world has settled on December 25th. The controversy is unimportant. What is important is that He was born into and significantly changed the world forever. Christmas has become many things to many people. Sadly, for some it is all about diminishing what the "reason for the season" is. There is nothing wrong with the blended traditions celebrated by many Americans. Decorated trees, lights, presents, caroling, baking, shopping, and family get-togethers and doing for others are all great and wonderful things. Alabama in 1836, and Louisiana and Arkansas in 1838, were the first three States to make Christmas a legal holiday. Immediately after the Civil War, Christmas traditions rapidly spread across America and included many different customs from many different countries. Congress established Christmas as a national holiday in 1870. However, you and your family celebrate Christmas, we hope the main reason is the birth of Jesus Christ.

The 2015 Community Spirit Campaign

The 2015 Spirit Campaign sponsored by the Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation officially kicked off on 12 November and runs through December 31st. The Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation (WMVCF) was established in 1999 with a substantial gift from a local family. The Foundation supports local non-profit organizations for the benefit of citizens and visitors in Custer County and the surrounding areas. The Foundation started the Community Spirit Campaign in 2004. The campaign donors' contributions to one or more of the non-profits or designated 501(c)3 organizations will be matched by the Foundation on a pro-rata basis. There is a maximum of \$1,000 per individual or family to be eligible for the

matching funds. In 2014 almost 700 donors contributed about \$320,000 to 68 qualified non-profits. The WMVCF then matched those donations with approximately 26 cents on the dollar. More information and the donation form can be found and downloaded from the Foundation's web site at www.wmvcf.org. The WMVCF has served this community extremely well and has distributed over \$2.5 million dollars since it began the Community Spirit Campaign. This is a great opportunity for everyone to help our local community and we urge you to participate. This year there are about 70 eligible non-profits. We are sure something will be to your liking. Please contribute generously.

The exchanging of gifts is a symbolic and important part of Jesus' teaching – giving and helping others. It's a great time of year that reminds us all that there is a

special joy in giving to, and doing for others. We like to think that the Community Spirit Campaign, done specifically at this time of year, is all about the Spirit of Christmas, the Spirit of Giving, and the Spirit of Christ. We encourage all to shop and spend when you can locally. We all know we need our local merchants and businesses. They need your support during this season if they are to survive all year round. A big part of the Christmas tradition is exchanging gifts with family, friends, and even strangers. Do as much of your shopping locally as you can; it helps our whole community. We hope you are inspired by Jesus Christ in your benevolence. Thanksgiving is over. Let's finish the leftovers and begin preparing for this wonderful season that is upon us. Oh, and it's okay to put the "Christmas" lights up now. God Bless, America!



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A Berlin Veteran Remembers 26 June 1963



by John Parmenter

At the time, it didn't seem like a big deal. Yet, in light of Cold War history, it was a day of remarkable significance. In later years, I've taken a measure of pride in having played a small part, but realize it was just my good fortune to have been there.

Colonel Joffre H. Boston's 1st Battle Group, 28th Infantry, "Black Lions of Cantigny," 1st Infantry Division, augmenting Berlin Brigade from Ft. Riley, Kansas, was confined to quarters on alert for civil disturbances. Steel helmets, M-14 rifles, bayonets, bullet-proof vests, M-17 gas masks, and other gear were laid out, prepared for quick utilization. "Deuce-and-a-halves" of our Task Force's light truck company (444th Trans.) lined up outside the billets of Andrews Barracks, ready to rush riot control-trained Infantrymen to any location in West Berlin. We learned that President Kennedy would visit Berlin that day and we might be called upon to suppress communist demonstrators. It was Wednesday, June 26, 1963.

Tempelhof U.S. Air Base wasn't capable of handling a Boeing 707, so that morning "Air Force One" landed at Tegel in the French Sector. Greeting the President was a very "spiffy" 6th Infantry Honor Guard and a 1st Division Artillery Battery (A, 2/33rd) firing a 21-gun salute with 105mm towed howitzers. Berlin Brigade's 298th U.S. Army Band performed traditional honors: four "Ruffles and Flourishes" and "Hail to the Chief." President Kennedy was shown through Tegel by French military officers and spent the next four hours touring West Berlin with his German hosts, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer

and West Berlin's Regierender Bürgermeister Willy Brandt. Along with Presidential Envoy, General Lucius Clay and other American escorts, he inspected formations of Polizei and stood, in rapt contemplation, on an observation platform peering into communist territory over the infamous Wall.

With little else to do, we gathered around, listening to an Armed Forces Radio Network (AFN) commentator describe a huge throng of "predominantly blond" Berliners crowded into Rudolf Wilde Platz to see and hear the American President. It was there that President Kennedy delivered what may have been his most memorable and eloquent speech.

Like his predecessors Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower, President John F. Kennedy was cognizant of Berlin's Cold War significance. Symbolically, West Berlin was an "in your face" island of freedom in the cesspool of Soviet-dominated Eastern Europe. Moreover, West Berlin amounted to a gaping capitalist wound in the rotting carcass of an evil collectivist system.

John Kennedy was known as an outstanding orator; perhaps the finest English language political speaker since the great Winston Churchill. His Berlin speech was not disappointing. The historic address at Rudolf Wilde Platz was inspiring, even to cynical G.I.s listening at Andrews Barracks. Standing before thousands of Germans at Rathaus Schoeneberg, West Berlin's City Hall, President Kennedy delivered what has been described as "a ringing tribute to West Berlin and the spirit of freedom." It was also a stern indictment of communism:

"There are many people in the

world who don't understand, or say they don't, what is the great issue between the free world and the communist world.

Let them come to Berlin!"

"There are some who say that communism is the wave of the future.

Let them come to Berlin!"

"And there are those who say, in Europe and elsewhere, we can work with the communists.

Let them come to Berlin!"

"And there are even a few who say that it is true that communism is an evil system, but it permits us to make economic progress.

Lass' sie nach Berlin kommen!

Let them come to Berlin!"

"I know of no town, no city, that has been besieged for eighteen years that still lives with the vitality and the force, and the hope, and the determination of the City of West Berlin."

Kennedy described the Wall as "...an offense not only against history but an offense against humanity, separating families, dividing husbands and wives and brothers and sisters, and dividing a people who wish to be joined together." "In eighteen years of peace and good faith," he declared, "this generation of Germans has earned the right to be free, including the right to unite their families and their nation in lasting peace, with good will to all people."

In conclusion, the President proclaimed, "All free men, wherever they may live, are citizens of Berlin. And, therefore, as a free man, I take pride in the words, Ich bin ein Berliner."

Hearing the crowd's roar of approval on AFN, troops at Andrews were relieved that we'd not be dealing with anti-American demonstrations that day. As we stowed riot control weapons and equipment, platoon sergeants ordered us into our parade gear because we were going to go meet the President. Within thirty minutes we stood armed with M-14 rifles; uniformed in starched khakis, gleaming black boots, pistol belts, Infantry blue scarves, white gloves, and glistening "Spandau Green" helmet liners (we were quite proud of those fancy Berlin parade helmets: high-gloss, deep green with a famous "Big Red One" insignia on the left side and a white & black "Lions of Cantigny" shield on the right). Following a truck ride to Clayallee near U.S. Military Headquarters, we assembled in three ranks on the street's edge to await our Commander-in-Chief. Security was tight. Uniformed West Berlin Polizei, walking patrols and on stationary posts, were much in evidence. Also present were high ranking law enforcement officials in uniforms and plain clothes.

A half hour after our arrival, a hush came over the gathered crowd and the street cleared. The Presidential motorcade was coming! An officer-in-charge issued verbal commands: "ATTENNNNNN-HUNNN!" Followed by, "PREEEEEZZENNNT HAAARRMS!" Simultaneously, heels of several hundred spit-shined black leather boots locked, then M-14 rifles were raised to "present arms;" positioned vertically before each Soldier's body. Because the street was narrow, guidon bearers did not dip their banners horizontally, but saluted with left hands across vertical guidon staffs. From our left,

several Polizisten wearing white uniform jackets and crash helmets rolled quietly past on motorcycles, followed by sedans filled with plain clothes security personnel and finally, an open-top Lincoln limousine with the President accompanied by a general officer. Another verbal command: "HORRR-DE-RR HAAARRMS!" As if one, steel butt plates of hundreds of rifles clacked on Clayallee pavement. Then, "HI-EZZZ HRITE! STANN-HATTT HEEEEEEZZ!" Soles of several hundred highly polished left combat boots crashed, as white-gloved left hands snapped to the rear and helmeted heads turned right - toward where President Kennedy stood behind a podium. Major General James K. Polk, commander of U.S. Forces in Berlin, introduced the President of the United States to Berlin's American Community.

As President Kennedy began speaking to assembled American military personnel, diplomats and civil servants, the unexpected occurred. Throngs of German civilians, primarily young adults and teenagers following on foot, caught up to the motorcade. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people surged down Clayallee and its sidewalks; some actually running between ranks of the Presidential Honor Guard, decimating our precise military formation! Using night sticks as intimidating pointers, West Berlin Polizei swung into action, directing this swarm of civilians off the street and onto the sidewalk behind what was left of our formation. Our own "Black Lions" Infantry officers ordered us to break ranks and stand tightly, shoulder-to-shoulder on the

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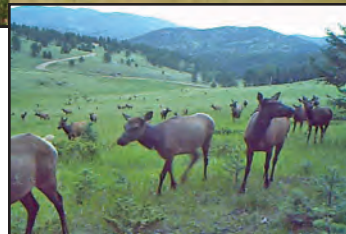
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Students Targeted by Strangers...

Recommendations from the School Superintendent

(Editor/GG: This is the letter the Cañon City School Superintendent, George Walsh, sent out to all the parents in the district with regard to possible school threats. We felt that the advice is applicable to all schools everywhere.)

To: Cañon City School District Parents

CC: Cañon City Leadership Team

From: George Walsh, Superintendent of Schools

Re: Inappropriate Requests for School Information

Date: November 18, 2015

It has come to our attention some of our middle school students may be receiving requests for

information about our schools. Some information allegedly being requested via email, text, or social media includes the following: How big is your school? How many kids are in your school? Does your school have security?

Because of worldwide events, we are being advised by the CCPD to take this matter seriously, as it could somehow be a way for outside groups to identify potential targets for hostility. Because of this we ask that you talk to your children and warn them not to respond to any email, text, or other requests from a stranger asking for such information. If they happen to receive any such request we ask them to immediately report it to a trusted adult such as

their parent, teacher, or school administrator. In the meantime we are working closely with our School Resource Officers and local law to determine our next steps to assure the safety and security of our students and staff.

Once again, please give your student a clear message about not responding to such requests and the importance of reporting any such inquiries immediately.

- Remind your child to immediately report any incident involving a request for information about their school to the principal or a trusted adult staff member in their school.

- Encourage your child to talk to a teacher or administrator immediately if they have concerns about information requests they, or others they know, are receiving from known or unknown sources. Explain that their cooperation with reporting such information is important for everybody's safety.

- Inform your child that they should not respond to any request for information about our school that is out of the ordinary. Prime examples would be requests for information regarding class schedules, security, size or layout of the school,

door locations etc.

- Be aware of conversations that may take place within earshot involving other students talking about a request for information they may have received and report such conversations to school officials.

It is highly likely what we are dealing with is of no threat at all to our children. However, we would rather err on the side of caution in making sure our schools and our people are safe. If you have any questions you can contact the district office at 719-276-5705.

George Walsh,
Superintendent of Schools
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Builders experienced problems with kits like- Poor design/prints and shortages of materials etc. Locally sourced building

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Custer County C-1 School Board Approves Permanent Contract for Superintendent

by Larry Luikart.

President Davis opened the meeting November 18, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed the guests present making sure all of them had signed the attendance sheet. A new procedure outlined by President Davis includes a yellow half-sheet of paper to sign if someone wishes to speak at the meeting. Role was called with Director Brian Cline absent.

The Agenda was approved with two small modifications. There was no Executive Session needed and no one wished to make Public Comments.

The Action Items included the recommendation of Manuel Pedigo as a volunteer Wrestling Coach and Ashley Schlabach as an Assistant Basketball Coach. Approved.

The Superintendent Search Committee in a proactive, cost-saving, and stability mea-

sure recommended hiring current Interim Superintendent Mark Payler for the position of superintendent on a permanent basis with an extension to his current interim contract.

The Board approved Mr. Payler's hiring with a unanimous vote. Mr. Payler signed the contract along with required signatures from President Davis and Secretary Bob Jolley.

The permanent contract is retroactive to July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017. The Board has an option to extend the contract for one more year by February 2017. If no written agreement is reached the current contract will expire according to its terms.

Mr. Payler will be paid \$92,500 per year. The compensation will be paid on a monthly basis of \$7,708.33 per month. He will receive personal leave of 12 days per year and professional leave of 10 days per year. He may accrue up to 24 days at any one time, and any unused vaca-

tion days over 24 will be lost.

Mr. Payler declined health insurance for the 2015-16 school instead taking a stipend of \$605.54 per month. For following years, the District will pay associated Family Medical premiums and all housing allowances will be terminated.

The Board will evaluate and assess in writing the performance of the Superintendent in accordance with Board Policy CBI-R. Mr. Payler is encouraged by the Board to be a member of the Colorado Association of School Executives and The American Association of School Administrators. Mr. Payler shall be responsible for membership dues for these organizations in year one. The District will pay for membership in CASE and ASA as well as membership in the Wet Mountain Valley Rotary beginning in year two.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Christmas Open House

by Carol Clemenson

On November 19th, folks from around the area gathered at the library and displayed some items that would make great gifts for Christmas. Believe it or not the season is upon us again and it is time to start our shopping for the biggest event of the year: CHRISTMAS!

There was Origami Owl Jewelry made by Candace McDaniel. Most people tell stories with words, but Origami Owl captures stories with jewelry, which is custom made by Candace. She can be reached at 719-783-4050.

Also there was Shirley Criteser with Essential Oils by Young Living. Young Living's pure authentic essential oils are derived from premium botanicals, including basil, chamomile, cypress, eucalyptus, lavender, lemon, thyme, mint, peppermint, pine, rosemary, and spruce. Shirley can be reached at 719-372-5017.

Then we have Deborah Fischer with her lovely wax burners and plug-ins with the scented waxes and oils that go in them. Her

company is called Sentsy. The smells are wonderful and clean. Deborah can be reached at 719-371-3580.

Next there was Jewelry in Candles sold by Jaylyn Fultz. In every candle you will find an article of jewelry, whether it is a ring, bracelet, or necklace, it comes wrapped in a little bag inside the candle. Jaylyn can be reached at 719-239-9749.

Rene Smith had Gel Nails. This was great because ladies that have a hard time growing long nails or for a quick night out you can place a gel patch on your nails, use a blow dryer, and zap! you have beautiful nails for any occasion. Rene can be reached either at Unique Boutique on Hwy 69, just north of Main Street, or at the Chamber Office.

The smells and jewelry are fabulous. And there will be more of these open house events all through the season. It is great that we have so many talented people in our community. Please keep watching the paper and facebook for dates for upcoming events.

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Christmas comes to the Wet Mountain Valley

by Audrey Slater

The leaves are gone from the trees, the winds are blowing cooler temperatures, so put another log on the fire because Christmas is coming to the Wet Mountain Valley.

Get ready to enjoy the sounds and smells of Christmas as local residents bring in the Christmas season with craft shows and parades.

The Annual Harvest of Love Bag Sale is underway right now at the Westcliffe SuperMarket. For \$16 you can partner with our local sharing center to help provide a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for our friends/neighbors in need.

On Saturday, December 5th, the Christmas parade will proceed down Main Street. Floats will gather at 5 p.m. on Hermit Lane by the Mining Company and will leave at 6 p.m. The parade will proceed west on Main Street. So pick out your favorite spot to watch the lights of Christmas. Anyone is welcome to put an entry in the parade and are encouraged to do so if you are so inclined, the more lights, the better. Let's help light up the valley for Christmas. There is only one stipulation, if you bring horses, please be ready

to clean up after them.

After the parade, the fire truck will bring Santa to All Aboard Westcliffe where the children can meet with Santa and mom and dad can take pictures. There will be no photographer so bring your own camera. There will also be some hot chocolate and cookies. For more information call Candace McDaniel at 783-4050.

Friends of the Library Winter Arts & Crafts Fair Sale will take place on Thursday, December 3, 3-6 p.m., Cookies and hot cider; Friday, December 4, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.; and Saturday, December 5, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church Annex. For more information, call Lucy Wilcox at 429-0543.

Make sure to get to the Annual Festival of Trees at Ranchers Roost and Bowling Alley. It is a SILENT AUCTION in which you can bid on your favorite tree. No time to decorate? Pick a tree of your choice! The highest bidder gets the tree. New this year is an expanded holiday boutique. There will be over 50 holiday table centerpieces and décor as well as mini holiday trees that can brighten up your holiday décor. You will also find Yule Logs,

hand crafted items from the Old 'Westcliff' Schoolhouse Quilters, and a variety of holiday items sure to help make your holidays festive. Come and vote for your favorite kids' tree that has been decorated by the various Custer County School organizations and grades. The top three winners get a monetary prize for their class. All trees are donated by local businesses, the Custer County School, various organizations, businesses, and individuals of the valley.

Funds received go back into Valley Parks Recreation and Youth Center for the continued upkeep of the Old 'Westcliff' Schoolhouse and Museum, and various youth and scholarship programs. Interested in donating a tree or other holiday decorations, call Rosemary at 783-3334 or Larry at 783-0110.

The First Baptist Church will have their Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 13th, at the church, 417 S. 6th St. It will be at 10:45 a.m. and at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

Cody Park Community Church will hold a soup and salad meal followed by Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 6th, at 6 p.m.

Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church has already begun rehearsing for the Annual Christmas Chorale. Community choristers are invited by Sarah Thompson to the rehearsals on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the church. The Christmas Chorale will be on Sunday, December 13th, at Our Lady of Assumption (at 5th St. and Rosita Ave.) at 3 p.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Mission, 201 South 3rd St., welcomes everyone to their Artisan Crafts and Bake Sale on Saturday, December 5th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A percentage of the artisan sales and 100 percent of the baked goods sales are donated to St Luke's community outreach programs. Some of the featured items this year include jewelry by Ann of E Heart Creations; pottery by Karen LeBlond of Blue Moon Pottery Ranch; paintings by Wildra Ruzanski, and artificial 24' Christmas trees and greenery.

The non-profit Sangres Art Guild welcomes the community to its Holiday Show Reception and Sale on Saturday, December 5th, from 4-6 p.m. It will be held at the 3rd Street Gallery, 59000 N. Highway 69. Regular hours at

the Gallery during December are Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 719-315-6045 or visit www.sangresartguild.org.

The Custer County Schools Christmas choir and band concert will be held in the West Gym, Tuesday, December 8th, at 7 p.m. Details are available at the school, 783-2291

Tickets for the American Legion Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 16th, at Nacho Mama's Cantina, 6-8 p.m. are available from Ted Ballard at the Library, Tim Swartz at the VSO, or Preston Madler at 719-735-7833. The cost is \$10 per person.

RED HATS: The Custer County Cuties will celebrate their December luncheon in the Garden Room at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, on December 3rd at noon. Please call Terre Davis @ 783 2824 or Helen Vahlsing @ 783-2901 for reservations before November 30th.

The Christmas Season looks to be a very fun-filled one this year. Join your friends and neighbors and support your local community this Christmas season.



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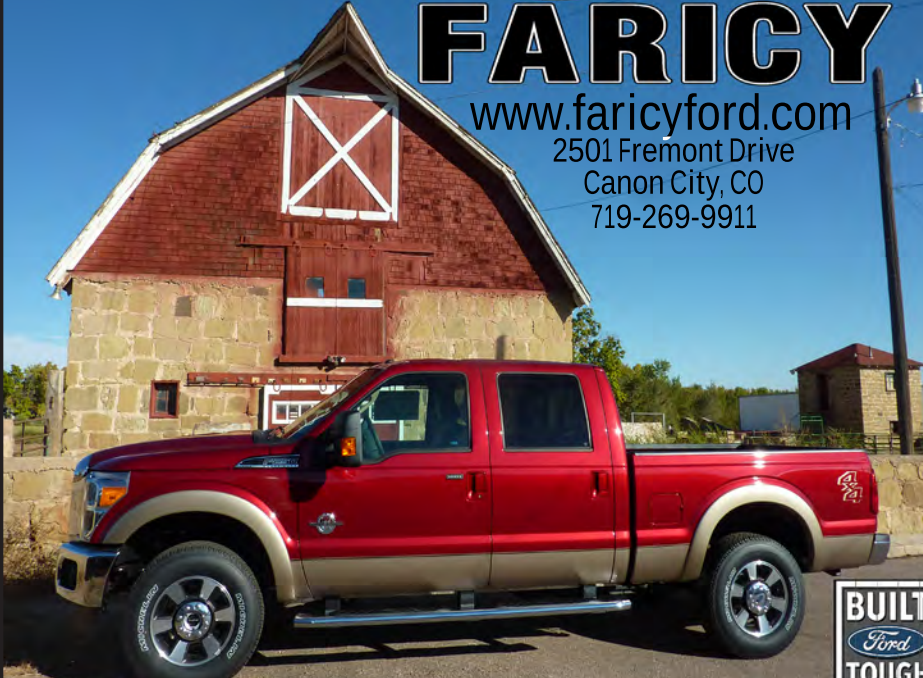
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Search & Rescue in Colorado's Sangre de Cristos: Book Signing Event

Join area author, Kevin G. Wright, Custer County Search & Rescue, and the West Custer Library District for a presentation and book signing by the former Alamosa Search and Rescue President, as he shares personal stories of Search & Rescue activities in the Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range. Among the tragic and heroic stories Wright includes in his new book, is a concluding chapter on missing South Colony hiker, Mark Stice. The event takes place on Saturday, December 5th, in the Library's Community room at 10 a.m.

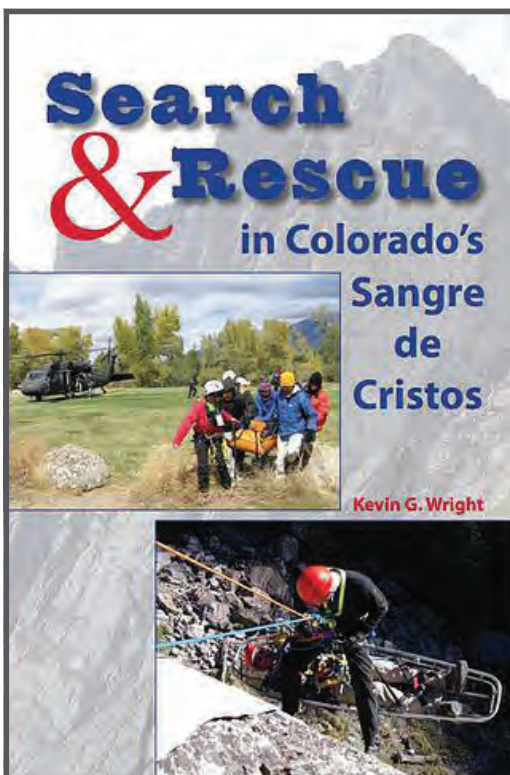
In addition to the book signing, Wright will be presenting at the Custer County Search & Rescue Holiday Party and Awards Presentation on Friday evening, for the team's annual private event. CCSAR will be selling COSAR search and rescue cards to the public at the Saturday event, which coincides with many other merchant holiday events and is currently offered for sale at Take a Hike, in Westcliffe.

Kevin's book is a collection of true search and rescue stories from the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Colorado. From the Introduction:

The number one reason I wrote this book is to honor the heroic men and women who volunteer their own time, resources, skills, and potentially their lives to serve on small, rural mountain search and rescue teams. Their bravery in the service of others is the embodiment of heroism.

The second reason I share these stories is to honor all the subjects and their families who have suffered immensely or perished in the Sangre de Cristos. In sharing these narratives, my intent is to show compassion and aid others wanting to avoid similar tragedies.

Third, I wrote this book to educate moun-



taineers and the public about the reality of mountain SAR operations, specifically the challenges faced by small, rural all-volunteer teams that cover some of the most demanding mountainous territory in the contiguous United States.

The fourth reason for writing this book is to educate the public about basic wilderness survival in mountainous terrain. I taught a course at Adams State University called "Introduction to Search And Rescue, A Class for Heroes," and much of that survival and SAR information I've included in this book.

The capacity for the library's community room is 50 people, so attendees should arrive early to ensure a seat at the event. Kevin will be available after the discussion to sign books. For more information, contact Library Director Amy Moulton at 783-9138.

Needless to say, Sangre Distilleries rum is not aged. Heck, they've only been open less than a year.

Well folks. Something must be happening right at the Sangre Distillery here in Westcliffe. The one, unaged bottle of Wet Mountain Spiced Rum that Steve sent in to be judged against the world's best won a BRONZE MEDAL! Holy cow! David slays Goliath, to say the least. And not only that, Sangre Distilleries also won the Colorado Distillery of the Year! So, from nothing, in less than a year, the team at Sangre Distilleries has produced a rum that has beaten some of the most famous rums in the world and also became the most recognized distillery in Colorado. Congratulations Team Sangre Distillery.

Steve will be moving the tasting room at its cur-

rent location of 309 Main Street, Westcliffe to a new location one block west at the old Miller Automotive building, 108 Main Street, which will offer a much larger venue including a pool table and other amenities. He is hoping to get this done by late December so they can have a Grand Opening on New Year's Eve. The current location will be open till then. The phone number at the Tasting Room is 719-783-0969. Please stop by and have a taste of Westcliffe's most famous product, Wet Mountain Spiced Rum, and maybe even buy a bottle for the holidays. And don't forget to congratulate Steve and his hard-working team. Their website address is www.sangredistilleries.com and you can find them on Facebook at Sangre Distilleries Wet Mountain Tasting Room.

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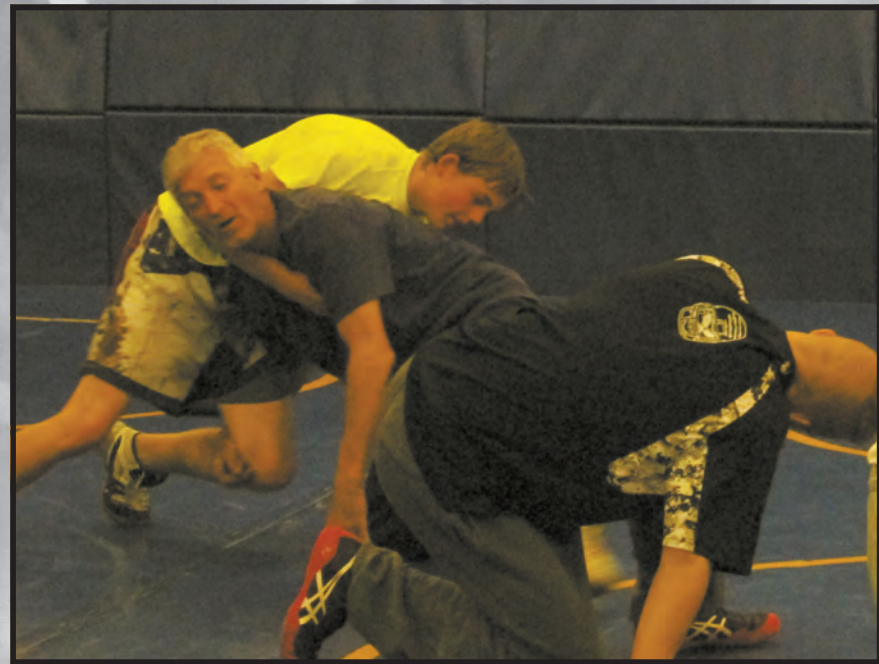
Now the Rum category is one of the toughest to compete in. Many distilleries in Latin America and South America have been in production for over a 100 years and those countries pride themselves on the quality of their rum products. (For example, Sangre Distilleries competed against the famous Ron Cihuatlan 8 rum, Salvador's Rum of the Year.) Plus many world class distilleries have opened up around the globe over the last few decades to cash in on rum's popularity. So, the competition would be fierce. Plus, many of these rums are aged. Eight, ten, or twelve years is not uncommon and conventional wisdom says un-aged rum would be at a severe disadvantage against these old, famous aged rum products.

Wrestlers Getting Ready

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Assistant Coaches - Sterling Hinson and Manny Pedigo

Managers - Sarah Gerringer and Serenity Ham



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High Mountain Hay Fever Bluegrass Festival Announces Charitable Gifts

Establishing a fund for children's health through the Community Foundation

The High Mountain Hay Fever Festival Association, sponsors of the Annual High Mountain Hay Fever Bluegrass Festival, is distributing \$47,000 to local non-profit organizations. The festival has raised over \$450,000 for Wet Mountain Valley charitable organizations over the thirteen years of its existence.

The Festival Association is working with the Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation (WMVCF) to establish a designated fund to improve children's health in Custer County. The Community Foundation will receive \$30,000 from High Mountain Hay Fever Festival to create the fund, and the WMVCF will manage the distribution of the gift to the community based on a grant application and review process yet to be established. The fund

is open to any donor interested in supporting child health and welfare.

The Festival Association continues to support the Custer County Medical Clinic with a gift of \$15,000 and has donated \$1,000 to the Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club Van Service and \$1,000 to the Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club general fund. The Festival Board reserves adequate "carry over funds" to continue improving the quality of the event.

High Mountain Hay Fever Festival 2015, was another great success with over 4,000 attendees. The festival is a non-profit effort to enhance the Wet Mountain Valley as a quality event destination that benefits the entire community. The 2016 festival dates are Thursday through Sunday, July 7 - 10. An incredible

performer line-up, including The Claire Lynch Band, has been finalized and can be viewed and heard at the High Mountain Hay Fever Festival website at www.highmountainhayfever.org, or its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/highmountainhayfever/>.

The High Mountain Hay Fever Festival Association is a non-profit organization run by an incredible group of volunteers who work year round to make the festival happen. The festival remains an intimate event, avoiding the sprawl and congestion of large festivals while offering nationally recognized bluegrass talent and remaining true to its motto: "Small Scale, Big Time".

Contact: Ron Thomason, info@highmountainhayfever.org

Meth Awareness Week

Meth is a highly addictive drug and the public and especially parents need to be aware of the devastating effects the abusive use of this drug can have on our youth.

Partnership for Drug-Free Kids is observing National Meth Awareness Week, November 30th through December 4th. The

theme this year is "Raise the Volume" encouraging folks to get involved in their communities to spread the message and get educated concerning the risks of this drug.

To learn more about Meth Awareness Week, visit the Meth Project on Facebook at www.facebook.com/methproject.

Bobcats Sport Schedule

VARSITY BASKETBALL

Dec. 3-5: Trinidad Tournament
TBA: at TSJC (GV/BV)

Dec. 11: La Veta (GV/BV)
4:00/5:30 at La Veta

Dec. 15: Florence (BV)
6:00 at HOME

Dec. 18: Sierra Grande (GV/BV)
5:00/6:00 at HOME

WRESTLING

Dec. 5: Fowler Tournament
9 a.m. at Fowler

Dec. 11: Limon (Scrim)
4:00 at Limon

Dec. 12: Limon Tournament
9 a.m. at Limon

Dec. 19: John Mall Tournament
9 a.m. at Walsenburg

Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club CALL FOR JR BOARD MEMBER APPLICATIONS

2016 Junior Board Member Applications are now being accepted.

Please return your completed form by January 4th, 2016,
to George Koons, President: 719-783-2149

Applications will be reviewed and voted upon at the first scheduled BOD Mtg in
January, which is currently scheduled for Monday January 18th, 2016

You may visit our website www.wmvsc.com to download the Application Form



Bobcat Menu • Nov. 30 - Dec. 3, 2015

**Monday
Breakfast**
Pancakes
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Beef Taco Bowl
Rice
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

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

**Wednesday
Breakfast**
Blueberry or Banana Muffin Loaf
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Nachos
Pumpkin Bread
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

**Thursday
Breakfast**
Sausage Gravy
W.G. Biscuit
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Chicken Patty Sandwich
Choice of Veg,
Choice of Fruit
Milk

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

KIDS Friday, November 27, 2015

Thanksgiving

The fourth Thursday in November is set aside as Thanksgiving Day. It's the time of the year when the trees are changing colors, the air is crisp and cool, and we await the first snow fall.

A day when we are off from work and school. We gather as a family and have a turkey dinner with all the fixings and we usually eat too much. We watch the Macy's Parade on TV and football games, and start the Christmas shopping season. Is that really what Thanksgiving is meant to be?

The history of Thanksgiving goes back to the early settlers. We have all heard the story of how the Pilgrims set ground at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620. Their first winter was so devastating. At the beginning of the following fall, they had lost 46 of the original 102, who sailed on the Mayflower. But the harvest of 1621 was a bountiful one. And the remaining colonists decided to celebrate with a feast - including 91 Natives who had helped the Pilgrims survive their first year. That first celebration lasted for three days.

In 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving. It was proclaimed by every president after Lincoln and on November 26, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill officially establishing the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.

So this Thanksgiving, are you going to take time to look back and consider what you are thankful for?

A loving family;

A warm home;

Your health

Good food and friends to share it with.

And the list goes on. So, before we watch the parades, football games, and sit down to a bountiful meal, let's make a list and thank our God for all He has allowed us to have.

by Audrey Slater

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



COMBINED NOTICE

PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 11-15

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

On July 7, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.

Original Grantor(s) Dan Gomez and Corey A Nicklos
Original Beneficiary(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), which is acting solely as nominee for Bank of America, N. A.

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Bank of America N.A.

Date of Deed of Trust: June 10, 2009

County of Recording: Custer

Recording Date of Deed of Trust: June 24, 2009

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 212791 Book: 632 Page: 232

Original Principal Amount: \$248,592.00

Outstanding Principal Balance: \$228,209.59

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

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

ALL THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE, IN THE COUNTY OF CUSTER AND STATE OF COLORADO AND BEING DESCRIBED IN A DEED DATED 05/14/2008 AND RECORDED 05/30/2008 IN BOOK 00210379, PAGE AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE COUNTY AND STATE SET FORTH ABOVE AND REFERENCED AS FOLLOWS:

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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, 12/16/2015, at the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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Westcliffe, Colorado

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

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DATE: 07/07/2015

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

By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee

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

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Attorney File # CO-15-674498-JS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Custer County BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Tentative Agenda MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2015 9:00 AM Meeting Location: Commissioners Boardroom

Call meeting to order

Pledge of allegiance

Roll Call

Amend agenda

Audience introduction

Public Comment

Approval of minutes

Commissioner Items

Attorney Items

Executive Session

New/Old Business

Review vouchers and sign checks

- Office of Emergency Management Job Description

- Rocky Mountain Behavior Health Inc. - T. Ulibarri

- Planning & Zoning Property Compliance - J. Hobby

- Shared Nursing Services - Gail Stoltzfus, Public Health Agency; Mark Paylor, Custer County School Superintendent

- Staff Meeting

Courthouse Closure on December 15, 2015
(12pm-2pm) Holiday Celebration

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

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Pearl Harbor Survivor Visits Cañon City

by Charlotte Burrous

It was an ordinary day. He was preparing to have breakfast with his wife and guests when all of a sudden they heard loud explosions in the distance.

Stationed on the USS West Virginia, Retired Navy Lt. Jim Downing is the oldest known survivor of the December 7, 1941, surprise attack on the American fleet in Oahu, Hawaii.



Navy Lt. Jim Downing (Ret.)

Courtesy photo

On November 19, he stopped off at the Fremont Campus of Pueblo Community College, to talk to Fremont County residents about his experience that fateful day.

"I was offshore. I had been married just five months," Downing said. "My wife and I had guests that morning so she was fixing breakfast for us. There was no radar or satellite. (When I heard the explosion), my first reaction was that the German battleship (was either under attack or was attacking our ships). We were advised (on the radio) by Army Navy intelligence that (Pearl Harbor) was under heavy attack by Japan so it was kind of a surprise."

So he immediately went back to the ship, which had caught fire and sunk in the harbor. He grabbed a fire hose from the ship that was anchored on the side and began trying to put the flames out before they traveled to where the ammunition was located.

"The secondary (explosion) would have been al-

most as bad as the first," Downing said. "(I didn't know how many of the men were dead or wounded) so I went around memorizing as many (names) as I could so I could notify their families."

Later, he visited those in the hospital to get their personal information so he could notify their families if they succumbed to their injuries. Most of them thought they would be all right; however, Downing said many of them were not.

"The first thing (I experienced during the attack) was surprise," Downing said. "There was no radar or satellites. The Japanese flew their planes low and slow over the fleet at Pearl Harbor. I looked up and saw a plane flying above me. When the pilot aimed his weapons at me, it went over my head. I was afraid the next one would be more accurate. Then the third thing I experienced was anger that our military and (government) had allowed this to happen. If I was in a position of authority, we

would never be caught again. The next thing I experienced was pride. Here we were hundreds of people, (but) we didn't have the weapons to fight back (but) we made it through the war."

Recently, he said he realized there are only 21.8 million veterans and 37 million military dependents.

"I think we would be able to make our voice heard if we all organize," Downing said.

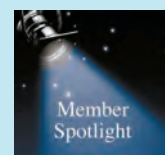
His message to Americans today is to the young people.

"You are the leaders of tomorrow; you are the voters of tomorrow (and) you're the taxpayers for tomorrow," Downing said. "Remember weakness invites aggression. Keep America strong. I saw a bumper sticker that said, 'don't even think about parking here.' I'd like to see America so strong that nobody would even think about (attacking us). Freedom is priceless. Whatever it takes to keep it is worth it."

Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources Annual Holiday Yard Sale

Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources, 417 Cliff Street, is having our annual Holiday Yard sale
9am - 3pm Friday, Dec. 4th & 9am - 3pm Saturday, December 5th
All yard sale items are available via donation.

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Silver Cliff Workshop Town Trustees Meet

by Fred Hernandez

Previously scheduled meeting of the town trustees took place on November 19th, Thursday, at 4 p.m, at the Town Hall. This was to be a workshop to give comment and discuss the Financial Report prepared by the town’s independent outside auditor. The only other item on the agenda was the ballot questions for election 2016.

The meeting was called to order promptly at 4 p.m. by Mayor Larry Weber. All seven members of the board of trustees were present plus the three employees of the town, namely the town secretary Ileen Squire, Roger Camper, building inspector, and Troy Hobby, Public Works Superintendent.

The trustees reviewed the report item by item and line by line. Bottom line: the town is in the red. Some of the highlights of the - at times - vigorous exchanges, were the transportation expenses of the building inspector when he has to go to the same job site several times due to the construction crews not performing as required. The Mayor then suggested that hence forward, the inspector will make his initial inspection, and after he gives his revisions and changes, he will go a second time to check if the changes were made in accordance with town ordinances. If the crew has failed to do so and it requires yet another visit, the construction crew should be billed the additional transportation cost.

Mr. Lowe questioned the raises being given to the employees citing the bud-

getary constraints that the town is under. A vibrant debate ensued between the trustees with the Mayor weighing in, and other trustees as well, on the side of the employees. In the end, the Mayor came up with a “formula” wherein he combines a merit increase with the cost of the benefit of the healthcare plan, explaining that most employers these days are veering away from even giving benefits of health-care as the cost of same has began to rise dramatically in some instances. The employees did not look too delighted with the outcome. These discussions will form the basis for the decisions the board will make during the next regular Trustees meeting early in the month of December.

The group then discussed what items will be placed in the ballot on the April 2016 Election. Following are the issues that will go on the ballot and the groups deliberations were focused on the general notions with the exact language to be written up by the consultant hired by the town to help in the election process. Here then are the issues:

1. Marijuana the board agreed to include the marijuana issue in the ballot with the question being words to the effect as to whether or not the citizens of the town wanted this industry within their town limits.
2. Mill Levy...the board agreed to ask for a Mill Levy since the town is having a difficult time meeting its expenses. They may ask for a levy that is specifically tied in to a particular project such as, for in-

stance, a certain amount for the paving of some of the town streets.

3. Five Member Board...the board wants to reduce their complement to five given that it took eighteen months to fill the seven seats after the last election.

Mr. Lasswell, in the audience, raised his hand to be recognized and when the board did, he suggested that the ballot question be written to allow flexibility of from five to seven in the board. The board approved the suggestion and will recommend it to the one writing the ballot questions (if allowed by law, of course).

4. SB-152 Broadband....this is the same ballot question as was on the ballot of Custer County during the last election, November 3, which passed. Simply put, it is taking the power to decide on telecommunications matters away from the State and giving it back to the communities. This too will be on the ballot.

5. Ordinance by Title only...In order to save on printing expenses, when publishing Town Ordinances, they will be identified by its title only and not the whole ordinance needs to be published. Those interested can then either go to the town hall and pick up a hard copy of the ordinance or visit the town website..

The next Town Trustees meeting will be on December 5th wherein the matters taken up in this workshop session will be officially decided on.

There being no further business at hand the meeting was summarily adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



The Legion Says Thanks

On Thursday, November 19th, The American Legion Post 170 reached out to say thank you to the Westcliffe Super Market and Lynn and Jeanne LaGree.

Post members noticed that the U.S. and the POW flags flown at the market had become tattered and unserviceable.

Recognizing that the LaGree’s have been great supporters of our local Veterans and the American Legion, the decision was made to replace those worn flags for the Market and to take the opportunity to offer a huge thanks for their support over the years.

Both flags were presented to Lynn LaGree by Steve Case commander of Post 170 of The American Legion, Westcliffe.”

Pictured here, left to right: Lynn LaGree and Steve Case

Courtesy photo

Living Nativity at Shepherd of the Hills

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church will present its 17th Annual Living Nativity on Saturday, December 12th, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m., at 801 N. Sheridan Avenue in Cañon City. The event will include the cast, music, narration, and animals provided by members of the Penrose Horses & Hounds 4-H Club, which is led by Angie Ladeau and Elaine Stricklett. The 4-H members will also be part of the cast of the Living Nativity.

Free will donations of cash and non-perishable food items will be accepted for the benefit of Mercy Today Ministries to assist them with expenses of their Tuesday free lunch program and food pantry.

Come view the Living Nativity with family and friends and be a part of this Fremont County tradition celebrating the “reason for the season”. Visitors may drive by the



Nativity, or they may park their vehicles and take additional time to view and reflect on the Nativity scene and see the animals

Directions: Go north on 15th Street, turn left on Woodlawn Avenue, and at the second stop sign turn right onto Sheridan. Or, go north on 9th Street, turn right onto College and then left onto Sheridan (one block past the High School). The church is the last building on the left on Sheridan.



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
5:00 p.m. Worship
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
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
719/783-2545

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

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Festivals

Festival of Trees at Cliff Lanes
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Events Calendar

Friday, November 26 & 27
THANKSGIVING - COURTHOUSE CLOSED
November 27, 28, & 29
Jones Theater Friday & Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.: Action thriller "Spectre" PG-13
Saturday, November 28
9:30 a.m.: Registration for Club America Fundraiser – 5K Run/Walk; 783-0750
Monday, November 30
9 a.m.: BOCC meeting, courthouse boardroom
Thursday December 3
RED HATS: The Custer County Cuties will celebrate their December luncheon in the Garden Room at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs on Dec. 3 at noon. Please call Terre Davis @ 783 2824 or Helen Vahlsing @ 783-2901 for reservations before November 30.
December 3, 4, & 5
Friends of the Library Winter Arts & Crafts Fair Thu., Dec. 3, 3-6 p.m., Cookies and hot cider, Fri. & Sat., Dec. 4 & 5, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., at the Hope Lutheran Church Annex, 429-0543

December 4 – December 5
Annual festival of trees & boutique, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cliff Lanes/Ranchers Roost café, 783-0110
Saturday December 5
St. Luke's Episcopal Mission, 201 S. 3rd St., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Artisan crafts and Bake sale
Annual lighted Christmas parade, Meet at 5 p.m. parade starts at 6 p.m. on Hermit Lane by the mining Company.
KWMV radio winter open house. Tour the radio station, Enjoy refreshments 1-6 p.m., 103 S. 2nd St., For more info call Joanie Lieberman at 371-0059
Sangres Art Guild annual Holiday art/winter solstice reception, 4-6 p.m. at the 3rd St Gallery, 59000 N. Hwy. 69, 783-0886

POSTPONED:
The event for Clara Reida and award-winning Colorado author Carol Ann Wilson on the book Because We Wanted To! Two women, a dream, and a ranch called Singing Acres at the West Custer County Library has been postponed and will be rescheduled as soon as possible. Please check back!

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 Schlachach'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

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 169 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 7 to EMS, and 3 to the Fire Department. On November 22nd there were 2 males and 1 female in the county jail.

11/17
Domestic Dispute: A deputy was dispatched to CR 150 for a domestic dispute.

11/18
Domestic Dispute: A deputy was dispatched to First Street in Silver Cliff for a domestic dispute involving a parent and a minor. The juvenile was arrested for criminal mischief.

Traffic Summons:
Melissa McIntosh of Cañon City for failing to display a valid registration and operating an uninsured vehicle.

Debra Norby of Westcliffe for speeding.

11/19
Traffic Summons:
Lorne Sellers of Westcliffe for 10-19 over speeding in a school zone.

David Foulk for disregarding/failing to observe a stop sign.

Christina Barnes for speeding.

Shane Hart for speeding,

20-24 over.

Tanner Thomas of Pueblo for careless driving.

Bruce Roscoe of Westminster for speeding.

Fido/Owner Issues:
A deputy was dispatched to South 5th Street in Westcliffe for a dog complaint. Lanelle Brady of Westcliffe was issued a municipal summons for an animal at large.

11/20:
Traffic Summons:
Robley Miles of Ormand Beach, Florida, for speeding 20-24 over.

Michael Conway for driving with license under suspension.

Scott Sundberg of Centennial for speeding 20-24 over.

Jose Manriquez of Salida for speeding.

Tiffany Leasure for of Glade Park, CO., for speeding.

Possible Drug Overdose:
Sheriff's deputies and EMS were dispatched to Mill Street in Silver Cliff for a possible drug overdose by a female. She was transported to a hospital in Pueblo.

11/21
Traffic Summons:
Travis Stuart of Westcliffe

for speeding.

Edward Lyons for speeding.

Charles McCarty of Cold Spring for speeding and driving with a license under suspension.

Car Pursuit/Possible DUI:
The Fremont County Sheriff's Office advised CCSO dispatch that a possible DUI vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed down CR 255 towards Custer County. A Sheriff's deputy spotted a vehicle matching the description and engaged in pursuit. The pursuit was terminated for safety reasons but deputies continued to follow the vehicle. The Colorado State Patrol and the Pueblo County SO were alerted that the vehicle was traveling south on Highway 165 and would soon be entering Pueblo County jurisdiction.

11/22
Traffic Summons:
Alison Malone of Plano, Texas for speeding.

Firearms Discharge:
A deputy was dispatched to Bunker Hill Road on Silver Cliff Ranch in response to a party shooting a firearm from his deck in the direction of neighboring homes.

Free Computer Help for Adults

Bring your computer frustrations to the library on Thursday, December 3, between 4:15 and 6 p.m. for help from local teen techies. The West Custer County Library is hosting an ongoing, free how-to program for all adults in the community who could use a little advice on operating their computers, laptops, tablets, cell phones, etc. Instruction will be provided one-on-one to cater to each individual's specific needs.

"Adults of all ages and experience levels are welcome, whether they need a

little help or a lot," said Jessica Carter, Youth Services Librarian. "The teens in this hand-selected group are excited to help and share what they know."

The program will continue monthly until April 7, 2016, as part of the library's overall effort to help adults in the community become more computer savvy. The library offers other computer help as well. For more information or to RSVP, please call the library at 783-9138 or email jessica@westcusterlibrary.org.

SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION IS SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR AN AT LARGE DIRECTOR SEAT

A vacancy exists for an At Large Director on the Sangre de Cristo Electric Association board of directors. The cooperative's bylaws and policies allow the remaining board to appoint a director to fill that vacancy since more than eight months remain on the vacated director term. The term expires in June 2017. An At Large Director may reside anywhere within the cooperative's service territory and must be a member of the cooperative. Additional candidate qualifications exist and will be provided to any member who is interested in the director seat.

Sangre de Cristo Electric Association's board sets policy and directs the Chief Executive Officer, but directors do not work at the cooperative on a daily basis. The board meets once a month at the cooperative's headquarters in Buena Vista. Directors may attend additional meetings or training sessions in or outside of the cooperative's service territory. Directors serve without salary but are eligible for compensation as approved by the board.

Interested members should contact CEO Paul Erickson by phone at 719-395-2412 or 1-800-933-3823 or by email at ceo@myelectric.coop for further information.

This search for director candidates will close on Friday, January 8, 2016.



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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
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Fremont Republican Central Committee
4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
603 Main Street

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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Woodcarvers

by Charlotte Burrous

As a child, he had his own work bench and created all kinds of wooden items. Along the way, Bert Nuckols took it up as a career. Then about ten years ago, he branched out to creating woodcarvings.

His journey began several years ago when he met a man, who showed him how to sharpen his jack knife.

“That’s all I used to carve with until I branched out,” Nuckols said. “I do most everything with that. The same fella showed me how to carve a face on a walking stick. From there, you just (start doing it). You’ve got to have a sharp knife.”

At the time, he was working in Texas when he got the idea to carve small wobbly faces to put on bolo ties.

“They’ve done well -- so well that I’ve been selling them on the Internet (on) Etsy,” Nuckols said.

This time of year, he creates wooden ornaments, including miniature angels with trumpets to sell at various craft fairs.

“What’s popular this year are gnomes,” Nuckles said. “I’ve done a bunch of those. I’ve sent them all over the world (through Etsy).”

But it’s more than just selling them.

“I have fun with them,” Nuckols said. I haven’t stopped yet. (The best part about



Bert Nuckols carves an angel ornament during the Arkansas River Woodcarvers meeting at the Golden Age Center.

Courtesy photo

it) is doing little cowboys on the bolo ties. They sell all year long.”

As part of his efforts, he spends time with other woodcarvers, starting at noon-3 p.m. every Thursday at Golden Age Center at 728 Main Street.

His work will be on sale along with numerous other crafters from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. November 28th at the Abbey, as well as the Toy Shop in the Cup and Cone at 331 Royal Gorge Blvd.

“For the Cup and Cone, I do mostly jigsaw puzzles,” Nuckols said. “They are done mostly on a scroll saw or a jigsaw, thus the name.”

He also invited those who are interested to come to the gatherings to learn more about the Arkansas River Woodcarvers.

A Dash for the Finish Line

by Barbara Penezic

The Fourth Annual Santa Dash Fun Run is set to kick off at 5:50 p.m. December 5th at 10th and Main Streets. The Parade of Lights will follow at 6 p.m. A downtown workman said they have a target date of December 5th, for completion of that section of Main Street.

Santa will be arriving right on time to the delight of many Cañon City residents with their eager bright-eyed little ones in tow. If all goes according to plan, the runners who will begin at 5 p.m. at the corner of 10th and Main will be among the first to test the “newly paved” Main Street. Participants pay a \$5 fee which will include a Santa hat. Children under three may participate for free, but alas, no Santa hat! Costumes are encouraged and strollers are wel-

come. Proceeds will benefit Fremont Adventure Recreation’s (youth exercise training initiative,) Scholarship Fund.

Parade organizers for this year’s Annual Parade of Lights will be Jim and Jolene Meisner. The couple are not new to this event, they have been active volunteers for the past 11 years. The Meisner’s were named Cañon City Chamber of Commerce’s 2014 Distinguished Citizens during the chamber’s 27th annual meeting in January. The couple will ride in the Parade of Lights as is the custom.

The parade will begin a 6p.m. December 5th at 10th and Main, and will continue to 3rd Street. The theme is “Candy Canes and Christmas Carols.” Event organizers are hoping for

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Gingerbread Houses

by Charlotte Burrous

Gingerbread houses are a symbol of Christmas. For one family, it was a way to save the season. It began in the 1980s when Jeri Fry lost their cable television business.

“I thought, I’ve got little kids; it’s Christmas time,” she said. “What are we going to do?”

While mulling the problem, she decided to make gingerbread houses, at first for craft shows in the area.

“We would bake the little gingerbread people (then give) the samples away,” Fry said.

A few years after that, she worked at what is now Quality Inn in the gift shop.

“I got hired to manage the gift shop at that place,” Fry said. “They allowed me to take some of my product in so I had a little shelf I put gingerbread on.”

From there, it expanded across the state, where she supplied Christmas shops

in Rifle, Aspen, and in the Denver area.

“I was just a cottage industry then,” Fry said. “That was a big year, then it spread from there.”

And she enjoyed it. Another way she had fun was to create a special item to give to someone in the community to surprise them.

“That was always fun,” she said. “I (also) would always try to do a feature item. I’ve done the Robinson Mansion and we took it to Colorado Springs for a competition at the Citadel.”

In her tenure, she has created a miniature Peabody Mansion, a gingerbread piano, churches, trains, houses, Jack-in-the-Boxes, treasure chests, a carousel, and more. One of the first years, a resident commissioned her to bake a holiday mansion and she entered it along with the decoration of her entire house into the Good Housekeeping competition.

“That frankly was one of

the first things that I did,” Fry added. “That challenged my abilities and pushed me.”

During this time, she also taught classes through the Rec. District and helped others. In 2012, she opened the Gingerbread Bakery inside Cup and Cone, where she offers what she calls Jubilees for children and adults to create the gingerbread houses on site October through December.

About four years ago, she opened Cup and Cone and incorporated the gingerbread bakery into the store.

“The way that we are doing it now is patterned after the Henry Ford process, where you do a piece and a piece and a piece,” Fry said. “I train the staff in how to do the gingerbread and all the people on staff are trained in at least a piece of it. Our production is a little bit easier. We’ve done on-site Jubilees and I have done many off-site Jubilees, where I take the entire



Jeri Fry displays examples of her work in the Cup and Cone in Cañon City.

Courtesy photo by Charlotte Burrous

party and go to someone’s house.”

In conjunction, she offers hundreds of cutters as well as candy and cookies for the houses. She also designs specialty cutters for various projects. Cup and Cone now sells Boulder ice cream, offers its own hand-made root beer, handcrafted sodas and a full espresso bar with coffee made specifically for the Cup and

Cone by the Pour House in Florence.

“Those first few years, I made a substantial amount of money to cover Christmas for the kids and was able to get each of them a bicycle,” Fry said. Cup and Cone is located at 331 Royal Gorge Blvd. in Cañon City. For more information, contact thecupandcone@gmail.com or at 719-275-3434.

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White House Stonewalls Governors on Islamic Refugees

Bloomberg reports that the White House held a conference call Tuesday night with about a dozen governors in which the governors were told that they must comply with the Syrian refugee resettlement program irrespective of their positions. Bloomberg reports that the governors were disgruntled with the responses. A White House readout of the concall, however, said there were 34 governors on the call and, "Several Governors expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to better understand the process and have their issues addressed directly by representatives of the agencies responsible for the refugee and screening programs." See how the truth is twisted by propaganda? But wait, there's more.

The White House statement says, "White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough led the call and was joined by Alejandro Mayorkas, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security; Simon Henshaw, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration; Mark Giuliano, Deputy Director of the FBI; and representatives from the National Counterterrorism Center and the Department of Health and Human Services...The officials briefed the governors on the rigorous screening and security vetting process that is required before a refugee is able to travel to the United States. Thirteen governors asked questions."

The Bloomberg account has a totally different viewpoint: "On the call several Republican governors and two Democrats -- New Hampshire's

Maggie Hassan and California's Jerry Brown -- repeatedly pressed administration officials to share more information about Syrian refugees entering the United States. The governors wanted notifications whenever refugees were resettled in their states, as well as access to classified information collected when the refugees were vetted. "There was a real sense of frustration from all the governors that there is just a complete lack of transparency and communication coming from the federal government," said one GOP state official who was on the call."

Moreover, the White House is refusing to allow the states to opt out of the "president's" Islamic colonization program. Bloomberg reports that Florida governor Rick Scott "asked McDonough point blank if states could opt out of accepting refugees from Syria." McDonough answered "no." The White House said that the U.S. accepts more refugees because it employs "the most rigorous screening and security vetting of any category of travelers to the United States." The governors weren't buying it. Neither should you. The White House is complicit in Islamic colonization of America. It needs to be stopped for every citizen's self defense. 2 Timothy 3:13 says, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." And as Christ said in Matthew 24:4, "Take heed that no man deceive you." It is waxing worse and worse.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
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by Karl Denninger,
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Time to cut the c**p.

After 9/11 we played the *politically correct* game.

We refused to profile. No, not all Muslims are terrorists; not even close. *But essentially all terrorists are Muslims.* We didn't choose that, they did. It's not "wrong" to take note of the characteristics of the people who are trying to kill you and use that set of characteristics *to kill them first*. That's called being smart. Strip-searching a white old lady *with leukemia* wearing an adult diaper and trying to take one last trip to see her family before she dies rather than spending our resources on those who are part of the group that attacked us is an outrage. That happened here, in my county.

We refused to respond with overwhelming, outrageously-over-the-top violence in response. Yet that's how you deal with this sort of thing -- all out of proportion to their damage. *You make it so expensive to attack you in terms of both material and their lives that they rethink their willingness to do so.* One of the buzzwords was "proportionality" in the days following 9/11. That was and is stupid; if someone threatens to kill you the response is not to try to find some way to "contain" them or "bring them to justice." *You instead blow them to bits.*

We must take the glamour out of their game. They want to run social media videos with menacing dudes in black robes threatening to (or actually) cutting off people's heads? We run video of an A-10 turning a few of them into red vapor, and every time we see some of their social media we respond with some of ours -- new, different, and varied every time, but along the same central theme: *There won't be enough of you left to be counted by Allah when you get there, and you're going to see him now.*

We refused to go where the evidence led. Specifically, we refused to go after the *funding and state support* for these jackasses. Worse, we actually *continued to sell weapons and provide material aid and comfort* to the states that were involved, never mind trading with them. There's dumb and dumber, and this falls into the latter category. Bullets, bombs, and guns cost money and money is traceable.

We refused to hold to account those in our nation who were complicit or worse. Here's looking at you, Jeb; Mr. *I never met a Saudi National*

(who turned out to be a terrorist) that *I wouldn't give a driver license to with a validity exceeding his visa's duration.* Yet this man has the *audacity* to run for President. Cleaning up our act means getting all of those jack**es out of public life. We might not be able to jail them but we sure as h*** shouldn't be *contemplating* hiring them as the local dog catcher, say ,much less giving them a seat behind the helm of the United States.

collage. We coddle and promote this with our welfare state and so does all of Europe, and it must stop now.

In the context of Muslims there is one point that any person must concede if they wish to be a permanent resident or citizen: ***Our Constitution is and shall remain the Supreme Law of the land and any attempt to supplant or replace it with anything else, including but not limited to laws that***

Those who refuse to assimilate into a culture cannot be allowed to have residency or citizenship.

You have no right to be free from being offended nor is your offense an excuse for violence. If you cannot stomach your "prophet" or "God" being cast in a light that you don't prefer without becoming a murderous savage *then you are a savage and you have no place in the civilized world.* Truth is only found through *examination and speech*, whether harsh, kind or otherwise. Nobody ever tries to censor speech that does not offend, which is exactly why we must not ever censor same. *Piss Christ* did not evoke mass homicidal rage by Christians nor suicide Christian Bombers; likewise, drawing Mohammad with a bomb in his Turban *does not provide an excuse for violence.* If you act in a fashion demonstrating that you're an insane, raging lunatic *then expect to be treated as an insane, raving lunatic.*

Those who refuse to assimilate into a culture cannot be allowed to have residency or citizenship. Period. There are massive enclaves of these people in Europe; they have *no intention* of ever becoming European. They are there to spread their ideology ***and grow it at everyone else's expense*** through the welfare state. The same is true here; we have a large and growing population of ***La Raza*** folks along with a fair number of small ***but rapidly growing*** enclaves of various sorts, ***including radical Muslims***, in America too. *Sorry, but no; this is how you wind up with terrorists or worse, a civil war.* Immigration made America great but those immigrants, including my ancestors, ***came here to be American***, not some hyphenated

conform with "Sharia", is a direct violation of the oath required to be a citizen never mind that taken by every member of the military.

Social media is full of pictures of wide-eyed children as "refugees"; these are ***lies*** and those in the media showing those images ***must be shunned and their businesses and the advertisers on same boycotted mercilessly on a permanent basis.*** Here's looking at you, Facebook. The ***fact*** is that the demographic of these so-called "refugees" slants ***heavily*** toward fighting-age men; look at the pictures of those coming into this country and elsewhere. We must declare that we're done with metrosexual horsecrap on both the national ***and world*** stage. If your land is being invaded ***and you're a man who is not a terrorist*** then you fight for your nation, your land, your family, and your country. *Freedom isn't free* and if you're not willing to stand up then *asking for a handout is off the table as you've already demonstrated that you're unwilling to do what needs to be done when the going gets rough.* Call me a sexist b*****d if you wish but giving aid and comfort to women and children is a different enterprise entirely than giving the same to men ***who will not stand and fight for what they believe in.*** If the flag goes up here in this regard I won't like it but I will do what needs to be done -- I'm an American and I've still got a pair of b****s.

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A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

“A Thin-Skinned Minority Is Ruining This Nation”: Professor Crushes “Political Correctness” Wave Sweeping America (Part 2 of 2)

by Tyler Durden,
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(Editor/GG: This is Part 2 of Professor Mike Adams’ analysis and commentary on how to fight back against the fascist left elites. Every point he makes below should be used.)

Although cultural marxism does indeed target every individual and harm every individual in the long run, my list of personal solutions outlined in this article will be directed in large part at the categories of people most attacked by the social justice cult today.

It is not enough any-more to simply continue pointing out the insanity of political correctness; we must also take useful steps toward reversing the destruction already wrought.

Society does not determine gender roles; nature does.

And so, here are my solutions, which must be enacted by individuals in their daily lives regardless of the potential backlash. Do you have leftist leaning friends or family members? It doesn’t matter. Are you employed in a workplace crawling with social justice ideologues? Stop seeing them as part of the equation because they do not matter. Worried about losing a relationship if you make a stand? Say good riddance. This is what must be done by free thinkers if they are to counter and reverse the collectivist nightmare of cultural Marxism.

Feel no shame: Social justice relies on shaming tactics, usually by slandering an opponent with a label that does not really apply to him, in order to control his arguments and behavior. If you don’t care about being called a bigot, a racist, a sexist, a misogynist, a homophobe, etc., then there is not really much that they can do to you.

Do not self-censor: This does not mean you should go out of your way to be antagonistic or act like an a\$\$, but the thought police have power only if you give power to them. Say what you want to say when you want to say it, and do it with a smile. Let the PC

police froth and scream until they have an aneurism. Cultural Marxists are generally weaklings. They avoid physical confrontation like they avoid logic, so why fear them?

Realize there is no such thing as white privilege or male privilege: In reality, there is only institutionalized “privilege” for victim-status groups. There is no privilege for whites, males, white males or straight white males. When confronted with such claims, demand to see proof of such privilege. Invariably, you will get a long list of first world problems and complaints backed by nothing but easily debunked talking points and misrepresented statistics. People should not feel guilty for being born the way they are, and this includes us “white male devils.”

Demand facts to back claims: Cultural Marxists tend to argue on the basis of opinion rather than fact. Present facts to counter their claims, and demand facts and evidence in return. Opinions are irrelevant if the person is not willing to present supporting facts when asked.

Do not play the game of “unconscious bias”: If social justice cultists can’t counter your position with facts or logic, they will invariably turn to the old standby that you are limited in your insight because you have not lived in the shoes of a - (insert victim group here). I agree. In fact, I would point out that this reality of limited perception also applies to THEM as well. They have not lived in my shoes, therefore they are in no position to claim I enjoy “privilege” while they do not. This is why facts and evidence are so important, and why anecdotal evidence and personal feelings are irrelevant where cultural Marxism is concerned.

Let cultural Marxists know their fears and feelings do not matter: No one is entitled to have their feelings addressed by others. And, a person’s fears are ultimately unimportant. Whether the issue is the

nonexistent “rape culture” or the contempt cultural Marxists feel over private gun ownership, their irrational fears are not our concern. Why should any individual relinquish his liberties in the name of placating frightened nobodies?

Demand that society respect your inherent individual rights: Collectivism’s ultimate propaganda message is that there is no such thing as inherent rights or liberties and that all rights are arbitrary and subject to the whims of the group or the state. This is false. Freedom is an inborn conception with universally understood aspects. Period. No group or collective is more important than individual liberty. No artificial society has preeminence over the individuals within that society. As long as a person is not directly impeding the life, liberty, prosperity and privacy of another person, he should be left alone.

Maintain your rights; they do not hurt other people: PC cultists will invariably argue that every person, whether he knows it or not, is indirectly harming others with his attitude, his beliefs, his refusal to associate, even his very breathing. “We live in a society”, they say, “and everything we do affects everyone else...”. Don’t take such accusations seriously; these people do not understand how freedom works.

Say, for instance, hypothetically, that I refuse to bake a gay wedding cake for a couple and I am accused of violating their rights in the name of preserving my own. I would immediately point out that no one is entitled to a gay wedding cake, baked by me or anyone else and I have every right to choose my associations based on whatever criteria I see fit. Now, a corrupt government entity may claim I do not have that right. But the fact is I do, and no one — not even government — can force me to bake a cake if I don’t want to. Also, I would point out that the gay couple in question has every right in a free society to bake their OWN d**n cake or open their own cake shop to compete with mine. This is how freedom works. It is not based on collective entitlement; it is based on personal responsibility.

Refuse to deny the scientific fact of biological gender: Gender is first and foremost a genetic imperative. Society does not deter-

Standards of success should not be lowered in order to accommodate the least skilled people to facilitate artificial parity.

mine gender roles; nature does. A man who chops up his body and takes hormone pills to look like a woman is not and will never be a woman. A woman who tapes down her breasts and gets a short haircut will never be a man. There is no such thing as “transgendered” people. No amount of social justice or wishful thinking will ever allow them to reverse their genetic proclivities. Their psychological and sexual leanings do not change their inborn biological reality.

Deny the illusion of Utopian equality: There is no such thing as pure equality. Society is not a homogeneous entity, it is an abstraction built around a group of unique individuals. Individuals can be naturally gifted, or naturally challenged. But there will always be some people who are more apt towards success than others.

Standards of success should not be lowered in order to accommodate the least skilled people to facilitate artificial parity. For example, I constantly hear

the argument that more people with victim group status should be given greater representation in positions of influence and regard within our culture, from science and engineering, to media, to business CEO’s, to politics, etc. The key word here is “given”, rather than “earned”. There is nothing wrong with one group of people excelling in a field more than another group, and there is nothing wrong with inequality when it comes to individual achievement. We must begin refusing to reward people for mediocrity and punishing success simply because the winners are not part of a designated victim group.

If you are a man, embrace your role: I am a man and cannot claim to know what specific solutions women should take to counter cultural Marxism. I would love to read an article written on the subject by a woman in the Liberty Movement.

Home-school your children: It’s simple, if you don’t want your kids propagandized, if you truly

want them to be free from collectivist conditioning, then you will make the sacrifice and extract them from public schooling. With the introduction of Common Core into U.S. schools in particular, there is no other recourse but home schooling to prevent the brainwashing of cultural Marxism.

The insane lie that cultural Marxists seem to have conned themselves and others into believing is that their “activism” is somehow anti-establishment. **In fact, social justice is constantly coddled and supported by the establishment.** From politicians to judges to media pundits to the blogosphere, the overwhelming majority of people in positions of traditional power (even in supposedly conservative circles) have been more than happy to become the enforcers of the social justice warrior agenda, an agenda representing a minuscule portion of the public. There is no establishment for the PC army to fight; the establishment bias works vastly more in favor of their ideology than any other. **Cultural Marxists ARE the establishment.**

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Finally, still having trouble with ‘Social Justice Warriors’? **Who ya gonna call?**

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Gender Pay Gap Has Almost Nothing To Do With Discrimination

by Guy Bentley,
Daily Caller News Foundation

The 17 percent gender pay gap is almost entirely due to age, marriage and the different hours worked by men and women, according to a top economist at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI).

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) annual report on the “Highlights of Women’s Earnings” shows women’s in full-time work median earnings were 83 percent those of men.

The National Committee on Pay Equity claims this pay-gap emerges “in part because many women and people of color are still segregated into a few low-paying occupations.”

But AEI economist Mark Perry says one reason the wage-gap appears is that men work more hours than women. More than a quarter of men in full-time work clocked in 41 or more hours per week in 2014, whereas the same could be said for only 14.8 percent of women. On the more extreme end, men were two and a half times more likely than women to work 60 hour weeks.

Using the BLS’s own data, Perry estimates that the average work week for full-time employees was 41.5 hours for women and 43.3 hours men. Working more hours gives men a significant advantage, earning more money and becoming attractive prospects for promotion.

The idea that the gender-wage gap is largely due to discrimination is further strained when single workers who have never married are taken into account. Among this demographic, women earned 93.7 percent of what men earned in 2014— meaning the wage gap dropped from 17 percent to 6.3 percent. This means that just one variable out of many wipes two-thirds of the gender pay gap, says Perry.

The decision to have children also bears a huge impact on women’s earnings vis-a-vis men’s earnings. Perry looked at full-time single workers with no children under 18 and found women’s median weekly earnings is 94 percent of their male peers— significantly less different than the headline figure of 83 percent.

There is also a substantial differen-

tial between the earnings of married men and married women, with women earning 78.6 percent of what men earned in 2014.

“Once again, we find that marriage and motherhood have a significantly negative effect on women’s earnings; but those lower earnings don’t necessarily result from labor market discrimination, they more likely result from personal family choices about careers, workplace flexibility, child care, and the number of hours worked,” says Perry.

Perry’s analysis agrees with analysis by research fellow Kate Andrews of the conservative Adam Smith Institute, who writes that the purportedly 14.2 percent gender pay gap in the United Kingdom is a platform for “manipulated statistics” and fosters a “victimhood mentality.”

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‘Cross at Ground Zero’: History Lesson or State Religion

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At a time when Americans are deeply divided over the meaning of “separation of church and state,” a ruling from the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last week provides a much-needed case study in how the First Amendment’s establishment clause is supposed to work.

In a unanimous decision, the three-judge panel dismissed a challenge by atheists to the display of a cross-shaped beam at the National Sept. 11 Memorial and Museum at Ground Zero in New York City.

As the court explained, “the Establishment Clause is not properly construed to command that government accounts of history be devoid of religious references.”

The First Amendment, in other words, separates church from state – but not religion from public life.

I suspect many readers share this understanding of “separation.” But growing numbers of Americans – especially constituents of groups like American Atheists and the Freedom From Religion Foundation – apparently believe that any mention of religion in government settings is a violation of the Constitution.

The lawsuit in this case – American Atheists, Inc. v. Port Authority of New York and New Jersey – began in 2011 as an attempt to keep

the 9/11 National Museum from displaying an artifact popularly known as “The Cross at Ground Zero.”

The object at the center of the controversy is a 17-foot steel column and cross-beam recovered from the rubble by construction workers in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Erected on a platform near the recovery site, the cross-shaped artifact became a symbol of hope and a worship site for workers and others gathered at Ground Zero.

After a federal district court refused to block inclusion of the cross-shaped structure in the 9/11 National Museum, American Atheists conceded that the object was a historic artifact worthy of display – but argued on appeal that it would be unconstitutional to include it without also displaying a plaque acknowledging that atheists were among the victims and rescuers on 9/11.

In rejecting the atheists’ challenge to the display and demand for equal time, the appeals court panel took the opportunity to give a primer on the meaning of government “neutrality” under the First Amendment.

Yes, the establishment clause requires that government remain neutral among religions – and between religion and non-religion. But for constitutional purposes, neutrality doesn’t mean ignoring religion or, in this case, leaving religion out of the story.

Government-funded museums may not, of course, erect displays intended to promote or denigrate religion. Inclusion of religious artifacts (or objects viewed as having religious meaning) must have a secular or educational purpose.

The many religious paintings, altarpieces and other religious objects in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., for example, have profound religious content and may have been used at one time for devotional purposes. But they are now part of a secular museum, displayed to convey the history of art. Remove religious images and objects from the West Wing of the National Gallery, and the place would be nearly empty.

Similarly, exhibits at the 9/11 National Museum have an obvious secular purpose: They document the history of the terrorist attacks and the rescue efforts that followed. The Cross at Ground Zero is a significant part of that story. Leaving this object out would not only be incomplete history; it would signal hostility to religion that could itself be viewed as a violation of the First Amendment.

The cross-shaped artifact is in the “finding meaning” section of the museum, included among some 1,000 objects associated with ways – religious and non-religious – in which people sought to make sense of the attacks.

The description accompanying the cross-shaped structure tells the story of its recovery from the wreckage of the Twin Towers and how many viewed it as a religious sign of hope. What was once an object of devotion has become, in the context of the museum, a historical artifact.

The court also rejected the demand for a plaque about atheists and 9/11. Government neutrality under the First Amendment doesn’t mean equal time or balanced treatment for all faiths and beliefs; it requires only that the exhibits represent the history of the event without either promoting or denigrating religion.

Of course, if there were a 9/11 artifact related to atheists, it would violate the principle of neutrality for the museum to leave it out.

But no such atheist-related object exists and the First Amendment doesn’t require the museum to manufacture an artifact about atheists that isn’t part of the history of the attacks and recovery.

The 2nd Circuit got it right. The First Amendment ensures government neutrality in matters of faith, but doesn’t prevent publicly funded museums or any other public institution from telling a story that needs to be told.

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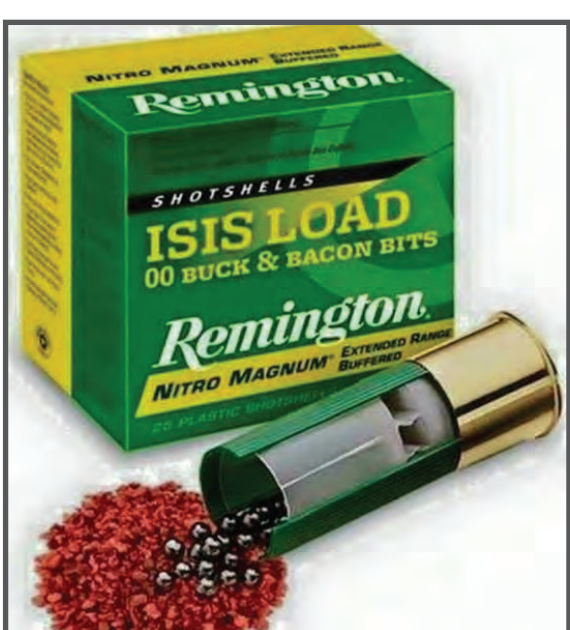
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The Solution to ISIS

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.Org

ISIS has declared that it intends to strike in the U.S. as it did in France in a new video. It specifically named Washington, D.C. as a target, but one should not take



that to mean nowhere else will be hit, because that simply is not true. There is every reason to believe there are hundreds if not thousands of ISIS sympathizers if not outright members in the United States *right now*.

France, as a nation, has some of the toughest gun control laws in the world. When those nutjobs came into the theater there was *nobody*, other than they, that were armed. The people were slaughtered like chickens.

We declare that we're not chickens and we're not go-

ing to play by those rules.

Either the politicians at federal, state, and local levels restore The Constitution as regards the Second Amendment, meaning that The Constitution is all you need to carry firearms, openly or concealed as you and only you deem fit, or every politician and other elected or appointed official, including but not limited to The President, members of Congress, Governors, State Representatives and Senators, Sheriffs and local police chiefs must be immediately impeached and removed from office.

Further, we must vow that should any such attack take place every single politician who failed to take such an action that has federal, state or local jurisdiction will be held to criminal account as an accessory before the fact to murder.

If the political class will not take this step right here, right now and today and refuses to impeach

those who fail to act to restore our rights in this regard *in full* then **we must call a general strike until they do**.

There is only one thing that stops a madman with a gun -- **a good guy with gun**.

There are no guarantees in life, especially when the situation is grave. But a fighting chance always wins over no chance at all. I cannot carry an armed cop or military member in my pocket but I can carry a defensive firearm and the founders declared that nobody needs a d**n permit or license to do so.

The strongest signal we can send to these nutjobs is that **if** they attempt such an attack here they will find that for every barrel they point at us there will be **ten** pointed at them from all directions with no possible way to shoot all of us.

It has long been time to take back our rights and demand

they be respected. Changing your Facebook profile picture to shadow the French flag will do nothing. Making speeches will do nothing. Praying will do nothing. Committing to one of the primary founding principles of this nation -- that we all have the right to life and the right to protect both our life and those we care about in the gravest extreme, and that the exercise of that right requires no dned permit or license, will put these jack**es on notice that any attempt to commit such an armed assault here will fail.**

Today is the day folks: Either step up, render your demand that the Second Amendment be enforced as written and be prepared to enforce that demand or shut up if and when the terrorism that just took in France comes here.

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Donald Trump Is Now The Leading Second Amendment Supporter

by Dean Weingarten, GunWatch.Blogspot.com

In an exclusive to Brietbart.com, Donald Trump has called for Americans to bear arms to increase security in the United States. From Brietbart.com:

Carrying a weapon is not always feasible or appropriate. However, given the increased tensions that are the result of continued, escalating terrorism around the world, more legitimately armed individuals on the streets is a positive outcome. Each permit holder must make the decision to carry or not carry. I will carry more often than I have in the past, and I am sure other concealed permit holders will do the same. Do we have an obligation to carry? The answer is "yes," but we must do it in such a way as to raise serious doubts in the minds of those who might be considering violence in America. Deterring violence is far better than dealing with the aftermath of an act of terror. Less blood, more security. That is what will make America

great again.

Donald Trump shows that he understands reality better than most of the politicians in the nation. This continues his breakthrough strategy of ignoring the censorship imposed by the media cartel in the name of "political correctness". The concept of the citizenry being armed to defend against threats is as old and as obvious as mankind. Only in the last hundred years, with the rise of "progressivism", has the weird idea that people are safer when disarmed been marketed to the public as a sane concept.

In Europe, people carried arms all over the continent before WWI. In the British Empire, British Citizens had the right to keep and carry arms. It was only after WWI that elites all around the world marketed the idea that the public would be "safer" if they were disarmed.

The elites feared an overthrow of their elite order, and believed that the elites would be safer if the pub-

lic were disarmed. That is how British elites imposed "gun control" by deception. What the empire had imposed on its subjects, they now imposed on its citizens.

The idea of disarming citizens in the United States had started in the South, where permit systems were designed to keep blacks, who had not been citizens, disarmed. The laws were never meant to disarm the majority of the citizenry. That strategy backfired, as more and more "progressives" were elected, and started to apply those prohibitions to all.

The concept was promoted by the increasing power of the "progressive" movement, a movement that rested on the theory that the majority of the people were too stupid to govern themselves, and that the "consent of the governed" must be manufactured by the elite, particularly the elite that controlled mass media.

"Progressives" spread the concept into states outside

the South. In New York, with the infamous Sullivan law, meant to protect the corrupt criminal/political Tammany Gang of New York, and California, where the elite wanted to be able to keep Hispanics and Chinese minorities disarmed and controlled. Notably, neither New York or California have a state constitutional protection for the right to keep and bear arms. They are two of only six states that lack such protection.

The "progressive" media cartel, formed by the early newspaper chains and the AP, nurtured and strengthened by the FCC, censorship during WWII, and the leftist takeover of the journalism schools and the networks in the 1960's, pushed the notion of citizen disarmament relentlessly.

The media cartel no longer has the ability to control the information flow. It has been superseded by technological advances, just as it was made possible by the rise of the mass media. It can no longer prop up the absurd notion that people

are safer when they are disarmed.

The last shreds of disinformation used to create that illusion have disintegrated with the victory of concealed carry activists across the United States. Those victories forced the Supreme Court to uphold the Second Amendment.

Donald Trump is speaking a truth that cannot be denied. Long ago, before the media cartel started its incessant propaganda to convince Americans that they were safer when disarmed, Niccolo Machiavelli, the archetypal scholar of power politics said it this way:

There is no comparison whatever between an armed and disarmed man; it is not reasonable to suppose that one who is armed will obey willingly one who is unarmed; or that any unarmed man will remain safe.... - Niccoló Machiavelli, The Prince. 1537.

Donald Trump, leading by example, is becoming the armed leader that a free people can respect. Not long ago, we learned, un-

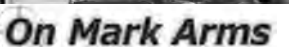
surprisingly, that Ronald Reagan routinely went about armed.

Can anyone imagine the current "progressive" leadership having the sense to extol an armed citizenry as one of the great defensive resources of the Republic? Can anyone imagine one of the "progressive" candidates leading by example? In a recent debate, all three Democrat candidates fell over themselves, trying to find ways that they could disarm Americans through deceit.

That horse has left the stable.

Donald Trump has shown that he trusts the American people. "Progressives" show that they fear and distrust the people, who they believe are too stupid to govern themselves.

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Christian Consumer Group Launches 'BUYcott' in Time for Holiday Shopping Season

by Penny Star, CNSNews.com

Faith Driven Consumer, a Christian organization that rates businesses and brands according to their embrace of Christians and their values, has launched a new campaign to allow shoppers to have a voice during the Christmas gift-buying season.

"ChristmasBUYcott.com builds on last week's launch of the 2016 Faith Equality Index," a press release announcing the campaign stated, "The Faith Equality Index annually rates, on a 100-point scale, how well brands acknowledge Faith Driven Consumers (FDCs) by welcoming, embracing, and cele-

brating them."

The index ranks corporations and businesses on a scale from 0 to 100 on a wide range of "scorecard" issues, ranging from using the word "Christmas" in its advertising, to public support from legislative, judicial and/or regulatory protections for religious liberty and incorporating Christianity as a recognized category of corporate diversity.

"This index is the benchmark tool FDCs use to make consumer choices—through the lens of their biblical worldview," the press release stated.

The ChristmasBUYcott.com website allows consumers to use

the index to provide feedback to retailers and service providers through signing onto a petition and supporting the businesses that have high rankings.

Top rankings for each business sector – i.e., mega retail, airlines, pharmaceuticals, credit card companies, fast food, home improvement, etc. – are rated on the BUYcott website for the Christmas shopping season.

"A BUYcott offers our community a positive, proactive way to affect change, and we will absolutely use this opportunity to make progress toward our goal of achieving equality for Faith Driven Consumers," FDC founder Chris Stone said

in announcing the campaign and website.

Stone said each business that is ranked has been contacted about its ranking and is invited to offer feedback, and more are being added to the site on an ongoing basis.

To date the leading 2016 companies, according to FDC, are:

- **Chick-fil-A: 63**
- **Hobby Lobby: 62**
- **Interstate Batteries: 61**
- **Tyson Foods: 60**
- **Cracker Barrel: 53**
- **Walmart: 51**
- **Thrivent Financial: 50**

"Faith Driven Consumers are one of the largest minority market segments in the U.S.," Stone said. "Empowered with the Faith Equality Index, they represent an economic power block significant enough to create big winners in the marketplace."

Stone noted that some 41 million Christians in the United States spend \$2 trillion annually, and the index allows them to make informed purchases.

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Veterans' Group Are Mad: VA Secretary Defends Bonuses to Employees

by Jonah Bennett, Daily Caller News Foundation

By trying to justify millions in bonuses for VA employees involved in scandal, VA Secretary Robert McDonald is defending the indefensible, a veterans' group said Wednesday.

For 2014, employees received a total of \$140 million in performance awards. Almost 50 percent of the 340,000 workers at the VA took home bonuses. The sheer number of employees awarded has raised questions about low-bar performance standards.

Regardless, McDonald was quick to justify the bonuses in an op-ed in *USA Today*. First, the bonuses covered the time period of October 2013 to September 2014, meaning that they are not based on current scandals. Second, bonuses play a large role in retaining talent. Third, the huge majority of the 156,000 workers who did receive bonuses definitely put veterans first.

Not only did McDonald defend past bonuses, but he also rejected attempts to curtail or end the award system.

"Occasionally, we make errors; those deserve more scrutiny," he wrote. "But severely curtailing or ending awards, only in VA, would be a mistake, negatively impacting veterans and our ability to attract top

talent."

Concerned Veterans for America CEO Pete Hegseth argued that McDonald's op-ed indicates just how out of touch he is with problems at the department.

"Despite consistently complaining that the VA is in the midst of a 'resource crisis,' he rushes to the editorial pages of a major newspaper to defend the VA's handing out more than \$140 million in incentives to nearly 50 percent of VA employees, including individuals who knowingly overprescribed medication to veterans, oversaw massive cost and time overruns of VA facilities, and created a culture of fear among subordinates," Hegseth wrote in a statement.

"If Sec. McDonald is truly committed to our veterans and not pleasing entrenched bureaucrats, he should devote his time to reforming the bonus system rather than crafting op-eds that defend the indefensible," Hegseth added.

Kim Graves, a regional benefits director in St. Paul, who recently pleaded the Fifth Amendment at a congressional hearing, received an \$8,700 bonus.

Dr. David Houlihan, infamously known as the Candy Man at the Tomah VA, took home a bonus of \$4,000 10 months before he was fired from his post.

VA executives located in Washington, D.C., brought in awards ranging anywhere from \$3,800 to almost \$9,000. These executives played a role in overseeing the VA medical center in Colorado, which has breached budget limits by about \$1 billion.

Even the editorial board at *USA Today* took strong issue with McDonald's claims.

"The VA has failed to explain why any of these individuals got bonuses. Instead, it has sidestepped the issue, preferring to boast that bonuses for "senior executive service" employees in the VA's Health Administration were eliminated in 2014," the editorial board noted. "Sounds good, until you learn that the action involved doing away with bonuses for just 165 people and that many high-ranking officials are not designated as SES."

(Editor/GG: The fact that these government employees even GET bonuses makes me sick. Do you know what their health and retirement benefits are? And how many get fired for looking at porn all day.)

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'The Fog of Fascism Is Descending Quickly Over Many American Universities'

by Zachary Leshin, CNSNews.com

Retired Harvard University Law Professor Alan Dershowitz strongly criticized the recent protests at the University of Missouri and Yale University, stating that "these students are book burners," and "the fog of fascism is descending quickly over many American universities."

Dershowitz made his comments during an interview on The Kelly File on Thursday. When asked for his reaction about the student unrest at Yale and the University of Missouri, Dershowitz said, "These are the same people who claim they are seeking diversity. The last thing many of these students want is real diversity, diversity of ideas. They may want superficial diversity, diversity of gender, diversity of color, but they don't want diversity of ideas."

"We are seeing a curtain of McCarthyism descend over many college campuses," said Dershowitz. "I don't want to make analogies to the 1930s, but we have to remember it was the college students who first started burning books during the Nazi regime. And these students are book burners. They don't want to hear diverse views on college campuses."

"When I went to speak at Johns Hopkins University there were protests," he said. "It was said that because I won't acknowledge that Israel commits crimes against the Palestinians, I am quote 'harassing students' and violating the ethical standards of Johns Hopkins University."

"By expressing my opinion," he continued, "I am 'harassing students.' This has become a very serious problem not only in American universities, but in universities around the world as well. And it is influencing and having a terrible impact on the education of students."

"It is the worst kind of hypocrisy," said

Dershowitz. "They want complete freedom over their sex lives, over their personal lives, over the use of drugs, but they want mommy and daddy, dean, and president to please give them a safe place, to protect them from ideas that maybe are insensitive. Maybe we'll make them think, but it's a double standard."

"Look at what's happening at Hunter University, City University of New York, students from Students for Justice in Palestine have issued a petition saying Zionist administrators are causing high tuition in the school," said the former Harvard law professor.

"Zionist administrators, you know what they mean by Zionist?" he said. "They mean Jews. Blatant anti-Semitism, nobody says a word."

He continued, "When I spoke at Johns Hopkins University, some of the protesting students, the same students who were talking about 'safe places,' painted a Hitler mustache on my posters. No concern about that, it's an absolute double standard."

"It is free speech for me, but not for thee. And universities should not tolerate this kind of hypocrisy, double standard, and college administrators have to start treating students as adults and talking back to them."

"If you're going to be a college administrator, or a professor, if you have tenure, you have to speak back to the students, you have to call these things what they are: double standards, hypocrisy, bigotry, McCarthyism, and the fog of fascism is descending quickly over many American universities."

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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.



A Call to Duty

The World War II generation marched off to combat with a feeling of obligation to protect their country from senseless aggression. That national impression could be described in a singular word...duty! Mr. Webster originally defined duty as: "that which a person owes to another; that which a person is bound, by any natural, moral or legal obligation, to pay, do or perform. Obedience to the laws is the duty of every citizen and subject; obedience, respect, and kindness to parents are duties of children; fidelity to friends is a duty; reverence, obedience, and prayer to God are indispensable duties."

When the veterans of the "Great War" returned home they brought with them a sense of duty that spilled into every avenue of life including church attendance. For the year 1940, approximately 49% of the population attended church weekly. By 1950, the figure had increased to 55%. In 1960, it stood at an all-time high of 69%. Much of the numerical increase was the result of our parents taking the baby boomers to church with them. It was their duty!

The happy days crowd enjoyed a post war prosperity which lacked the inclinations of their predecessors. A subtle shift in emphasis maneuvered its way into the national psyche...from duty to happiness. Unfortunately, this trend hemorrhaged its way into the church. British historian, Paul Johnson, noted the religious life of Fonzie and Richie with this observation... "At the same time, however, the detachment of American popular religion from its doctrinal basis continued. Ordinary church goers, for instance, showed themselves less and less inclined to read the New Testament. Religion seemed less and less about suffering and repentance, and more and more about happiness."

The pursuit of happiness without the continual acknowledgement of personal responsibility, i.e. duty, becomes an endless demand for individual rights which is essentially a notion that is political and secular. By contrast, it is impossible for any religious philosophy to be rights based. Strictly speaking, no being has rights except God. Humans simply have duties to God and to each other (see the Ten Commandments), and the function of a church is to teach them and endeavor to enforce them.

Historian Johnson accurately arrived at this incredibly correct conclusion... "The historic American religious consensus...was based

upon an unspoken assumption that duties were wide ranging and imperative. Congress and the courts could properly concentrate on enforcing rights because the churches, and the ardent men and women who composed them, could safely be left to ensure that all were aware of their duties, and perform them.

Once the stress on duties ceases to be sufficiently powerful, or ceases to operate at all among large sections of society, then a rights-based public philosophy tends to break down because there are more human rights, real or imaginary, than there is justice available to satisfy them. When the element of duty is subtracted from the drive for rights, the result is merely a conflict of rights."

As the local New Testament churches in any nation constitute the all-important salt of cultural preservation (Matthew 5:13) an appreciable decline in spiritual vibrancy will ensure a commensurate decay in society as a whole. Though a secularist, Johnson provides an exceptional analysis of the modus operandi employed by effective church-state mutualism. A societal chicken has hatched an egg of self-indulgence in the church that has eliminated much of its effectiveness.

The flip side of the equation presents a government that is so obsessed with granting rights for the purpose of providing happiness that it has abdicated from the duty of protecting. Romans 13 indicates that the primary purpose of government is to execute wrath upon evil doers. President Obama would do well to concern himself less with the distribution of happy meals and devote more resources to his duty of guarding the homeland. Christians, on the other hand, should respond to the call of duty at the voting booths. It is estimated that 50 million evangelicals don't vote; evidently, they are too occupied with the elusive phantom of pleasure to calculate the consequences.

King Solomon catered himself with every form of gratification imaginable. He wrote more about happiness than any other author of the Bible, but his judgment was: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

America is in desperate need of Christians returning to their duty stations. AWOL believers have contributed to a lukewarm society that God is prepared to spew out of His mouth. (Revelation 3:16)

A Sheepdog Barks!

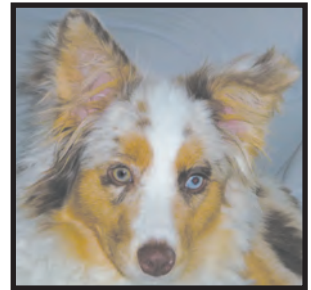
Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Don't miss the Sheepdog's Proclamation which is based on the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth! Barack Hussein Obama is (and always will be) the "Most Successful" President in the history of the United States. Many presidents have achieved some success, and in many cases, those successes helped make America better. But, Barack will always be more successful than any of the rest. He is undeniably the "MOST SUCCESSFUL PRESIDENT" OF ALL TIMES! WOOF!

Many of us that knew his true intentions wanted him to fail. Yet he succeeded. And he has succeeded with flying colors. We were all wrong when we predicted failure for him. We were wrong when we predicted one term. We were wrong when we thought he would be impeached. We were wrong that he couldn't make universal health care a reality. He overcame all these predictions and truly deserves his "MOST SUCCESSFUL PRESIDENT" title. Some of you are probably confused about now. How can he be the most successful president in our history? How is that possible? Has the sheepdog lost his mind? No, not at all. It's just accepting the facts of his presidency. Okay, the sheepdog is gonna break this down for you. Success depends on one's intent, plan, and strategy. See, most Americans wrongly believed that Obama had America's improvement in mind when he spoke of "hope and change." Most Americans believe that a president, any president, wants to make America a better place, at least in the context of their conservative or liberal views. Barack never had that in mind. His intentions, plans, and strategies were designed from the beginning to destroy America as most of us know it and remember it. The crowds loved it when he said he was only a few days away from "fundamentally transforming" America. They smiled, cheered, clapped, and even cried. They were in love. What they didn't know is what he really meant. He chose his words very carefully. He meant to destroy America as we knew it. His book "Dreams FROM my Father", not "OF" his father, spoke

volumes, but most Americans weren't paying attention. They assumed he meant good things. He didn't. His father was an Anti-Colonialist and Barack had adopted those beliefs. America was an evil country, oppressing people around the world, and Barack was going to do something about that. The clueless, liberal, progressive sheep in America loved his campaign. They were completely fooled. Every action, starting with his apology tour, has been designed to hurt this country. I forgave them the first time they elected him. McCain was terrible. He ran a horrible campaign. His decision to not exploit Obama's weaknesses, like Pastor Jeremiah Wright and his past socialistic behavior, cost Big John the election. So, I thought, well McCain was SO BAD and Obama was such a fast, sweet, deceptive, double-talker that my liberal progressive friends just made a horrible mistake. I was absolutely and positively sure they would not be fooled and elect him a second time. I was wrong. Yes, Romney ran an even worse campaign, but I thought the collective intelligence in America would prevail and there was no way Obama would see a second term. I no longer forgave my liberal progressive friends because they were now complicit. I did not believe enough Americans would elect him again. I was wrong and Barack was successful again. The liberal, progressives had become the LPSDs. They were now equally responsible for the destruction of America. WOOF!

So, in Barack's seven years he has "fundamentally" torn down America's real values one piece at a time. The stupid Democrats have rallied around him and helped him every step of the way. They are totally responsible for the present state of America's destruction. So there you have it. Since Barack Hussein Obama wanted to harm America, emasculate it and divide Americans through social and racial injustices he has accomplished his mission with flying colors. He has been immensely successful. The "MOST SUCCESSFUL AMERICAN PRESIDENT" ever, given his agenda! WOOF!

At the same time BHO is a complete Mad Man, I could



fill this entire 24-page newspaper with examples. You know most of them. Not Mad like insane; Mad like the "Mad" Scientist. He has successfully broken America down and rebuilt it into the image he wants, while he tells us things like "this is not who we are." Every time he says that I scream, "Yes it is, it is exactly who we are; it's not who you are." Only when he is gone can America begin to heal, even a little.

This delusional Mad Man was on center stage for the whole world to see after the G20 Summit in Antalya, Turkey. During the press conference on November 16, he made a complete fool of himself and embarrassed America. One only had to watch the look on the faces of the international, and American, journalists to see that. They were astounded at his naïve, clueless, and sophomoric answers as he stumbled and bumbled to filibuster their questions. His tone and body language revealed his real attitude. He was annoyed and irritable. How could anyone question his strategy? How could any critic be worthy of debate? The "Emperor has no clothes" and the whole world is finally realizing it! In the last seven years this "Mad Man" has propped up his failing economy with quantitative easement (printing worthless dollars), created the smallest labor force ever, raised poverty, lowered the median family income, doubled our national debt by the end of his term, foisted a failing and unaffordable universal health care program on us, pitted Americans against each other and given the entire world over to the terrorists with no intentions to keep America safe. I am totally embarrassed for the United States of America that Barack Hussein Obama is the president and the "MOST SUCCESSFUL PRESIDENT" we have ever had. I pray we will survive the next two decades from the harm he has done to us. WOOF!



Obama Quietly Releases Plans For 2,224 Regulations Ahead of Turkey Day

by Michael Bastach, Daily Caller News Foundation

While millions of Americans prepare to stuff themselves with turkey and pie, the Obama administration quietly released its plans for 2,224 federal rules Friday — a preview of just how many more regulations the president is attempting to issue before he leaves office.

President Barack Obama’s Unified Agenda for Fall 2015 is his administration’s regulatory road map and lays out thousands of regulations being finalized in the coming months. Obama has developed a habit of releasing the agenda late on Friday before a major holiday.

Indeed, Obama’s Spring 2015 agenda detailing the status of more than 2,300 regulations was released the eve of Memorial Day weekend. Obama’s Fall 2014 agenda featuring more than 3,400 regulations was also released the Friday before Thanksgiving.

While Obama’s latest release features fewer regulations than the last two, it shows the administration is determined to churn out as many rules as it can before the end of 2016. This includes major energy and environmental regulations coming down the pipe, like new rules for coal mines and rules banning common pesticides.

Obama has already put out several major environmental regulations this year, including limits on carbon dioxide emissions from coal-fired power plants, more federal control over U.S. waterways, new hydraulic fracturing regulations, and stricter smog rules.

In the last week alone, the Obama administration imposed \$1.8 billion in regulatory costs, according to a new report by the right-leaning American Action Forum (AAF). This brings the total cost of regulation in 2015 to a whopping \$183 billion — about half from final rules and the other from proposed rules.

The Environmental Protection Agency’s new smog limits turned out to be some of the costliest ever proposed by a federal agency.

The EPA says tighter smog, or ground-level ozone, limits would only cost \$1.4 billion and yield much more in health benefits from less pollution. But AAF found that the EPA’s smog rule could end up costing 40 times more than the agency predicted based on the experience of counties not in compliance with older agency smog rules.

“Observed non-attainment counties experienced losses of \$56.5 billion in total wage earnings, \$690 in pay per worker, and 242,000 jobs between 2008 and 2013,” according to AAF policy experts.

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For Those Who Believe Democrats Care About Student Loans...

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.Org

Just remember this -- Obama, that is the Democrats, oppose those who are attempting to discharge their student loans in bankruptcy.

The court asked the Education Department to weigh in on the matter, and in a document submitted to the court Tuesday, government lawyers urged the federal judges not to cede any ground to borrowers who say they are in dire financial straits. Doing so would imperil “the fiscal stability of the loan program” that has existed for half a century. The Department of Education did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Murphy doesn’t deserve a break just because he is a 65-year-old, Department lawyers wrote. Repaying his debt loan may require “that he remain employed at or past normal retirement age,” they said, even though “his income may top out or decrease” and “further employment opportunities may be limited.”

“That is part of the bargain that parents strike when they take out loans later in their work life,” the lawyers added. Murphy took out several loans to send his three children to college, but lost his job at a manufacturing company in 2002, and has not been able to find work since.

Several lessons should be learned from this:

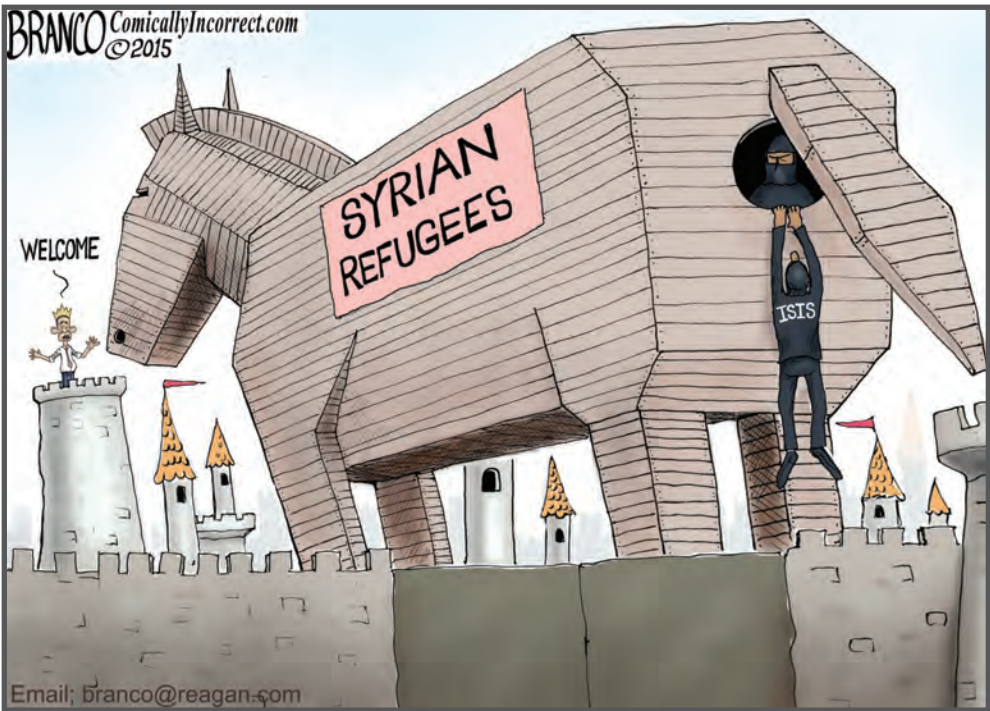
• **The Democrats are not a young person’s friend when it comes to the cost of college.** In fact, they will *explicitly attack* your parents if they help you and then wind up unemployed *due to no fault of their own*.

• **The Democrats do not believe in bankruptcy.** Neither do the Republicans, incidentally, but that doesn’t mean you can seek refuge in the ideas of socialism. It’s not socialism (that is, “take from rich and give to poor”) it’s servitude -- in other words, *lead you right into the (financial) shower-cum-gas-chamber*.

• **Do not believe for a second any of these people, including Hillary and Sanders, who promise you otherwise.** Obama promised you otherwise too and then he directed his Educational Department lawyers to file this document attacking said borrower -- **a senior citizen who tried to help his kids**.

And by the way, if you’re a parent? **Don’t do it; this is what awaits you if you attempt to help and then something bad happens to you -- like you lose your job because the government gives tax and other incentives to your employer to send that job over to China.**

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All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope.

Winston Churchill

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curb, preventing the good natured crowd from spilling back onto Clayallee. The President's remarks were brief. He lauded efforts of Americans who labored tirelessly behind the Iron Curtain on behalf of freedom and thanked them for their dedicated service in that unique, critical, sometimes dangerous outpost. Following the Presidential party's departure and the crowd's dispersal, we trucked back to Andrews Barracks.

That day, chronicled in Cold War history, began grimly with our determined preparations for violent confrontation. We encountered only a joyous mob of beleaguered, adoring Volk whose continued liberty and very existence had just been assured by the Free World's leader and who, in turn, was "treating him like a rock star." That evening, walking down a busy West Berlin avenue, I noticed a colorful sidewalk chalk drawing of the President exclaiming, "Ich

bin ein Berliner." A young German woman with me interpreted that many Berlin residents had learned to love President Kennedy that day, and truly appreciated his comment "that he is one of us!"

When "Air Force One" lifted off from Tegel that evening, enroute to Ireland, President Kennedy was so inspired by Berlin's enthusiastic crowds that he remarked, "We will never see another day as this one so long as we live." Five months later, he lay dead. Twenty-six years later, the Berlin Wall fell and today Berlin is the capitol city of a free, dynamic, prosperous, reunited German nation. The hateful ideology confronting civilization today is different from that of Kennedy's time. However, as President George W. Bush more recently observed, "Freedom is the desire of every human heart." Whether in Berlin or Baghdad or Boston or Bombay, all mankind aspires to those values and ideals articulated by John Kennedy in Berlin. In recognition of that reality and perhaps in contradiction of his assessment that a "day as this

one" wouldn't reoccur; annually on June 26, citizens of Berlin gather at John F. Kennedy Platz to hear an audio recording made at that very location in 1963 of an American President proclaiming "Ich bin ein Berliner."

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: A popular American canard suggests that President Kennedy's statement, "Ich bin ein Berliner" translates to, "I am a jelly doughnut." That may apply in parts of Germany outside Berlin, as there is a German pastry referred to as, "ein Berliner." Long time Berlin residents assure me, however, that in the formerly Divided City, a proper English translation of Kennedy's comment is, "I am a (free) Citizen

of Berlin."]

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