

A New Life at New Creations Inn in Cañon City

by Candy Thompson

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

2 Corinthians 5:17

The scripture above that is inside the New Creations Inn brochure aptly describes Perry Suba who has been in the transitional housing program for the last three months. Wanting to make a change in his life from the drugs, alcohol, and relationship that had him in a downward spiral, Perry left it behind even if it meant being homeless and found help to overcome his addictions and through Christ as that “new creation” spoken of above.

Through a series of events that he now sees as God-directed, he is now on a path

that gives him direction and peace and hope. Clients at New Creations Inn are required to attend church and Perry grew up in church but hadn’t been in a church for 30 years and didn’t have a personal relationship with Christ.

The first time he attended a service on a Sunday morning, he says he cried the entire time and still cries every time he goes. Perry has only praise for the Christians he has met at his church and at New Creations Inn. He’s been studying the Bible in classes and says that for the first time he’s actually learning the scriptures and understanding them.

“I wish I had found this a little earlier in life,” he said but understands that it is never too late to start. “The family that I have got to know here, we all

have had struggles in the past...I love everybody here. This place is a blessing, no doubt about it.” He only had praise for the staff at New Creations Inn. It is obvious that he has a personal relationship with God and believes that God has directed his steps to bring him to this place.

Director, Alan Donald, explained that New Creations Inn was the brainchild of several organizations coming together to meet a need of the growing number of homeless in the community nine years ago in March of 2007. They wanted a place where they could get more than just cheap housing, where they could get supportive services and a Christian influence. It operates as a program of Loaves & Fishes Ministries of Fremont County.

The facility, formerly a mo-



Director Alan Donald

Courtesy photo by Candy Thompson

tel, has twelve units and is a one to two year program. Director Donald says it is about pursuing holistic health, setting goals, and admitting past failures. “We are a Christ-centered organization but do not require that a person be a Christian to come here,” he explained. The rooms are

too small for large families, so the clients are mostly individual men and women. The cost for the program is mostly covered by the clients who are required to pay \$400 a month for

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Announcement of Sale of Westcliffe Supermarket to Lowe’s Market

Press Release:

Lynn and Jeanne LaGree, owners of the Westcliffe Super Market Grocery Store, recently announced the sale of their grocery store to Lowe’s Market. The actual transition will take place near the end of January.

The LaGree’s expressed gratitude to both employees and customers for their many years of support and patronage. “The Lowe’s are a wonderful family and we have seen the way that they operate their stores and they will be a great fit for our community, customers, and employees,” said the LaGree’s concerning the upcoming sale.

The LaGree’s went on to say that they and the Lowe’s family have had a long-standing relationship for many years and that both families are committed to making the transition

smooth for both the employees and the customers.

Roger Lowe, Jr., Vice-President /Chief Executive Officer for Lowe’s stated, “We appreciate Lynn and Jeanne for the many years of service to this community and we are honored that we have this opportunity to include this store into our family of grocery stores.”

The Lowe’s currently operate 152 grocery stores throughout Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, and one each in Arizona and Kansas. Lowe’s Market was founded in 1964 and has a rich family heritage of traditional Christian values and they look forward to serving the Westcliffe community.



Lynn and Jeanne LaGree, owners of Westcliffe Super Market.

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And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Romans 5:5, NIV

Wishing everyone a Blessed New Year, a time of renewed strength and powerful beginnings...

from the Sentinel Staff

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:30-31, NIV





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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

2016: A CAMPAIGN FOR LIFE

2016 is a leap year. 2016 is also a general election year in which we will elect a president to serve until January 2021. That will be a very important event for the future of America and its citizens. However, there are other seriously important issues that will shape our future. None more important than protecting the life of unborn American citizens. Anti-abortion efforts have seen some great advances over the last few years. However, there is a deeper-than-ever split between Republicans and Democrats over abortion and we can expect the nominees to campaign on this volatile issue more aggressively than in past elections. This heightened awareness has been caused by the discovery that Planned Parenthood (PP), the largest providers of abortion in America, is performing illegal abortions in order to harvest and sell the parts of the unborn babies. Even though the Congress funded PP for 2016 they are continuing to conduct investigations. The awareness level is also heightened by the Supreme Court's decision to review the tough anti-abortion laws that Texas passed in the last few years. Hillary Clinton, the likely candidate for the Democrats,

has voiced strong support for PP. Most of the likely GOP candidates are opposed to Roe vs. Wade which legalized abortion in 1973. What does all this mean and what can you do about it? It means that the lobbying efforts on both sides of the issue will be intense. One organization that works tirelessly to defeat abortion is the National Right to Life (NRL). It has been defending life in America since 1968. Their efforts have helped reduce annual abortions from 1.6 million a year to around 1 million which is still too many. They have helped pass state laws banning late term abortion and various disgusting methods of abortion, NRL's political committees have helped elect many state and federal lawmakers that have influenced those good laws. Since Roe vs. Wade over 60 million babies have been aborted in the United States of America. That amounts to approximately one-fifth, or 20%, of our entire population. PP and NRL will both work hard to raise the money needed to support candidates at every level which support their views. We believe the right choice is to support the NRL. You can support NRL's legislative efforts or you can support their education efforts. Both efforts

are worthwhile and help America do the right thing. Twelve states have banned late term abortion when the unborn baby can feel pain, known as the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. NRL is now helping states ban dismemberment abortion, the very method used by PP to procure and sell most of its baby body parts. Kansas and Oklahoma have already passed it. We hope you will join this campaign to fight for America's unborn. 2016 will be one of the most crucial years ever for the protection of babies. A donation to either their legislative or education work will help make it possible to succeed. You can make a contribution by going to their web site nrlc@nrlc.org or by mailing a check to NRL, 512 10th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20004, today. We encourage you to choose life and that means choosing very carefully which party you will vote for this November. The occupant of the White House will have a great deal of influence over the "Right to Life" laws and procedures that Americans have to live with. Please help save and protect the unborn. They have no voice of their own. Speak for them in 2016 with a donation.

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by Todd Weeks

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Silver Cliff Town Board Abdicates Their Sworn Duty

The recent vote by the Silver "Pot" Cliff Town Board to put the issue of making marijuana legal in the Town remains one of the top decisions of utter abdication in 2015. The Town Board loaded the so-called study committee with pro marijuana individuals then held what proved to be sham hearings. Anyone with an ounce of brains knew almost immediately the Board had no intention of doing anything other than putting the marijuana question on the ballot. Mr. Lowe spent most of his time at these meetings acting as the advocate for marijuana while Mr. Smith spent his time denying conclusive studies of marijuana use causing not only addiction but further propensity toward hard drugs. The marijuana of today is not the "ditch weed" of the sixties generation. The THC levels today are ten to fifteen times greater than the weed of the past. This stuff carries the same potential for hallucinations as LSD, peyote, and any of the other drugs listed as illegal hallucinogens by Food and Drug Administration. Marijuana is illegal at the Federal level. At any time,

the Federal Government can enforce their statute. Federal law always trumps state law. There is no "free lunch" here. This could all go away in the blink of an eye.

Instead, the Silver "Pot" Cliff Town Board chose to adopt the "marijuana is legal in Colorado and we should cash in on the possible positive revenue that may come our way from the taxes we can collect as a town." After all, Mr. Lowe opined, "I want my street paved." The Board never once openly gave the moral, ethical and spiritual ramifications of this decision so much as one moment of consideration. Just because marijuana is legal does not make it ethical or morally responsible. The Board seemed blinded from the beginning with dreams of massive tax revenues from marijuana sales. Their eyes aglow like children anticipating Christmas. Yet, the financial data presented did not indicate, even using the "best guess" anticipated revenue streams of marijuana sales achieving those goals. One individual called the entire financial study, "fuzzy" at best.

The rest of the population outside of Silver "Pot" Cliff was treated by the Board as though we did not exist. The Silver "Pot" Cliff Town Board acted as though they were suddenly, when it came to marijuana anyway, not in the land mass of Custer County. They knew and were profoundly reminded at the open meetings regarding the marijuana issue the fact that the majority of people in the County reject marijuana. Yet, the Silver "Pot" Cliff Board eagerly accepted grant money for lighting from Dark Skies and they participate in the Custer County Community Foundation Grant program. But, the County community has no say in the Silver "Pot" Cliff marijuana issue. Mr. Lowe at one of the open meetings stated quite emphatically, "anyone not a resident of Silver Cliff was being treated as a guest at the meeting." His not so veiled implication being, "we could care less what anyone outside our town thinks." Mayor Weber on several occasions openly indicated he did not care what the rest of the County thought about the marijuana issue. Such peevish,

childish, and pernicious attitudes only emphasizes the lack of clear thinking and utter disregard for the people outside of Silver "Pot" Cliff regarding this marijuana issue. If I could, I would build a fence around the little town with signs hanging on the fence saying, "Stay out - Hazardous area- Pot Head Central- Not Part of Custer County."

The Board never once in their discussions regarding the need to generate more revenue for Silver "Pot" Cliff considered any other possible sources. It was marijuana or nothing. It was as though they thought, "marijuana is easy and anything else is just too difficult to consider." Possibly true. It takes some real creativity, deep thinking, and planning to do anything else. A process which appears way beyond the mental scope of the current Board. They also never considered the loss of economic activity in the town if businesses pulled up stakes or the Westcliffe and County residents stopped patronizing those businesses. Poof, goes the tax revenue. Their thinking seemed

so mono-focused as though there is nothing bad about marijuana and only good things can come from legal marijuana in Silver "Pot" Cliff. There was never one serious comment from anyone on the Board about possible negative ramifications of legal marijuana sales in Silver "Pot" Cliff.

Now the decision is passed on to the residents of Silver "Pot" Cliff. By the way, the majority of the members of the Board who favored this idiotic decision will ride off into the sunset after the April elections. Like Pontius Pilate, they can wash their hands of this decision while they wait for streets paved in gold and a town awash in the possible stink of marijuana. If I were a voting citizen of Silver "Pot" Cliff I would be outraged at your Board's lack of intestinal fortitude. If I were a voting citizen of Silver "Pot" Cliff I would be much more conscious and much more serious about the overall and long term ramifications of legal marijuana in your town. The estimated law enforcement costs already overshadow any anticipated gains in revenue for the communi-

ty. The increase in social problems alone should make every citizen in the community vote "No" on this issue. The decrease to zero in land values near and around any pot operation are proven and absolute. If you are so blind as to think there are only good outcomes from legal marijuana in Silver "Pot" Cliff then you are as misguided as the Town Board who approved the ballot measure in the first place.

As rational voters in Silver "Pot" Cliff I urge you to get much more information on the outcomes of legal marijuana in your community. I think you will find, there are no streets paved in gold and there is no pot of gold at the end of making marijuana legal. The Silver "Pot" Cliff Town Board abdicated their responsibility so I plead with the citizens of the Town do not abdicate your responsibility. The negative ramifications of making marijuana legal in your Town far outnumber any positive generation of tax revenue.

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A New Year Brings a New Beginning

by Charlotte Burrous

As the old year turns into a new one, it's an opportunity to start anew with the slate wiped clean.

But somehow, we always seem to carry the old baggage into the New Year. We swear we're going to start over, but before we know it, the sorrow and fear comes back and it's just like last year.

But I think of the Israelites when the northern kingdom fell to the Assyrians in 722 B.C. then when Nebuchadnezzar hauled the Jews into captivity in Babylon after he destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple in 587 B.C., it took 50 years before they were allowed to return to their land. At the time, almost 50,000 Jews gave up their lives in Babylon to make the dangerous trip across the desert. When they arrived, it was devastated with war and had suffered after 50 years of neglect. In the seventh month, the Jews arrived in Jerusalem, where they found the walls had been torn down

along with the buildings and the temple.

In the meantime, God made a promise in Jeremiah 33:10-11, which says, "You say about this place, 'It is a desolate waste, without people or animals.' Yet in the towns of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem that are deserted, inhabited by neither people nor animals, there will be heard once more the sounds of joy and gladness, the voices of bride and bridegroom, and the voices of those who bring thank offerings to the house of the Lord."

He urged them to "give thanks to the Lord almighty, for the Lord is good; his love endures forever. For I will restore the fortunes of the land as they were before," says the Lord."

Even if we have messed up, God is still a God of new beginnings. When King David disobeyed the Lord, he was given a second chance when the prophet Nathan said in II Samuel 12:13, "The Lord has taken away your sin."

He also gave a second chance to Jonah, who ran away from God when he didn't want to go to Ninevah to preach the gospel. Instead he was swallowed up by a great fish. After three days, Jonah repented and returned and did as God told him. In the same way, Peter was given a second chance after he denied Jesus three times. He went on to become a great apostle, preaching the gospel around the region.

The New Year is a good chance for a new beginning and a chance to start over. Sometimes we aren't sure where to start. When some things are out of control, we have no choice when we lose a loved one, not only to death, but also in other ways. With bitter tears, we cannot change anything. I keep thinking of the verse in Jeremiah 29:11 that says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." That's what I will cling to this year as I start anew, hoping for a new beginning.

Thank you... for Supporting The Sharing Center

The turkey dinners for Thanksgiving and Christmas have all been devoured. The Sharing Center provided 177 households with food and gift shopping during our Christmas distribution. The children have shopped and gleefully distributed gifts to their parents. Santa appeared in many local homes and spread the joy of the season to the children.

Like most people, as 2015 draws to a close, I have thought back and reflected on the year. One year ago the Sharing Center began its journey to a larger location to better serve the needs of our community. The Center now operates in a much larger rented space, allowing us to better meet the needs of our friends and neighbors. The awkward toddler learning to walk is now at a run in a much larger playpen. This move was just in time. The pantry is now averaging 140 households per weekend.

So many of our fine community have come alongside to assist us in so many different ways, the home-school groups, 4H groups, Leadership class, the American Legion, Rotary Club, Lynn & Jeannie Legree and staff at the Market, Tony's Pizza, Elevation Meat Market, Community Action Team, the Old Westcliffe Schoolhouse, the WMV Pet Project, churches, and volunteers deserve a huge pat on the back for a job well done.

Every good, useable donation, every holiday food bag purchased, and every dollar contributed demonstrates the compassionate heart of this Valley. From a pizza pan to a coat, from a good book to a pair of boots to have warm dry feet, a bag of food to make it through the week - the clients

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A rational man never distorts or corrupts his own standards and judgment in order to appeal to the irrationality, stupidity, or dishonesty of others.

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Friends of the NRA Custer County Chapter Seeks Supporters

Dwaine Robey is a Sangre Shooting Sports Club member, and an advocate for several patriotic activities such as the Outdoor Buddies program, as well as fostering membership and involvement with the National Rifle Association. He is in the process of forming a "Friends of the NRA" chapter in Custer County, and is seeking assistance from like-minded individuals.

Established in 1990, The NRA Foundation raises tax-deductible contributions in support of a wide range of firearm-related public interest activities of the National Rifle Association of America and other organizations that defend and foster the Second Amendment rights of all law-abiding Americans. These activities are

designed to promote firearms and hunting safety, to enhance marksmanship skills of those participating in the shooting sports, and to educate the general public about firearms in their historic, technological, and artistic context. Funds granted by The NRA Foundation benefit a variety of constituencies throughout the United States including children, youth, women, individuals with physical disabilities, gun collectors, law enforcement, officers, hunters, and competitive shooters.

For those of you unfamiliar with the Friends of the NRA, it is a grassroots fundraising program which fosters community involvement, raises money, and gives 100 percent of the net proceeds to qualified local, state, and national

programs. Its primary fund raising mechanism are the Friends of the NRA banquets that are held throughout the country. Banquet attendees have a lot of fun with live and silent auctions, plus drawings for contributed firearms and shooting sports/hunting related items and activities. Also, the typical banquet will have a well-known guest speaker.

Dwaine is working towards the initial Custer County banquet on August 27, 2016. He is seeking assistance to pull together and host the banquet at A Painted View Ranch. Please consider volunteering some of your time to this very worthy endeavor. Please email Dwaine at: drobey@centurytel.net

*Sincerely,
SSSC Board of Directors*

2016 County Commissioner Race Set

by Paul Sage

With the election still eleven months away, the contest for the District 2 and 3 seats on the Board of County Commissioners is shaping up. All announced candidates are running as Republicans. No Democratic Party candidate is in the race.

According to the Colorado Secretary of State's office, Sandra K. Attebery and Dale Edwin Falske have announced their intention to seek the District 2 Commissioner seat. Brian Patrick Cline, Donna Lynn

Hood, and Christopher (Kit) Shy have announced their intention to seek the District 3 seat on the board.

In the District 2 race, neither candidate has reported any campaign contributions or expenditures at this time, according to the Secretary of State's office.

In the District 3 race, Brian Cline reports no contributions or expenditures. Donna Hood reports contributions of \$2,510 and expenditures of \$7,416.72, putting her campaign at a \$5,416.72 deficit at this early stage. Kit Shy re-

ports having \$1,320.16 on hand with no contributions or expenditures.

With District 3 candidate Hood having spent \$7,926.72 it makes hers already the second most expensive campaign in Custer County History, following Commissioner Robert Kattnig's expenditure of \$8,568.12 in the 2014 District 1 race where he outspent his opponents by nearly four to one. Candidate Hood is outspending all other candidates in both races by a ratio of nearly 8,000 to nothing at this point.

Newly Formed Writers Group to Meet at the Library

Those whose New Year's resolutions included writing a book, finishing a book that was already started, or just plain writing more are encouraged to join the Westcliffe Writers at their upcoming meeting for valuable idea-generating activities, peer review, and camaraderie. Meetings for the group, which was newly formed in December, are held the first and third Mondays of every month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the West Custer County Library's Community Room.

Westcliffe Writers is free and open to writers of all genres, including non-fiction. Meetings are fun and informal with a focus on encouraging writers wherever they are in their process.

For more information on Westcliffe Writers visit www.facebook.com/westcliffe-writers or contact Jessica Carter at jessica@westcusterlibrary.org. For more information on available writing spaces and amenities at the library, please call the library at 783-9138.

Free Computer Help for Adults

Bring your laptop, smart phone, tablet or other computer-like device to the library on Thursday, January 7th, for one-on-one help or instruction. Local teens will be on hand in the library's Community Room to help answer questions and demonstrate how to navigate the world of technology. This free computer help will be available from 4:15 p.m. until 6 p.m.

The "Free Computer Help for Adults" program continues 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, please call the library at 783-9138.



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Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Psalm 98:1, NIV

Local Mountain News & Notices

What are the Twelve Days of Christmas?

We are presently in the 12 days of Christmas. It begins on Christmas and lasts until January 6th, the Epiphany. It is said that the Christmas carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas" has a secret meaning. Supposedly from 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics.

It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

So before sharing this information I did some checking. Snopes, of course, being the scrooge that they are, debunked it totally. But upon further checking I found a Catholic site that purports it as true. They even quote the meanings from Ann Ball in her book, "HANDBOOK OF CATHOLIC SACRAMENTALS". Whether it is true or not I liked the

thought of a second meaning because I could never understand what a Partridge in a pear tree had to do with Christmas anyhow. So since we are presently in the 12 days of Christmas, I am passing it along and you can enjoy it or trash it, it is totally up to you.

Here are the meanings:

On the 1st day of Christmas my true love gave to me... A Partridge in a Pear Tree

The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, whose birthday we celebrate on December 25th, the first day of Christmas. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge that feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings, recalling the expression of Christ's sadness over the fate of Jerusalem: "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered you under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but you would not have it so" (Luke 13:34)

On the 2nd day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Two Turtle Doves

The Old and New Testaments, which together bear witness to God's self-revelation in history and the creation of a people to tell the Story of God to the world.

On the 3rd day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Three French Hens

The Three Theological Virtues: 1) Faith, 2) Hope, and 3) Love (1 Corinthians 13:13)

On the 4th day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Four Calling Birds

The Four Gospels: 1) Matthew, 2) Mark, 3) Luke, and 4) John, which proclaim the Good News of God's reconciliation of the world to Himself in Jesus Christ.

On the 5th day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Five Gold Rings

The first Five Books of the Old Testament, known as the Torah or the Pentateuch: 1) Genesis, 2) Exodus, 3) Leviticus, 4) Numbers, and 5) Deuteronomy, which gives the history of humanity's sinful failure and God's response of grace in the creation of a

people to be a light to the world.

On the 6th day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Six Geese A-laying

The six days of creation that confesses God as Creator and Sustainer of the world (Genesis 1).

On the 7th day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Seven Swans A-swimming

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: 1) prophecy, 2) ministry, 3) teaching, 4) exhortation, 5) giving, 6) leading, and 7) compassion (Romans 12:6-8; cf. 1 Corinthians 12:8-11)

On the 8th day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Eight Maids A-milking

The eight Beatitudes: 1) Blessed are the poor in spirit, 2) those who mourn, 3) the meek, 4) those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, 5) the merciful, 6) the pure in heart, 7) the peacemakers, 8) those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. (Matthew 5:3-10)

On the 9th day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Nine Ladies Dancing

The nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit: 1) love, 2) joy, 3) peace, 4) patience, 5) kindness, 6) generosity, 7) faithfulness, 8) gentleness, and 9) self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)

On the 10th day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Ten Lords A-leaping

The ten commandments: 1) You shall have no other gods before me; 2) Do not make an idol; 3) Do not take God's name in vain; 4) Remember the Sabbath Day; 5) Honor your father and mother; 6) Do not murder; 7) Do not commit adultery; 8) Do not steal; 9) Do not bear false witness; 10) Do not covet. (Exodus 20:1-17)

On the 11th day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Eleven Pipers Piping

The eleven Faithful Apostles: 1) Simon Peter, 2) Andrew, 3) James, 4) John, 5) Philip, 6) Bartholomew, 7) Matthew, 8) Thomas, 9) James bar Alphaeus, 10) Simon the Zealot, 11) Judas bar James. (Luke 6:14-16).

The list does not include the twelfth disciple, Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus to the religious leaders and the Romans.

On the 12th day of Christmas my true love gave to me... Twelve Drummers Drumming

The twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed: 1) I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 2) I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. 3) He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. 4) He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell [the grave]. 5) On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of power. 6) He will come again to judge the living and the dead. 7) I believe in the Holy Spirit, 8) the Church, 9) the communion of saints, 10) the forgiveness of sins, 11) the resurrection of the body, 12) and life everlasting.

Sources: catholic-newsagency.com, articleseen.com

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Middle School Girls' Basketball B Team Remain Undefeated!

by Kristen Foster

The Middle School Girls' B Team started out slow against the Cripple Creek Pioneers, but ended the game strong, with a final score of 12-8 Bobcats. Anna Berry and Kaydin Moore each had 4 points, while Kate Von Steinman and Hannah Kennedy each added two. Morgan Foster stepped up and helped out at the point guard position, contributing 2 assists and 4 rebounds. Alexa Elliott had two rebounds and two steals, while Sheyenne Shy played strong defense. Kaydin Moore led the Lady Bobcats with 5 steals, while Brooke Flynn, Syd Cooper,



Lady Bobcats setting up on defense against the Cripple Creek Pioneers at home this past Friday.

Courtesy photo

and Savannah Langford had two apiece.

Come out and support our Lady Bobcats this Friday, January 15th, at home against the Cotopaxi Pirates tipping off at 10 a.m. in the East Gym.

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their room which includes an evening meal 5 days a week. \$50 of that is put aside in a savings for them. Donations from the community also help meet expenses.

Presently there is a 3 month waiting list. Clients must follow the guidelines of the ministry and be willing to attend church regularly. They make referrals to outside organizations such as Sol Vista Health for mental health issues and substance abuse. There are two classes a week on site that are Christian based. It's up to the client to choose their church where it is hoped they will find support and acceptance

A para-church organization, the ministry states their core beliefs on their website www.newcreation-sinn.org : "New Creations Inn believes that all humans are created equally in the image of God and that their true identity is not found in what they have done or how they have been living but in a relationship with Jesus Christ." Guidelines for client behavior and expectations are also there.



New Creation Inn on Hwy 50

Courtesy photo by Candy Thompson

Alan says that their main belief is that "All of us are in recovery from something, we've all got our brokenness from our past and all have been wounded by other people..." He says that he's not there to give anyone all the answers; that we are all coming from a sinful past. God sees us as that new creature once we confess our sins and begin our new life with him.

Perry Suba has started a new life at New Creations Inn and believes that a new life and his freedom from alcohol would not have been possible through drug rehab alone, but with Christ it is possible and he

has hope for the future. He realizes that this is a life-long commitment and that having a strong Biblical support group in a church is very important. He is excited about Jesus and sees the hand of God in his life.

Alan and his assistant Christie Griffith have an office at New Creations Inn which is located at 2990 E. Main Street in Cañon. Christie lives on location with her children. Anyone interested in volunteering or donating to the ministry can stop by the office and talk to Alan or Christie. Those seeking help can find information at the website www.newcreation-sinn.org.



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Bobcats Sport Schedule

VARSITY BASKETBALL	WRESTLING
Thursday, January 7: Cripple Creek HOME - 3:00/3:00/4:00/5:30	Friday, January 8: Custer Tri Rye/Limon HOME - 6 p.m.
Friday, January 8: Creede (GJV/GV/BV) AWAY- 3:00/4:00/5:30	Saturday, January 9: Custer Tournament HOME - 9 a.m.

Bobcat Menu • Jan. 4 - Jan. 7, 2016			
Monday Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk lunch Spag. w/ Meat Sauce W.G. Roll Veg. & Fruit Milk	Tuesday Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk lunch Hamburger Veg. Fruit Milk	Wednesday Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk lunch Nachos Rice Veg. & Fruit Milk	Thursday Breakfast Sausage Gravy W.G. Biscuit Fruit, Milk lunch Chicken & Noodles Veg. Fruit Milk
Elementary: Main Dish, Bread, Milk, Veg. & Fruit Middle & High: Main Dish, (or Pre-made Chef Salad) Bread, Milk, Veg. & Fruit			

KIDS Friday, January 1, 2016 December 31, 1999: Panama Canal Turned Over to Panama

The Panama Canal is a man-made ship canal in Panama. It is 48 miles wide and connects the Atlantic Ocean with the Pacific Ocean (via the Caribbean Sea).

Work on the Canal was started in 1881 by France. Because of engineering problems and high mortality rate due to disease, work had to be stopped.

The United States took over the project in 1904, and took a decade to complete the canal, which was officially opened on August 15, 1914.

The Panama Canal greatly reduced the time it took ships to travel between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. This enabled the ships to avoid the lengthy, hazardous Cape Horn route around the southernmost tip of South America.

After World War II, U.S. control of the canal and the Canal Zone surrounding it became contentious. Relations between Panama and the United States became increasingly tense. Many Panamanians felt that the Canal Zone rightfully belonged to Panama. In 1956 the Suez crisis caused increased demands for the United States to hand over the canal to Panama.

In 1977 a treaty was signed by then President Jimmy Carter and Omar Torrijos, de facto leader of Panama, granting the Panamanians free control of the canal so long as Panama signed a treaty guaranteeing the permanent neutrality of the canal. The treaty led to full Panamanian control effective at noon on December 31, 1999, and the Panama Canal Authority assumed command of the waterway. The Panama Canal remains one of the chief revenue sources for Panama.

Opponents to the 1977 Torrijos-Carter Treaty feared that efficiency and maintenance would suffer following the U.S. withdrawal from the Panama Canal Zone. However, this has not been the case. Capitalizing on practices developed during the American administration, canal operations are improving under Panamanian control. The canal is currently handling more vessel traffic than ever had been envisioned by its builders. In 1934 it was estimated that the maximum capacity of the canal would be around 80 million tons per year. Canal traffic in 2009 reached 299.1 million tons of shipping.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: Wikipedia

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***"For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the LORD,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.***

Jeremiah 29:11, NIV



Amendment 69: What You Need to Know About the “ColoradoCare” Single-Payer Health Care Measure

by Linda Gorman,
Independence Institute,
Denver, Colorado

In November 2016, voters will decide on Amendment 69, a state constitutional amendment which would create ‘ColoradoCare,’ a single-payer, government run health care system in Colorado. Here’s what ColoradoCare would do:

1. ColoradoCare will increase the state income tax to 14.63 percent, the highest in the country.

There is a 6.67 percent tax on the total payroll of all employers, and a 3.33 payroll tax on employees. All other “non-payroll income from all beneficiaries” will be taxed at 10 percent. The new taxes would be added to the 4.63 tax Colorado already imposes on income.

A “beneficiary” is an “individual whose primary residence is in Colorado.” Citizenship or permanent residence is not required.

ColoradoCare will be exempt from TABOR. Once a

year it may hold an election to increase the income tax by whatever amount it sees fit. The election apparently does not have to be scheduled at any regular time, and the proposal to increase the tax does not have to be written so that a yes vote is a vote to increase the tax. The tax increase will pass if a majority of ColoradoCare “members” vote in favor of it. A “member” differs from a “beneficiary” in that a member must be at least 18 years of age and “whose residence must have been in Colorado for one continuous year.”

No definition of residence is given. According to the Secretary of State website, Colorado voters without fixed permanent homes can give parks, vacant lots, or homeless shelters as their home for registration purposes and then use a post office box as a mailing address.

2. ColoradoCare will control medical prices and medical spending. ColoradoCare will “administer a coordinated payment sys-

tem for health care services and control the per capita cost of health care.” This means that it can set a limit on overall spending and make health care a zero sum game for state residents.

The initiative states that no health care provider may “require a beneficiary to make a copayment or submit to any other cost-sharing arrangement without ColoradoCare’s approval.” It “shall not” require “copayments for designated primary and preventive care services.” It “shall not charge beneficiaries any deductibles.” A “beneficiary” is anyone with a primary residence in Colorado. A health care provider is defined as “a health care professional licensed by the State of Colorado and includes individuals, hospitals, and other health care facilities licensed or certified by the state.” It also includes “an individual or entity that provides services, medical interventions, pharmaceuticals, or equipment used to treat beneficiaries.”

In practice, this provision would apparently make it illegal for anyone providing almost any health care service to accept any payment from a state resident that is not the same as the payment allowed by ColoradoCare.

3. ColoradoCare is not health insurance.

Specifically, the initiative states that “Payment of the premium tax does not constitute the purchase of a health insurance policy by an employer or taxpayer.” There is no contract involved. People in Medicare or Medicaid will be protected by federal laws requiring access to certain kinds of treatment. The rest of the state’s residents will only be able to access the health care services that ColoradoCare chooses to provide, unless they buy additional health insurance.

4. ColoradoCare can assess unlimited income taxes.

It is also exempt from normal government controls. “ColoradoCare is not an agency of the state and is

not subject to administrative direction or control by any state executive, Department, Commission, Board, Bureau, or Agency.”

ColoradoCare will be run by an elected board of 21 trustees. Three trustees will be elected by “Members” from each of seven newly created voting districts in Colorado. A “member” is someone who “is at least eighteen years of age and has had a primary residence in Colorado for at least one year.” The “members” do not have to be U.S. citizens. The proposed amendment is silent on how a year of residency will be determined. The districts must have roughly equal populations of “members.”

A trustee can only be removed by a majority vote of the other trustees. Board members are not subject to recall elections.

5. ColoradoCare will administer all State and Federal health programs except Medicare.

It will collect the federal premiums that flow through

Connect for Health Colorado, control and administer all Medicaid and Children’s Basic Health Plan funding, funding for Worker’s Compensation, and “any other state and federal health care programs.”

It will not have access to Medicare funds unless the federal government certifies it as a Medicare Advantage plan. Absent a future agreement with the federal government, it will not pay for people covered by Medicare Parts A, B, or D, or those who would have been covered by Parts B and D had a “beneficiary” purchased those plans.

It will also not pay for services covered by other health insurance. It retains the right to sue for damages for injuries caused to a beneficiary and put a lien against any recoveries.

6. The Colorado General Assembly will lose control of roughly a third of the state budget.

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

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

On October 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): Pat D. Bailey and Rayna S. Bailey
Original Beneficiary(ies): Colorado Mountain Bank
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: First State Bank of Colorado, DBA Colorado Mountain Bank
Date of Deed of Trust: July 03, 2008

County of Recording: Custer

Recording Date of Deed of Trust: July 18, 2008

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 210717 Book: 611 Page: 153

Original Principal Amount: \$217,997.82

Outstanding Principal Balance: \$206,148.23

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.

LOT 24A, SILVER CLIFF HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION NO 7, COUNTY OF CUSTER STATE OF COLORADO
Also known by street and number as: 101 Blue Spruce Road, Westcliffe, CO 81252.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 02/03/2016, at the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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

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

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DATE: 10/07/2015

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:

Kenneth E Davidson Attorney at Law 305 Main Street,

Suite A, Colorado Springs, CO 80911 (719) 390-7811
Attorney File # 445.15

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

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 2012277

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

JAMES M DITSCH

KATHY A DITSCH

CUERNO VERDE AIRPORT ASSOCIATES INC

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

LOT 12 AND 12A, SILVER WEST ESTATES

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Leonard G Carter & Glenna Carter;

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

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of James M Ditsch & Kathy A Ditsch for said year 2011;

That on the 10th day of August, 2015, said Leonard G Carter assigned said certificate of purchase to John Arsenault.

That said John Arsenault, on the 20th day of November, 2015, the present holder of said certificate, (who) has made a request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said John Arsenault at 10:00 o'clock AM., on the 21st day of April, A.D. 2016, unless the same has been redeemed.

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

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

Suzanne Coleman

Custer County Deputy Treasurer

For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer

1st Publication Date: December 18, 2015

Final Publication Date: January 1, 2016

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Westcliffe, Colorado

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 2011194

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

GRAHAM PAUL PORTER

GRAHAM PORTER

ESTATE OF ABNER H PORTER JR

MOLLIE E PORTER

DANIEL DAVID THOMPSON

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 18th day of November A.D. 2011, the then County Treasurer of the County of Custer, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Integrity Bank & Trust FBO Tony DeLange IRA, the following described real estate situate in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 115 BLOCK 12 SAN ISABEL CITY, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SW1/4 NE1/4 N1/2 SE1/4 SEC 1, T24S R69W, 6TH PM, ACCORDING TO MAP RECORDED AS NO. 62477 MARCH 23, 1923 IN THE

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER
OF CUSTER COUNTY, COLORADO

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Integrity Bank & Trust FBO Tony DeLange IRA;

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2010;

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Graham Paul Porter & Daniel David Thompson for said year 2010;

That said Integrity Bank & Trust FBO Tony DeLange IRA, on the 5th day of November, 2015, the present holder of said certificate, (who) has made a request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said Integrity Bank & Trust FBO Tony DeLange IRA at 10:00 o'clock AM., on the 21st day of April, A.D. 2016, unless the same has been redeemed.

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

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

Suzanne Coleman

Custer County Deputy Treasurer

For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 2012108

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

KENNY R JOHNSON

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

CHICAGO BOY LODGE MINERAL SURVEY #298 and ROBERTA LODGE MINERAL SURVEY #6099, BOTH IN SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 72 WEST OF THE 6TH PM

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to John Arsenault;

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

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Kenny R Johnson for said year 2011;

That said John Arsenault, on the 20th day of November, 2015, the present holder of said certificate, (who) has made a request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said John Arsenault at 10:00 o'clock AM., on the 21st day of April, A.D. 2016, unless the same has been redeemed.

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

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

Suzanne Coleman

Custer County Deputy Treasurer

For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 2012118

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

FRANCES MARSDEN KAY HOYLE
JONOTHAN BARRY KAY HOYLE
CUERNO VERDE OWNERS ASSOCIATION
AMERICAN WEST DEVELOPMENT INC

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

LOT 14 BLOCK 11 CUERNO VERDE PINES FILING NO. 5

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to John Arsenault;

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

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Frances Marsden Kay Hoyle & Jonothan Barry Kay Hoyle for said year 2011;

That said John Arsenault, on the 20th day of November, 2015, the present holder of said certificate, (who) has made a request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said John Arsenault at 10:00 o'clock AM., on the 21st day of April, A.D. 2016, unless the same has been redeemed.

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

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

Suzanne Coleman
Custer County Deputy Treasurer
For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 2012223

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

CHARLES E STEVENS

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

LOT 33, BLUMENAU SUBDIVISION FILING NO. 1, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, CUSTER COUNTY, COLORADO

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to John Arsenault;

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

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Charles E Stevens for said year 2011;

That said John Arsenault, on the 20th day of November, 2015, the present holder of said certificate, (who) has made a request upon the Treasurer of said

County for a deed to said real estate;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said John Arsenault at 10:00 o'clock AM., on the 21st day of April, A.D. 2016, unless the same has been redeemed.

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

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

Suzanne Coleman
Custer County Deputy Treasurer
For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer
1st Publication Date: December 18, 2015
Final Publication Date: January 1, 2016
Sangre De Cristo Sentinel
Westcliffe, Colorado

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 2012262

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KENNY R JOHNSON

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

LOT 2, BLOCK 10, CUERNO VERDE PINES FILING NO. 3, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to John Arsenault;

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

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Kenny R Johnson for said year 2011;

That said John Arsenault, on the 20th day of November, 2015, the present holder of said certificate, (who) has made a request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said John Arsenault at 10:00 o'clock AM., on the 21st day of April, A.D. 2016, unless the same has been redeemed.

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NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 2012278

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

BRIAN F MCDONALD

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 16th day of November A.D. 2012, the then County Treasurer of the County of Custer, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Leonard G Carter & Glenna Carter, the following described real estate situate

in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 28, SILVER WEST ESTATES

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Leonard G Carter & Glenna Carter;

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

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Brian F McDonald for said year 2011;

That on the 10th day of August, 2015, said Leonard G Carter assigned said certificate of purchase to John Arsenault.

That said John Arsenault, on the 20th day of November, 2015, the present holder of said certificate, (who) has made a request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said John Arsenault at 10:00 o'clock AM., on the 21st day of April, A.D. 2016, unless the same has been redeemed.

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

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

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Custer County Deputy Treasurer
For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer
1st Publication Date: December 18, 2015
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Westcliffe, Colorado

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE FOR PUBLICATION

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

Sheriff's Foreclosure Sale No. **15-CCSS-002** was commenced in the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to that certain Order for Entry of Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure ("Judgment and Decree") entered on August 16, 2015 by the District Court of the **County of Custer**, Colorado in Civil Action No. **2015 CV 030011, Blumenau Subdivision 3 v Phyllis Salazar et al** to foreclose the deed of trust described as follows ("Deed of Trust"):

Original Grantor: Phyllis Salazar and Antoniette Salazar
Current Beneficiary: Blumenau Subdivision #3 Home-owners Association

Date of Deed of Trust: August 16th, 2015

Recording Date of Deed of Trust: August 20th, 2015

Recorded in Custer County: Reception Number 226027

Original Principal Amount \$1,380.44

Outstanding Balance: \$4,480.72

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 38-38-101 (4)(i), you are hereby notified that under the Judgment and Decree, which is the subject Evidence of Debt, I am ordered to sell the property more specifically described as follows:

A parcel of land, Lot No. 30, Blumenau Subdivision, filing No. 3 in the Subdivision, also known as 290 Pipeweed Path, Westcliffe, CO 81252, County of Custer, State of Colorado.

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

LEIN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

As of January 28th, 2016 the outstanding balance due and owing pursuant to the Judgment and Decree will be \$4,480.72.

NOTICE OF SALE

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will, at **10:00 a.m.**, in the forenoon of **January 28th, 2016**, at the office of the Sheriff, 702 Rosita Ave., Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness evidenced by the judgment and Decree secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees,



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the expenses of sale, and other items allowed by law, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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**** Bidders are required to have cash or certified funds to cover their highest bid at the time of the sale. Certified funds are payable to the Registry of the Custer District Court.**

A notice of intent to cure filed pursuant to section 38-38-104 shall be filed with the officer at least fifteen calendar days prior to the first scheduled sale date or any date to which the sale is continued. **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.**

A notice of intent to redeem filed in pursuant to section 38-38-302 shall be filed with the officer no later than eight business days after the sale.

The Lien of the deed of trust being foreclosed may not be a first lien.

DATE: **October 23, 2015**

Sheriff of the County of Custer, State of Colorado
Shannon K. Byerly
 By: Shannon K. Byerly, Sheriff

The name, address and telephone number of the attorneys representing the legal holder of the evidence of debt are as follows: Jay Printz, P.C. # 38397 105 S. Second St., Westcliffe, Colorado 81252. Telephone number, 719-783-9494.

THE ATTORNEYS LISTED ABOVE ARE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PUBLIC NOTICE SHERIFF’S COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE FOR PUBLICATION

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

Sheriff’s Foreclosure Sale No. **15-CCSS-003** was commenced in the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to that certain Order for Entry of Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure (“Judgment and Decree”) entered on August 16, 2015 by the District Court of the **County of Custer**, Colorado in Civil Action No. **2015 CV 030012, Blumenau Subdivision 3 v Phyllis Salazar et al** to foreclose the deed of trust described as follows (“Deed of Trust”):

Original Grantor: Phyllis Salazar and Antoniette Salazar
 Current Beneficiary: Blumenau Subdivision #3 Home-owners Association
 Date of Deed of Trust: August 16th, 2015
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust: August 20th, 2015
 Recorded in Custer County: Reception Number 226028
 Original Principal Amount: \$1,378.92
 Outstanding Balance: \$4,478.98

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 38-38-101 (4)(i), you are hereby notified that under the Judgement and Decree, which is the subject Evidence of Debt, I am ordered to sell the property more specifically described as follows:

A parcel of land, Lot No. 31, Blumenau Subdivision, filing No. 3 in the Subdivision, also known as 290 Pipeweed Path, Westcliffe, CO 81252, County of Custer, State of Colorado.

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

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NOTICE OF SALE

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Grantor(s)’ heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness evidenced by the judgment and Decree secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys’ fees, the expenses of sale, and other items allowed by law, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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Sheriff of the County of Custer, State of Colorado
Shannon K. Byerly
 By: Shannon K. Byerly, Sheriff

The name, address and telephone number of the attorneys representing the legal holder of the evidence of debt are as follows: Jay Printz, P.C. # 38397 105 s. Second St., Main St, Westcliffe, Colorado 81252. Telephone number, 719-783-9494.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Custer County BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Tentative Agenda MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016 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
 Close Out Business for 2015
 2016 Holiday Schedule
 2016 BOCC Meeting Schedule
 2016 County Appointments

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@custercounty-gov.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)

PUBLIC NOTICE Custer County BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Tentative Agenda TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016 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
 2016 Regional Appointments
 File : 101-40-256 Planning and Zoning

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*Sangre Shooting Sports Club
Annual Meeting*

The Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Sangre Shooting Sports Club will be held on

Saturday, January 16, 2016
at 1 p.m.

Community Room, Cliff Lanes

2016 membership applications for renewal and new members may be found at sangreshooting.com, the Wet Mountain Tribune, and the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Romans 5:1-5, NIV

WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH, THE TOUGH GET GOING!



Back row from left: Tyler Ferron, Dylan Schoch, Michael Batson, Kobe Lewsader, Billy Berry, David Kinsey, and Austin Fenley.
Front row from left: Jakob Riehle-Morris, Cash Rowley, Chad Lewenkamp, and Trumann Fenley.



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

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The deadline for getting your information into the Classifieds is Monday at 5 p.m. for that week's edition.

SHARING

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of the Center regularly express their thanks to us, and we now pass it along to you – the Givers without whom the Center could not exist.

To borrow from St. Augustine: “What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.” To the volunteers and

clients of the Sharing Center love looks like you, the people of our community, always answering the call to compassion.

The Center is continuing our fundraising efforts to purchase a permanent home for continued operations. Our blessings this year have been numerous, and to each of those who have blessed the Center and its clients, please accept our heartfelt thanks and may you be blessed in 2016.

Gratefully,
Ruth Mitchell,
Director of Operations



A New Year of Fitness at Club America, at a New Lower Rate!

Starting January 1, 2016, get or renew a full membership at Club America for only **\$45/month** per adult. Offer available with a 12 month contract paid by EFT from your bank or credit card. You can freeze this membership for up to 6 months! No more monthly reminders or monthly bills - enjoy the convenience.

Get a head start on a New You in 2016 and concentrate on your workout, not on paying bills!

Happy New Year from all of us at Club America WMV Aquatics and Fitness Center

50 E. Main Street, Silver Cliff
783-0750



Fitness Facility & Pool

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 90 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 3 to EMS, and 1 to the Fire Department. As of December 26th, there were 3 males and 1 female in the county jail.

12/23/15:
Traffic Summons:
Jesse Jackson of Gardner, CO, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Possible Runaway:
A deputy took a call from a party reporting a possible runaway juvenile.

12/24/15:
Arrests:
A deputy was dispatched to Dewalt Street in Silver Cliff for a domestic dispute in progress. Christopher Goldenstein of Crete, IL, was arrested and issued a summons for

menacing, harassment, and criminal mischief.

Burglary:
A deputed was dispatched to CR 120 to investigate a burglary.

12/26/15:
Traffic Summons:
Alexandra De Jong of Dallas, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Events Calendar

January 1, 2, & 3
Jones Theater
Friday & Saturday, January 1 & 2, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 3, 2 p.m.
"Brooklyn" Drama Romance PG-13

Monday January 4
9 a.m. - Custer County Commissioners Meeting, Custer County Courthouse

Tuesday January 5
9 a.m. - Custer County Commissioners Meeting, Custer County Courthouse

Tuesday January 12
4:30 p.m. - School Board meeting, in the library

Saturday January 23
10:30 a.m. - West Custer Library: *Two Women, a dream, and a ranch called Singing Acres*
Local author Carol Wilson and Clara Reida will talk about Carol's book, which tells the story of Clara and her friend Margaret Locarnini, and their adventures horse ranching here in the Wet Mountain Valley. Carol and Clara will be available to sign books after the discussion. For more information at 719-783-9138 or info@westcusterlibrary.org.

Recurring Events

Monday
6 p.m. Closed step study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim: 783-2053 or (360)509-9172 or Emilie: (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 the first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 a.m.

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

1st and 3rd Mondays
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Writers group at the Library. If you write or would like to start writing, please join us in the Community Room for peer editing, feedback, ideas, comradery, and more.

Tuesday
12 - 4:30 p.m. Bridge Club meets in the library community room in downtown Westcliffe,
6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Music @ The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff. Call Barb St. Amour: 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. West Custer County 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: 783-2053 / (360)509-9172, or Emilie:(719) 371-5974.
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Custer County Community Band practice in band room at the high school.

Last Wednesday of the month
11 a.m. Book Club meeting at the West Custer County Library. Open to the Public.

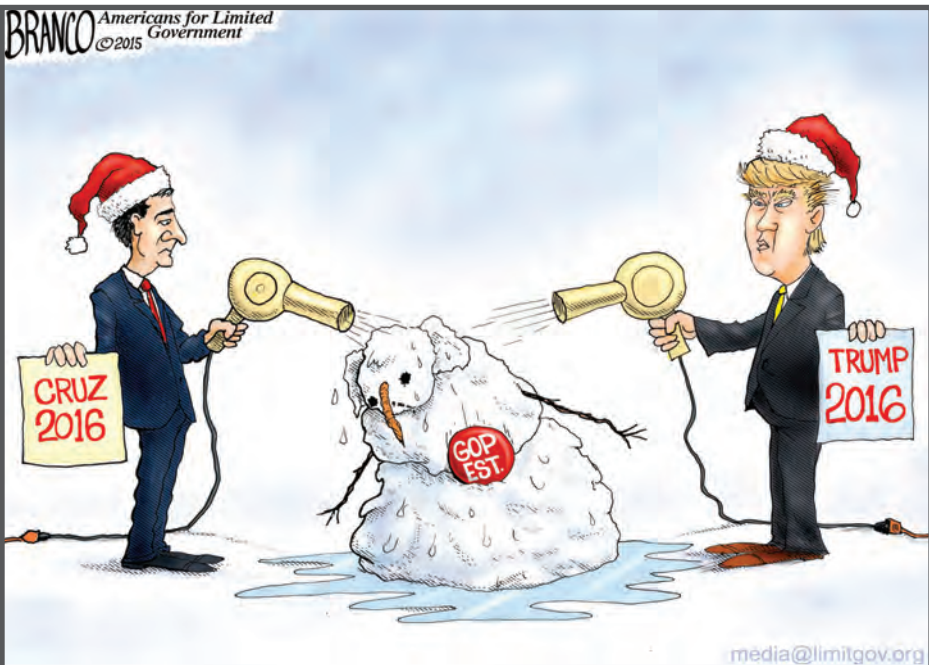
First Thursday of the Month
4:15 - 6 p.m. at the West Custer County Library, Computer help for adults. Need help using your computer or other computer-related things? Come to the library on the first Thursday of the month and receive one-on-one instruction from local teens, FREE!

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

Fridays and Saturdays
1 p.m.-4 p.m. Custer County Community Sharing Center, Inc. 120 N. 3rd St. (formerly Schlabach's market)

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

Saturday
10 a.m. Wet Mountain AI-Anon Family Group meets at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Call Dee (719) 404-1851 or Jean (719) 371-1229.
10 a.m.-2 p.m. West Custer County Library open
2 p.m. Laughter Yoga at the West Custer County Library open to the public.
3 p.m. Open Drum Circle at the West Custer County Library. All ages welcome! If you have a drum, please bring it. We will have a few spares



**Be still
and know that I am God**

Psalm 41:10, NIV

Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

Lights, Camera, Action

by Charlotte Burrous

After working on the project for about a year, the Rialto Theater got a big boost on December 20th when Florence residents Larry and Beryl Baker announced a \$50,000 matching gift proposal during the "Lights, Camera, Action" fundraiser.

Following a tour of the Rialto Theater, the crowd gathered in the loft of the Bakers, where they enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and refreshments prior to Larry's big announcement.

"We are proud to make this matching gift proposal as Beryl and I have watched and attended with great anticipation most of the events that have been held at the Rialto (Theater) since 2004 when we moved to town," said Larry, who also is a board member. "It is our dream to be able to attend the official opening night and we hope that our investment in this restoration will open the door to other philanthropic endeavors, donations, and grant possibilities. The Rialto will be a showcase for all kinds of entertainment and will be a premier facility in Florence, the Royal Gorge Region and Southern Colorado."

The private Rialto tours and reception were part of the "Lights, Camera, Action" event fundraiser which included a vocal appearance by Mr. Rialto, Fremont Civic Theater actors, and vocals by Florence resident 14-year-old Tailor Willow

on guitar, a press release said. The theater entertainment gave the attendees a teaser of the kind of events that will be held at the Rialto.

"This is exactly the impetus we need to finish an exciting year for this new board and it gives us great expectations for the New Year," Dick Baker, President of the Florence Architecture & Cultural Traditions (F.A.C.T.) Rialto Board of Directors commented. "We will be initiating an intense fundraising campaign in the coming months with a goal of matching and exceeding the Baker proposal and making this dream come true."

According to the release, "Lights, Camera, Action" earned nearly \$2,500 and was the third and final fund-raiser in 2015 for the new energized board. Event proceeds will be restricted to matching the Baker proposal and Restoring the Rialto.

During the Rialto tour, board member Keith Larson said this project had been ongoing for many years.

"It's been pretty much a behind-the-scenes for a lot of years," he said. "A lot of people haven't seen what's gone into this place. We're not a one person board; we're not a three-person board; we have an entire team of people working together to bring the Rialto back to what it used to be and we want to make this place great again. We can't

do it without you."

Built in 1923 as an opera house, the Rialto later became a movie theater, where it had room to seat 500 people. Consisting of about 10,000 square feet, it is located at 209 W. Main St. in Florence. The theater stood vacant for many years without heat and water, said the Royal Gorge Regional Museum & History Center archives. In 1992, F.A.C.T. purchased the building and began work on the roof when it collapsed and when the beams sagged. Volunteers began the massive cleanup along with the help of federal prison inmates. Since then, steel beams have been added to the ceiling along with heating, air conditioning, sewer and electrical upgrades, and restrooms. In addition, crews worked on the foundation and supported the 16-inch thick back wall and a 50-foot fly tower at the back of the theater, which allows the lowering and drawing of backdrops and curtains. When project manager Suzanne Phipps died about a year ago, it looked like it would come to a standstill until the City of Florence decided to get involved.

Board member Ron Hinkle estimated it would take another \$1 million in grants and fundraising dollars to complete the restoration. Once it's completed, the board members hopes it will be used for theatrical performances, movie screenings, lectures, concerts, and other activities, the archives said.

It Happened in Cañon City

The Christmas story of God coming to earth in the little obscure city of Bethlehem, of Jesus coming to mankind, made me think of our own trek to Cañon City over 20 years ago. I wasn't on a donkey eight months plus pregnant for 100 miles, just in a U Haul truck with just a few household items, headed for an obscure town I had never heard of. Leaving family, leaving our beautiful home and the fellowship of the best church I had ever attended and driving into Cañon City in January was a shock, especially after coming from the green lawns and blooming flowers in California. However, I also carried a promise inside of me, a seed of hope that hadn't come about yet in my life.

I had hoped that Jesus would heal me. I carried that hope, but doubt also tried to come in. Was this a place where I could find Jesus and the healing I needed? Was God thinking of me and going to meet the great needs I had? Were we making the biggest mistake of our lives? Did God really want to heal me? How could He be God to me in Cañon City? I had more doubts than faith it seemed. Here we were at middle age, too old by human standards to be starting over from literally nothing.

My husband was a hard

worker and had faith that we could make it and that I could be healed. The two surgeries had taken over two feet of my intestine with a dire prognosis and I had lived on prednisone for the past 15 years. Crohn's disease was incurable, they said. I had heard the good news that Jesus heals today and wanted that for myself. The insurance that had covered the two surgeries was terminated and we were starting over, going out on our own, no money to start over, leaving everything behind. We needed a miracle in Cañon City.

Leaving our home of 11 years, my first home ever, full of antiques, and moving into Country Green with rented furniture, leaving grown children just out of the nest, could have been hard on a marriage if not for Jesus and His promises for us. God had something for me in Cañon City that I could not see when we drove in with a few household items and propane tanks in the moving truck.

The little church didn't look anything like the big one we left where the gifts and blessings of God seemed to flow with the words that brought life and joy and the people had to be the most anointed ever under heaven. Was God here in the same way? As we struggled to overcome tremendous odds and as our

needs were greater than ever experienced, God was faithful to supply all our needs and brought his word and promises for healing for me in the most unlikely place that didn't look like, seem like or feel like anything I had experienced. Doubt was replaced with faith, faith that God's promises were for me.

Jesus taught me his word through His people. I grabbed onto promises that had become life for my very flesh. With God all things are possible and by His stripes I was healed. No more pain, no more prednisone; It happened in Cañon City. God met me as I walked ahead in faith, rejecting the doubt and the medical prognosis and proclaimed his promises for me. God is a good God and desired good things for me no matter what it looked like or what was going on around me.

It wasn't about a place, it's about a person living in me. It's been over 20 years since we drove into Cañon City and I could write a book about all of the wonders Jesus has done for us here in Cañon City. I am healed...not in remission and have had no medication for 20 years and Jesus gave me so much more than I had to give up. It all happened in the little obscure town of Cañon City. Praise God!

Rick Blessing and the Trip Ziegler Quartet: Frank Sinatra Tribute

Rick Blessing and the Trip Ziegler Quartet present a tribute extravaganza to Frank Sinatra. Celebrate the 100th anniversary of Frank Sinatra's birth with Rick, a regional artist with licensed access to the Sinatra family archive. Over the years, Rick Blessing has performed with a number of jazz groups across the United States, Europe and the South Pacific. In addition to singing original swing materials, his love for Frank Sinatra prompted him to put together this tribute to "The Chairman of the Board". The concert is Sunday, January 10th, at the Cañon City High School Auditorium.

Season memberships are \$55 and include this and three other varied concerts. Children 7 - 12th grades \$12, Children K - 6th grade \$7. Tickets for this concert are also available at the door for \$20 for adults. Groups of 12 or more - \$12 per person (call ahead). For additional information, contact Paula McFarland 275-0144 or Phyllis Koroshetz 275-9616. See www.fremontcountyconcerts.org to access additional information and audio/video clips for concerts.



Rick Blessing and the Trip Ziegler Quartet present a tribute to Frank Sinatra.

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School Board Meetings:

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101 N. 14th St, Cañon City

Florence-Penrose Fremont RE-2
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403 W. 5th St. Florence

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1st and 3rd Mondays at 6 p.m.
City Hall
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County Commissioners
2nd and 4th Tues.
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Cañon City
www.royalgorgetea-party.com

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

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Florence City Council

by Charlotte Burrous

During the regular meeting on December 21, Florence City Council approved moving forward with construction on South Reservoir as soon as possible.

This decision was made after Water Superintendent Brandon Harris requested the council reconsider moving forward with Earth Engineering to complete the geo technical work on the South Reservoirs. Recently, city crews discovered a leak in one of the reservoirs used to supply water to Florence and the surrounding communities.

“We’ve used Earth Engineering many times before,” he said. “They’re familiar with our system and our reservoir projects, not to mention that they are a very reputable company and consistently come in as low bid on big projects like this. (In addition), having that back reservoir out of service until this geo technical drilling and that work gets done, it’s affecting us as far as pumping costs are concerned. Right now, we’re diverting anywhere from 1.5 cubic feet per

second of water from our creeks that pour into that back reservoir because we can’t fill it until the system (is fixed).”

Another thing is phase II of this project already has been pushed back for a year.

“We can’t do this project in the summer because ... we have higher demand (of the water),” Harris said. “It’s already been pushed to this time next year assuming we keep the same time line. In my opinion, time has become of the essence. (If we push this out another eight weeks, by the time this bid is awarded and this geo technical work starts, that puts us another month out and now we’re into spring and a time when we need that reservoir. It will take two to three weeks of pumping time before the reservoir could be used then summer would be upon us.”

“If we keep postponing it, we’re going to have to wait until the next winter to be able to drain that reservoir again, wasting millions of gallons of water,” Harris reiterated.

When Mayor Keith Ore expressed concern about the bidding process, City Attorney Bryan Fredrickson said there is an exception to the bid statue. The work is essentially technical in nature and the city knows the reputation of the contractor. In addition, this is a semi-emergency situation.

Harris noted the cost for the engineering would be \$15,680.80 which covers not only the geo technical drilling and sampling, but also Earth Engineering has an in-house laboratory that they do most of the tests.

“Sounds to me (like) the impact of putting this off exceeds the benefit we have of putting this out to bid,” said Councilman Mike Vendetti.

Ore agreed.

At that point, Fredrickson said it was not on the agenda, but the city could move forward, then the council could ratify it at the next meeting.

“Whenever you’re spending money, it needs to be on the agenda,” he said.

Blue Heron comes to Florence

by Charlotte Burrous

She had been involved with Antiques for years and she also has enjoyed art, as well. So when her renter moved out of her building several months ago, Barbara Folger decided to combine the two interests and open the Blue Heron antique and art gallery on December 11th in downtown Florence.

“It was time for a change,” she said.

The store offers a variety of antiques, furniture, and miscellaneous items on site. As an added attraction, artist Rudl Mergelman recently moved Sagebrush Studio to the building, where his wildlife and western art is on display. In conjunction, visitors to the gallery will have the opportunity to watch him paint his masterpieces, which are popular throughout the United States.

“I had a window of opportunity (to move so I decided) to change locations,” Mergelman said. “This is one of the oldest buildings in town. People don’t real-



Rudl Mergelman displays his artwork in the Blue Heron at 125 E. Main St. in Florence.

Courtesy photo by Charlotte Burrous

ize it. When I saw a potential for a gallery in here, (I jumped at the opportunity to move here). Also my daughter Audrey’s artwork (is on display here).”

Originally from Gunnison, Mergelman moved 30 years ago to Florence, where he has owned his own art gallery and been in-

involved in various organizations, including the Florence Chamber of Commerce, Florence Art Guild, and more.

“The bulk of my work is here (in Blue Heron),” he said. “I paint a few days a week in here. (My work) is all for sale.”

In the meantime, Folger also has been a resident of Florence for about 30 years and has been involved in various organizations, including Florence Chamber of Commerce and Florence Arts Guild. During this time, she and her daughter, Tammy Stone, purchased the Lobach building and renovated it. After renting it out for several years, Folger decided to open Blue Heron rather than look for another renter. Folger noted she is looking for more dealers to sell their wares in her store as well.

Blue Heron is open from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays at 125 E. Main St. in Florence. The telephone number is 719-429-4788.



Barbara Folger stands in Blue Heron, where antiques, furniture and other merchandise are on sale.

Courtesy photo by Charlotte Burrous

Upcoming Events for Jan. 2-22

Ethical Vegan Society of Cañon City meets at 4 p.m. the first Sunday of every month. These meetings are open to everyone who is interested in learning about eating a plant-based diet. The next event scheduled is Jan. 3rd. The location of each monthly meeting varies. Contact harrietbalhiser@bresnan.net for the meeting location for each month.

Mandy Reed will present “**FDIC Money Smart Financial Education Class.**” Sponsored by the Cañon City Chamber of Commerce, the class starts at noon the first Tuesday of the month at Cañon National Bank. For more information or to reserve a spot, call the chamber office at 275-2331.

First Friday will be held from 5-7 p.m. Jan. 8th in historic downtown Cañon City. This month’s First Friday will be delayed a week because of New Year’s holiday. The first Friday of every month, residents are invited to head down Main Street from 5-7 p.m. in Cañon City to check out all the stores that stay open late just for you. Music, food, art and more.

The Royal Gorge Artists Association will host its 13th annual **Salute to Southern Colorado Artists** at the Fremont Center for the Arts at 505 Macon Ave. The exhibition kicks off with an opening reception from 4-5 p.m. for members and from 5-7:30 p.m. Jan. 8th with Pueblo artist Robert Wands as juror of the awards. A portion of the sales in this exhibit will go for RGAA scholarships. Also, see selected local students’ art on display. FCA is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free for FCA members and children under 12, and \$3 for nonmembers. For more information, call 275-2790.

Join January’s celebrated artist, **Florence artist Suzette Baker** in her reception at 2 p.m. Jan. 9th in John C. Fremont Library at 130 Church Ave. in Florence. She will showcase frames decorated with beads, broaches, pendants and jewelry. She also will feature apparel that she has refashioned.

The **Fremont County Hunger Task Force** meets the second and fourth Thursdays at 6 p.m. in the Vineyard Connections Café at 245 S. Reynolds Ave. The next meeting is scheduled Jan. 14th.

Cañon City Chamber of Commerce will host its annual banquet and meeting Jan. 15th in the Abbey Event Center. The event kicks off at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and program at 7 p.m. For more information or reservations, call 275-2331.

The John C. Fremont Library will host “**Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret**” at 5 p.m. Jan. 22nd at 130 Church Ave. in Florence. This documentary focuses on the shocking, yet humorous, journey of an aspiring environmentalist, as he daringly seeks to find the real solution to the most pressing environmental issues and the true path to sustainability. Written and directed by Kip Andersen and Keegan Kuhn. Starring Michael Pollan, Dr. Richard Oppenlander and Howard Lynman. Free popcorn. Bring your own drink.

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Edmund Burke

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Students to Sing Muslim Prayer at High School Holiday Concert

In September 2007, I wrote a Daily Jot about how Islam is using First Amendment guarantees of freedom of religion to eliminate and destroy the United States of America. The Muslim Brotherhood wrote a strategic plan for North America in May 1991. Submitted by the government as evidence in the Dallas, Texas Holy Land Foundation terror trial, the plan called for “civilization jihad” and “a mastery of the art of “coalitions,” the art of “absorption” and the principles of “co-operation.” This week, a Blaine, Minnesota high school will be singing the Islamic prayer Eid un Sa’Eid during its holiday concert. The words, include the repetition of “Allahu Akbar.” This reminds me of just how far the Muslim Brotherhood plan has been advanced.

The plan, now 25 years into its implementation, identifies eight historical stages of development that the Muslim Brotherhood in America already had accomplished by the plan’s introduction in 1991. They included the stages of 1) searching for self identity; 2) building the inner organization; 3) first phases of building mosques and Islamic centers; 4) first phases of building Islamic organizations; 5) first phases of building Islamic schools; 6) first phases of the overt Islamic movement; 7) first phases of openness to other Islamic movements; and 8) the second phase of reviving and establishing the Islamic organizations.

The plan calls for the establishment of Islamic Centers in every town in America which would serve as the “axis” of the Islamic movement and

a “base” to “educate us, prepare us, and supply our battalions in addition to being the “niche” to our prayers.” The plan says, “This is in order for the Islamic Center to turn—in action not in words—into a seed for ‘a small Islamic society’ which is a reflection and a mirror to our central organizations... Thus the Islamic Center would turn into a place for study, family, battalion, course, seminar, visit, sport, school, social club, women gathering, kindergarten for male and female youngsters, the office of domestic political resolution, and the center for distributing our newspapers, magazines, books, and our audio and visual tapes.”

The “heart and the core” of the plan is then to unite all Muslim organizations in America to complete the “settlement process.” Rather than being a peaceful religion protected by the Constitution, Islam is a Trojan Horse religion set on performing in its own words a “Civilization Jihad” to eliminate and destroy America. Resisting Islam in America should therefore not be constrained by religious freedom, but rather be unleashed as a duty of every American citizen in the name of national security. Jesus said in Matthew 24:4, “Take heed that no man deceive you.” I don’t think there will be any Christian or Jewish prayers sung during Ramadan at an Islamic Center anytime soon.

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

(Editor/GG: Karl nails it. The bottom line on immigration is that it is an invasion. Sponsored by the democrat and republican parties. It’s only going to take a few years. Get ready.)

C’mon, let’s stop being stupid.
Rick Scott was on this morning going on about his “letter” to the Federal Government, in which other governors have sent as well. *This sort of milk toast c**p accomplishes exactly nothing.*

Here’s the law: Immigration is a federal matter. The States cannot be compelled to act but they are barred by interfering. To do so would be to effectively secede **which is an effective threat only if you intend to actually do it, and that means backing up your words with acts**, which nobody has the b***s for (and incidentally, I’m not convinced there’s any real support for it either.)

These “letters” serve exactly one purpose: **Political cover for when, not if, a so-called ‘refugee’ is a terrorist and decides to start shooting up or blowing up things here.**

The only answer to this problem comes from the federal side (which won’t happen because neither Congress or Obama will do a damn thing) **or a mass movement by the American public.**

Make no mistake folks, you either stand up now or you’ll get shot or blown up. ISIS isn’t going away; the group *is a creation of our funding and both malfeasance and misfeasance* by the west. Our coddling of people who intend to commit mass-murder and are willing to play the long game to do it will be our destruction if we don’t cut it out.

Those folks have no intention of being Americans; their intent is to take America.

Consider this: ***We bring these so-called “refugees” into the country and then pay them to live.*** This means they can sit at home and **** like rabbits, and we will fund that. So guess what they’ll do? *Exactly that; producing three, four, five, six or more kids.*

Remember that the reason Washington is doing this (along with Europe) is that **the cost of having and raising kids has gotten so out of hand that citizens are refusing to do so.** That cost is not just economic; it’s also social in that we’ve destroyed the ability of half the population (men) to be rea-

sonably certain they can participate in that creation and raising of their own progeny. This drop in the birth rate by people willing and able to work means that the tax base is threatened **especially when you are counting on exponential growth** to pay for all the political promises you made.

But there’s a problem with importing “refugees” to “fix” this demographic disaster: **Those people have no intention of funding the pension and medical promises made to our citizens** nor will they assimilate into our culture. What they will do is **take all**

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the handouts we will give them, making as many children as we’re willing to pay them to create, **and indoctrinate them with their culture.** They will work in the underground economy which not only fails to contribute to the tax base but worse, tends to intersect with criminal elements that we’d rather not stoke (like, for example, running guns to drug lords.)

Germany is on-course to be **majority** Muslim immigrant and child-of-immigrant within **fifty years**. So is most of the rest of Europe if they don’t cut this c**p out. We’re behind them, but not by much.

It is our social welfare policy that makes this sort of invasion possible and it is foisted on the people in the name of “compassion”; this looks exactly *nothing* like the sort of

to get out of the corner they painted themselves into through granting medical monopolies and then promising to cover the ever-ratcheting higher costs that those monopolies shove down the throats of our citizens.

That’s what’s behind both the intentional tolerance of illegal immigration and now the importation of **hundreds of thousands** of so-called “refugees.” The problem is that these people have zero intention of providing the funds necessary to make those promises good *and they cannot be compelled*

to do so; instead, they will take the welfare we hand to them **and live off it, cranking out more and more children that will be raised to live like them, sucking off the government teat and increasing cost rather than revenue.** Worse, those children will be citizens, at least in the U.S. and once they gain majority status **there goes our Constitutional Republic.**

I’m sure you think this is alarmist nonsense, but you only need to listen to what’s spoken at a “La Raza” rally **to hear it with your own ears.** Those folks have no intention of *being* Americans; their intent is to **take America.** Likewise, these “refugees” have no intention to assimilate and *be* Americans; they intend to *take from* America and, when their numbers are sufficient, **to take America.**

Our policy on immigration is literally suicidal; **no nation can take in people who have no intention of becoming one with that nation but instead come with the intention of exploiting their welfare systems and overrunning the country and its government.**

That’s what’s going on here folks -- these people are not stupid, but those in Washington (and in the halls of Europe) are. They believe these “immigrants” and “refugees” will assimilate into their cultures and that their welfare handouts are “temporary assistance.” **They, and we, are wrong.** Those handouts are simply taken **as a means of supporting the production of as many children as these “refugees” are able to produce** and yet both these immigrants **and** their children utterly refuse to *become* French, German, or American -- at best they hyphenate their claimed nationality **and at worst they don’t even bother with doing that.**

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Here's The Official Tally of Criminal Illegal Alien Arrests: It's Mind-Blowing

by The Analytical Economist, AllenBWest.com

Public employees are fired or laid off at a rate 71 percent lower than that of private sector workers. In other words, as one writer for the Foundation for Economic Education puts it, "Nobody quits and you can't get fired." (Any of us who've been to the DMV knows this isn't because government employees are better workers than the rest of us.

So lets look at what the government considers to be a success – this time on the issue of immigration.

Setting aside its failure to stem the swelling illegal immigrant population, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is instead patting itself on the back over its "success" in arresting "criminal illegal aliens" – a phrase used to describe illegals who've committed non-immigration related crimes.

Clarification needs to be given since the phrase

"criminal illegal aliens" is oxymoronic. Or perhaps to express it in politically correct terms, "non-law-abiding undocumented persons."

As Brittany Hughs of the Media Research Center reported:

At a recent congressional hearing, ICE Director Sarah Saldaña testified there were about 179,000 "undocumented criminals with final orders of removal" loose in the United States. The director added between 30,000 and 40,000 of these criminals had been detained at some point, but were released by authorities because of legal restrictions on how long a criminal illegal alien can be held in custody.

But never fear! According to the agency's website, ICE arrested a grand total of 39 illegal aliens who'd been convicted on a crime during a large-scale sting operation across West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Delaware between November 30th and December 4th. Included among these

were 17 individuals arrested in the Philadelphia area, another six caught in Pittsburgh, and seven apprehended in Charleston.

This, by the way, is 0.0002 percent of the "criminal" illegal alien population.

Here's the math on how long it'll take them to achieve their goal:

So if ICE apprehended 39 criminal aliens in 5 days, that clocks in at about 7.8 aliens per day. If the agency continued this torrid pace day after day after day, it would take them almost 63 years to apprehend all 179,000 of the criminal aliens we have on our streets today.

If I could get away with doing 0.0002 percent of my job I'd be writing 0.25 articles a year. Maybe I should seek employment in government after all...

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Left Wing Enviro Group Runs "Issue Ad" Thanking Bennet for Supporting EPA Power Grab

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Once again, embattled Democratic U.S. Senator Michael Bennet has shown more concern for special interests than Colorado working families. This time, Bennet caved to the extreme environmental lobby looking to force expensive "clean power" regulations on electric power plants. This would effectively replace inexpensive energy with more costly, "green" options with questionable effectiveness.

Hardest hit (besides families that use electricity) will be coal fired plants, which provide Americans with a reliable, low-cost base load of power that can run continuously. The research group Energy Ventures Analysis estimated that the EPA rule would result in shut down of 40% of the nation's coal plants, causing residential electricity prices to rise substantially. Another report published this month outlined "high cost and minimal benefits" for Bennet's Clean Power Plan, and forecasted double digit electricity price increases in 40 states, and increases greater than 20% in 28 states.

Even though most Coloradans probably view this as a bad deal, it just so happens that some narrow special interests are so impressed with Bennet's support of this

expensive and reckless mandate that they produced a commercial thanking him. Conservation Colorado, a well-funded campaign outfit nonprofit, apparently thinks that this material out there will somehow help Senator Bennet win favor with Colorado voters, already stretched thin with high healthcare, tax, food, and housing costs.

While times may be good for Bennet and the government class, most families trying to make a living in the private sector are not enjoying regular pay increases, Cadillac health plans, and pensions that would require well more than \$1 million in savings to replicate. And even with new light bulbs we all are now required to buy, double-digit electricity price hikes for dubious political purposes is the last thing that working families need to be pouring their hard earned dollars into.

But, at least we know whose side Senator Bennet is on. Thank you, Conservation Colorado.

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It's Baaaack: Teachers Unions Want Another Bite at the Taxpayer Apple

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

After the shellacking proponents of billion dollar tax increase Amendment 66 received in 2013, it's surprising that the teachers union and their allies would come back for another bite at the apple. But, here we are. According to a Colorado Statesman article, the backers of Amendment 66, like Great Education Colorado, aim to "de-Bruce" education spending. While that's an adorable use of a disliked former elected official, the truth is that a top reason Colorado is a desirable alternative to California is because we have managed to keep taxes low.

Great Education Colorado is flanked on this political-career-ending effort by Democratic Sen. Morgan Carroll, and Reps. Rhonda Fields, Jovan Melton, and Su Ryden.

At the head of this effort

is Lisa Weil, who offered this hilariously not-so-self-aware quote to the Statesman:

"There's just a sense that we can't let 2016 go by without giving the voters the opportunity to make a statement about where the state should go and what type of future we want..."

Apparently, the loud and clear vote – nearly two-to-one – by Coloradans in 2013 did not count as their opportunity to make a statement about where the state should go. Like some kind of papal conclave, the education establishment will continue to vote until a tax increase passes, despite the clear disinterest on the part of Coloradans to raise taxes on a bloated and ineffective bureaucracy.

And, then, Weil basically insinuates that voters have a problem delaying gratification:

"She conceded that it's probably easier to sell vot-

ers on the immediate benefit of keeping their tax money than it is to sell them on the longer-term benefits they might enjoy by giving over that tax money for education."

Wrong. Voters don't have a delayed gratification issue. Taxpayers take issue with the education establishment blowing their hard-earned money. If Weil doesn't inherently understand that, this ballot initiative is DOA, just like the last two that went down in flames.

Of course, the real question here is just how many ballot initiatives can Democrats run in 2016 without totally blowing up their chances in the state for presidential and senate campaigns?

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New Belgium Hangover: Lesson NOT Learned, Brewery Targets Colorado Jobs

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

The folks at New Belgium Brewing must be imbibing too much of their product, it's making them forgetful of what happens when their support of far-left politics collides with Coloradans and their jobs.

The brewery has been boycotted since early summer for funding the same environmental group that sued to close the Colowyo Mine and kill the jobs of more than 200 folks living in Northwest Colorado.

New Belgium folks held a town meeting in Craig trying to convince the community they really didn't mean it – it was a fruitless effort to call off the boycott.

Now the brewery has teamed up with Ben & Jerry's to contribute \$100,000 to the California group "Protect Our Winters" to ostensibly defeat climate change.

... the campaign encouraged people to generate letters of support for the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power

Plan. More than 2,200 letters were sent to governors across the nation, voicing support for the initiative to reduce carbon emissions from the nation's energy grid.

For those of you just joining the EPA's Clean Power Plan in progress, it's a backdoor effort to regulate coal mines out of business, and take Colorado jobs with it.

We look forward to New Belgium's next beer summit, when they try to convince us they really didn't mean to partner up with Left Coast liberals to shut down our mining industry, again.

We'll be sure to bring our own beer, and it won't be New Belgium.

(Editor/GG: Too bad, used to like their Fat Tire beer. Typical libs, people's jobs mean nothing to them. It's all about control and domination.)

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Wyoming School Tells Students They Can Only Pray in Private - Here's How Well That Went Over

by Carly Hoilman,
TheBlaze.com

Do students need permission to pray? The principal of a Wyoming school thought so, until she was confronted with the First Amendment.

Back in October, a group of Glendo High School students gathered to pray out loud before their meal during lunch. Afterwards, Stanetta Twiford, the school's principal, said "enough," accusing students of forcing their religion on others.

Twiford apparently took issue with the public nature of the prayer and allegedly told the students that they would be allowed to pray in private, in the hallway or gymnasium, with permission.

The principal stood by the rule, even after the parent of three of the students confronted her and District Superintendent Dennis Fischer. Using information they claimed to have read from the American Civil Liberties Union, the two administrators asserted that the Constitution prohibits the prayer, as students witnessing it were

a "captive audience."

After hearing this, the parents of two other students took their complaints to the Alliance Defending Freedom, a legal group known for defending Christians in cases like this. The ADF responded with a letter to the district on December 4th, threatening to take legal action if the ban persisted.

"School cafeterias are not religion-free zones, and they certainly do not involve captive audiences," the ADF letter stated. "Students in the cafeteria are not captive audiences because they can leave at any time or turn away from the quiet prayer in the corner. ... Further, students in the cafeteria are no more a captive audience than students in the hallway or students on a playground."

The ADF informed Twiford and Fischer that non-disruptive speech occurring during "non-instructional time" must be allowed and that the Supreme Court agrees on this point.

"So long as non-disruptive speech occurs during non-instructional time, schools must allow that speech. The Supreme Court has already confirmed

this very point," the ADF added.

The Supreme Court case *Engel v. Vitale* determined that the Constitution prohibits compulsory school or state-sponsored prayer. Private and student-led prayers, however, are allowed.

The school administrators have since changed their tone. In a letter to the ADF dated December 17th, Fischer noted that the district's attorney agreed that the students' prayer did not violate federal law and that he has advised Twiford "to let the students know that they can pray before meals in the manner they had in the incident in question. ... I feel our staff and district have a better understanding of students' rights regarding prayer and how to handle future incidents."

Fischer also reported that students prayed in the cafeteria "at least once ... and will continue to be allowed to do so."

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Report: EPA Is Well-Armed and Anti-Business

by Kenneth Artz,
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A newly released audit of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by the Illinois-based watchdog organization Open the Books discovered hundreds of millions of dollars of questionable expenses, including high-end luxury furnishings, sports equipment, ongoing paramilitary purchases totaling \$715 million for arming and training "Special Agents," and on data mining and equipment enabling the agency to snoop on industry and prepare deadly force raids to enforce EPA regulations.

Openthebooks.com publishes a report every quarter on the spending of a different government agency. This 44-page snapshot captures the size, scale, and scope of EPA with information from a careful examination of tens of thousands of checks written by the agency totaling more than \$93 billion from 2000 to 2014.

'A Massive Federal Agency'

"The first thing you see in our report is that the EPA is a massive federal agency," said Adam Andrzejewski, founder of Openthebooks.com.

EPA's fiscal year 2015 budget totaled \$8.13 billion. If EPA became its own state, its budget would rank 42nd

among all state budgets, Andrzejewski says. EPA employs more than 1,000 attorneys, which means if EPA were a law firm, it would rank as the 14th largest domestic law firm in the United States, even though EPA lawyers don't defend the agency in court, Andrzejewski notes. The Department of Justice has this responsibility, and between 1998 and 2010, it spent \$43 million in additional legal fees defending EPA.

'Adversarial Position with American Business'

"The EPA was established under an executive order by Richard M. Nixon, a Republican president," Andrzejewski said. "It's interesting that its first leader was an attorney: William D. Ruckelshaus. He immediately made it clear the new federal agency was in an adversarial position with American business."

Andrzejewski says EPA has taken on a larger paramilitary role in recent years.

"With the help of a bipartisan 1988 agreement, it has begun to arm its police quite literally to the nth degree," Andrzejewski said.

Not content to arm its agents with typical small arms, the report reveals EPA spent more than \$1.4 million dollars on 30 millimeter weapons (more than double the size of the 50 caliber machine guns mounted on Sherman tanks)

and approximately \$10,000 on 300 mm artillery weapons. It also spent millions of dollars on ammunition, body armor, night vision equipment, and armored personnel carriers.

More than \$50 million of EPA funds since 2000 went to international organizations in countries such as China and Mexico, with no apparent connection to the agency's mandate of safeguarding air and water in the United States.

"If you wanted to sum up the takeaway from this report, it is this: oversight hearings," said Andrzejewski. "Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX), head of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, read our report, and now he wants to conduct hearings on the EPA."

Accused of Buying Influence

John Dale Dunn, a physician, lawyer, and Heartland Institute policy advisor, says the report shows EPA is spending a tremendous amount of money to buy influence and create an army of activists to support expanding its budget and power.

Information in the report shows EPA has distributed \$72 billion in federal grants since 2000. The largest private grant-making organization, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, gave only \$3.3 billion in grants

through 2013.

Many of EPA's grants have gone to relatively new environmental education and environmental justice programs at colleges and universities. The report states EPA grants are funding politicized programs claiming, for example, "pollution from capitalism through the effects of climate change hurts minorities and the poor."

In 2012, the report notes, EPA employed 198 "Public Affairs" workers, with the agency spending more than \$141.4 million in salaries and another \$1.5 million in performance bonuses on public affairs since 2007. Much of EPA's public relations work has come under the scrutiny of Congress for skirting rules prohibiting agencies from lobbying for rules and regulations.

"Agency tyranny and confiscatory agency activities are the real danger," Dunn said. "The EPA is buying an army of scientists and economists, as well as mandarins and apparatchiks."

"All the money EPA spent arming itself is miniscule compared to what they spent prostituting scientists," Dunn said.

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The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand

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The Left's Worst Fear on Guns Has Been Realized: The NRA Was Right

by Bob Owens,
BearingArms.com

Writing for the *Los Angeles Times*, Peter Jamison finally understands the question, even though he can't bring himself to admit the correct answer.

It was three years ago this month that Wayne LaPierre, executive vice president of the National Rifle Assn., enraged gun-control advocates with his defiant assertion that more firepower was the solution to America's wave of mass shootings.

"The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun," LaPierre declared at a news conference one week after the shooting that left 26 people, including 20 children, dead at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. La Pierre suggested an armed security officer could have stopped the tragedy and called for garrisoning police in every school.

Today, those struggling to make sense of the nation's latest massacre face a vexing but unavoidable question: Was LaPierre right?

Jamison asked the question, but only in order to then lie to himself and the readers of the *Times*.

He semi-convinces himself that armed security guards might be a solution, but then backs away from that, incorrectly citing the Columbine High School massacre of 1999 as an example. He doesn't grasp that the armed sheriff's deputy who engaged one of the mass murderers at the school fixed the killer in place for crucial seconds, giving dozens of students time to escape the school. The deputy then followed then-standard protocols, and waited for backup instead of pursuing the killers. That was a failure of conventional wisdom on how to handle mass shootings that was nearly universal in law enforcement at the time, and not a failure of the deputy or of armed response in general.

Indeed, the most up-to-date research out of Purdue's Homeland Security Institute's research shows that a mix of concealed carry and armed guards is the very best deterrent to a mass shooter available in a free society.

On average, mass killers shoot about one person every twenty seconds, and the best way to stop that mass killer has consistently proven to be a "good guy with a gun," time after time after time.

Any honest study of mass or spree killers notes that their rampages often end on contact with armed resistance. Note, that I didn't say "on being shot by armed defenders," though that is often the case as well. Mass killers often choose to commit suicide at the first sign of armed resistance.

One need to look no further than the Clackamas Town Center Mall Massacre three days before Sandy Hook.

Oh wait... Clackamas wasn't a mass murder.

Although the would-be mass killer had a rifle just like the little creep at Sandy Hook, and like the little creep at Sandy Hook, committed suicide the moment he sensed armed resistance, he encountered armed resistance far faster. A concealed carrier named Nick Meli pulled his concealed Glock pistol when the killer

opened fire, and began maneuvering for a clear shot. As Meli ran from one piece of cover to another with his gun out, the would-be mass murderer saw him, fled the food court, and committed suicide.

Investors Business Daily gets what the *L.A. Times*, *Washington Post*, *N.Y. Times* and other progressive-dominated news organizations cannot ideologically admit:

Media giants like the *New York Times* are going to unprecedented lengths to politicize the San Bernardino massacre. The Second Amendment they hate is actually the first defense against terrorism.

You can't afford to hire armed security guards to protect every soft target, but we can ensure that citizens have the legal right to do what is morally right, which is to protect themselves and others from violent criminals and terrorists with concealed weapons.

Now more than ever, we need to pass a National Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, and we need to push state legislatures in those

freedom-challenged areas such as California, Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and the District of Columbia to adopt "shall issue" concealed carry permitting.

The sort of strict gun control favored by Democrats is an abject failure. The terrorist attack in San Bernardino, crippled by the strongest gun control laws in the nation, proved that. The even stricter gun control laws in France, which has seen more people murdered in recent months in mass killings than the United States has during Barack Obama's entire presidency.

Gun control has conclusively failed.

It's time to ensure that anti-liberty laws are swept aside, so that American citizens can exercise their right to armed self-defense wherever they may lawfully be.

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VA GOP May Strip Governor of His Protective Detail Over Concealed Carry

by Bob Owens,
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Virginia's radically anti-gun Governor and Attorney General were probably quite pleased with themselves when they spitefully severed concealed carry agreements with 25 states, including all but one of its neighbors.

They probably didn't anticipate the backlash they've received, which includes calls to recall or impeach Attorney General Mark Herring, and pushes for legislation that will both strip elected officials of the ability to make such unilateral decisions, and get a little payback.

Herring's announcement came three weeks before the start of the General Assembly session, which is controlled by Republicans. In November, a bill was filed that would require Virginia to recognize permits from other states. If approved, it would reverse Herring's ruling.

Carrico said he'll address the issue come January.

"A lot of the governor's power is deferred to the General Assembly at that point and I'll be getting with my colleagues to circumvent everything this governor has done

on this point," he said. "I have a budget amendment that I'm looking at to take away his executive protection unit. If he's so afraid of guns, then I'm not going to surround him with armed state policemen."

It's not lost on anyone that the biggest supporters of gun control are those who have other people with guns employed to protect them.

Billionaire Michael Bloomberg, the man personally bankrolling an otherwise dying gun control movement in the United States, is constantly surrounded by armed bodyguards (mostly poached from the NYPD, as I understand it), and I know for a fact that Moms Demand Propagandist Shannon Watts has armed bodyguards, as I've seen them up close. Most other gun control supporters have public or private security, and a surprising number of them have concealed carry permits of their own.

(Editor/GG: If our Colorado republicans had any cubes they would do this to Governor Chickenlooper.)

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Gun Show Myth: Democrats Invoke Debunked Talking Points

by *ColoradoPeakPolitics.com*

On Saturday night, Democratic presidential candidates U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, former Senator, First Lady, and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and former Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley sparred on issues ranging from gun control to education spending to foreign policy (read: ISIS). If you didn't watch it, you're not alone. Saturday was filled with holiday parties, an intentional scheduling snafu by the Democratic National Committee no doubt.

But, one talking point that all three seemed to jump on was the "gun show loophole". Here's what Bernie Sanders had to say about it:

"Who denies that it is crazy to allow people to own guns who are criminals or are mentally unstable? We've got to eliminate the gun show loophole. In my view, we have got to see that weapons designed by the military to kill people are not in the hands of civilians." (the Peak emphasis)

The gun show loophole has been debunked over and over again. A licensed firearm dealer at a gun show still must follow federal and state law on background checks. Where this gets sticky is private transactions that may or may not happen at gun shows. At issue is not the location of the transaction, but the status of the parties – whether the parties are private citizens. Colorado tried to enact this law as part of liberals' sweeping gun grab in 2013.

Sheriffs in Colorado have repeatedly told the media that the laws requiring background checks on transfers between private parties are impossible to enforce. From the Coloradoan in 2014:

"Nobody accused of breaking either law had been

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Germans Scramble to Buy Weapons Amid Invasion of Muslim Immigrants

by Soeren Kern,
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via ZeroHedge.com

(Editor/GG: Had to excerpt this as it is too long to print. To see the whole article go to the web address at the bottom of the article. If you don't have internet access, come to the Sentinel office and we will print you a copy. This also is happening, today, in America with the main stream media hiding the facts. Now with the next wave of muslim and third world immigration about to engulf us (thanks to the GOP and the libs working together in perfect harmony in allowing, essential unlimited legal and illegal immigration), our country will see crime and welfare levels that are unthinkable. And the libs want to disarm us. Time for some serious changes folks.)

- The scramble to acquire weapons comes amid an indisputable nationwide spike in migrant-driven crime, including rapes of German women and girls on a shocking scale, as well as physical assaults, stabbings, home invasions, robberies and burglaries — in cities and towns throughout the country.
- German authorities, however, are going to great lengths to argue that the German citizenry's sudden interest in self-defense has nothing whatsoever to do with mass migration

into the country, despite ample evidence to the contrary.

- The spike in violent crimes committed by migrants has been corroborated by a leaked confidential police report, which reveals that a record-breaking 38,000 asylum seekers were accused of committing crimes in the country in 2014. Analysts believe this figure — which works out to more than 100 crimes a day — is only a fragment: many crimes are not reported.
- “Anyone who asks for the reasons for the surge in weapons purchases encounters silence.” — Süddeutsche Zeitung

Germans, facing an influx of more than one million asylum seekers from Africa, Asia, and the Middle East, are rushing to arm themselves.

All across Germany, a country with some of the most stringent gun-control laws in Europe, demand is skyrocketing for non-lethal self-defense weapons, including pepper sprays, gas pistols, flare guns, electro-shock weapons, and animal repellents. Germans are also applying for weapons permits in record numbers.

The scramble to acquire weapons comes amid a migrant-driven surge in violent crimes — including rapes, robberies, and

aggravated assaults — in cities and towns throughout the country.

Since Germany's migration crisis exploded in August 2015, nationwide sales of pepper spray have jumped by 600%, according to the German news magazine, Focus. Supplies of the product are now completely sold out in many parts of the country and additional stocks will not become available until 2016. “Manufacturers and distributors say the huge influx of foreigners in recent weeks has apparently frightened many people,” Focus reports.

The same story is being repeated across Germany. According to the public broadcaster, Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk, citizens in Saxony can regularly be seen queuing up in large numbers waiting for gun shops to open.

that his clients come from all walks of life, ranging “from the professor to the retired lady. All are afraid.”

Eric Thiel, the owner of a gun shop in Flensburg, a city on the Baltic Sea coast, said that pepper spray is no longer available: “Everything is sold out. New supplies will not arrive until March. Everything that has to do with self-defense is booming enormously.”

Mayer added that there is a growing sense within German society that the state cannot adequately protect its citizens and therefore they have to better protect themselves.

Pepper spray and other types of non-lethal self-defense weapons are legal in Germany, but a permit is required to carry and use some categories of them. Officials in all of Germany's 16 federal states are reporting a spike in

the full-fledged firearms license (großen Waffenschein). The rush to arms can be attributed to a “subjective decline in the people's sense of security,” Saxon Interior Minister Markus Ulbig said.

In Stuttgart, the capital city of Baden-Württemberg, local gun shops are reporting a four-fold increase in sales of self-defense weapons since August. One shop owner said she now sells more weapons in one week than she normally sells in one month. She added that she has never seen such high demand.

The same trend toward self-defense is being repeated in the German states of Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Saxony-Anhalt and North Rhine-Westphalia, where spiraling levels of violent crime perpetrated by migrants is turning some neighborhoods into no-go zones.

Apologists for mass migration are accusing German citizens of overreacting. Some point to recent studies — commissioned by pro-migration groups — which claim, implausibly, that the number of crimes committed by immigrants has fallen.

Empirical evidence shows an indisputable nationwide spike in migrant-driven crime, including rapes of German women and girls on a shocking scale, as well as

sexual and physical assaults, stabbings, home invasions, robberies, burglaries and drug trafficking.

The spike in violent crimes committed by migrants has been corroborated by a confidential police report leaked to a German newspaper. The document reveals that a record-breaking 38,000 asylum seekers were accused of committing crimes in the country in 2014. Analysts believe this figure — which works out to more than 100 crimes a day — is only a fragment: many crimes are not reported.

Not surprisingly, a new poll shows that 55% of Germans are pessimistic about the future, up from 31% in 2014 and 28% in 2013.

The poll also shows that four-fifths (79%) of the German population believe the economy will deteriorate in 2016 due to the financial burdens created by the migration crisis, and 70% believe that member states of the European Union will drift further apart in the coming year. The most predictable finding of all: 87% of Germans believe their politicians will experience a decline in public support during 2016.

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The scramble to acquire weapons comes amid a migrant-driven surge in violent crimes.

Günter Fritz, the owner of a gun shop in Ebersbach, another town in Saxony, told RTL News, “Since September, all over Germany, also at my shop, sales of self-defense products have exploded.” He added

applications for such permits, known as the small weapons license (kleinen Waffenschein).

Saxon officials are also reporting a jump in the number of people applying for

Texas Sheriff Comes Under Fire for Cross Decals on Cars

by Michael Ware,
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Once again, we have some wishing to interfere in affairs that have little or nothing to do with them personally. If Christians were to gather in a group and raise money to fight atheists, they would cry foul. This would be seen as discrimination. But, if you are in the majority in this country, you are the one in the wrong. And one Texas sheriff has discovered that it no longer matters how small your community—the Liberal eye is everywhere.

Christian News reports:

A prominent professing atheist group is seeking to stop a Texas sheriff from placing cross decals on his deputy vehicles out of its assertion that doing so violates the U.S. Constitution.

“Displaying a Latin cross on Brewster County Sheriff's Offices' patrol vehicles violates the Establishment Clause,” staff attorney Sam Grover wrote in a letter to Dodson on Monday. “It is inappropriate and unconstitutional for a government entity to display a Latin cross on its property be-

cause it conveys a preference by the sheriff's office—and by extension, Brewster County—for religion over non-religion and Christianity over all minority faiths.”

The (Freedom From Religion Foundation) FFRF is based in Wisconsin, and this has no bearing on them or their members. This means that, unless there is a complaining party in Brewster County that they represent, it is unlikely that they will have much traction in doing more than complaining. It is likely that this is the reason that there is no overt threat of a lawsuit. But, there is a lot of speculation in their letter.

Christian News continued:

He asserted that some citizens who contact the police for help might become offended and feel inferior when they see the decals.

“These citizens should not be made to feel offended, excluded and like political outsiders because the local government they support with their taxes oversteps its power by prominently placing a religious statement on government vehicles,” Grover wrote.

FFRF subsequently asked that

Dodson abandon his plan to place the cross decals on deputies' vehicles.

Once again, rather than addressing the issue with facts and Constitutional law, the unbeliever must resort to emotion and imagination. He opines that there might be someone somewhere in Brewster, Texas that would be offended by the crosses, that they might be so bothered by these stickers that they would be hesitant to call for help, as they would feel like outsiders.

Let me first say that this is a ridiculous way to address this issue. It is far-fetched to believe that there is someone in any state, much less West Texas, that would feel this strongly about a sticker. It is even less likely that they would even think about the sticker while in the midst of a judicial emergency.

If these imaginary people were inclined to consider the faith and practice of the people tasked with service and protection, they would come to the same conclusion, with or without the crosses. It would not take a genius to figure out the logical progression that would lead to the same con-

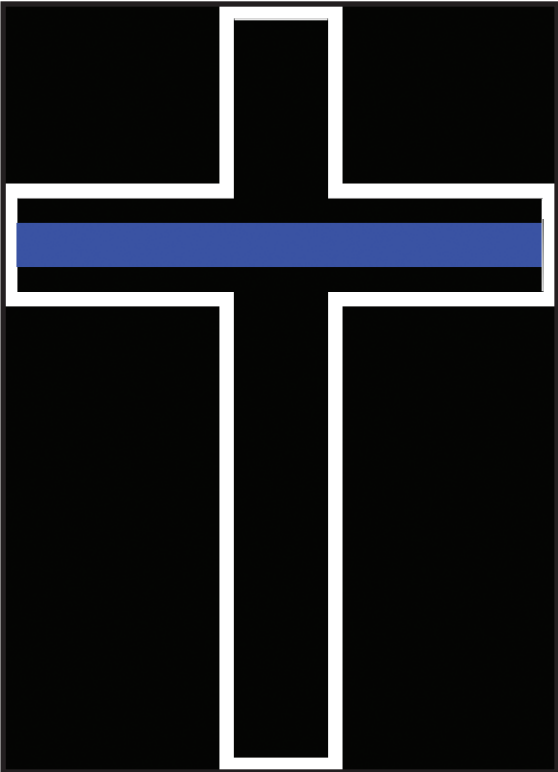
clusion. It being apparent that a vast majority of the surrounding population being professed Christians, a large percentage of the police force is likewise professing Christians.

This would mean that in the final analysis the crosses would do little to ease or upset the mind of the atheist. If they are afraid that Christians will serve them less or differently because of their lack of faith, then simply do not mention that when calling for help.

This would also mean that they are suffering from some kind of phobia. It is, if we look at history, irrational to think that Christians will refuse to help those who differ from them. And though it

is not clear what the sheriff will do, the removal of the crosses is unlikely to allay this phobia.

Read more at <http://freedomoutpost.com/2015/12/texas-sheriff-comes-under-fire-for-cross-decals-on-cars/#5gK3HAZ1R6XZTYoW.99>



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.



BETRAYED AGAIN

Betrayal is the most ancient cornerstone of literature and history, weaving its threads from the serpent in the garden to Benedict Arnold and beyond. This venomous malignancy often lies undetected too long thus jeopardizing the life of the ailing when surgery is required. Such occasions require the skill of a "Great Physician" who has never lost a patient even when the flat line appeared to be minutes away.

The traitors of contemporary fame are multiple in number calling themselves Republicans. They have joined ranks with Democrats to pass an Omnibus Spending Bill that hands the liberals every Christmas cookie they desired, including funding for Obamacare and Planned Parenthood. The budget deal will allow massive Syrian immigration and provide for further regulations to handcuff American business. The majority of these RINOs were elected on the platform of cutting spending and debt. Their treachery serves as a great reminder, "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes." (Psalm 118:9) These so-called "legislative servants" consider themselves royalty beyond rebuke.

Every type of treasonous duplicity is recorded in the Scriptures, often revealing details that are beyond the possibility of coincidental. Joseph, the son of Jacob, lacking guile reported the evil behavior of his brothers to their father. (Genesis 37:2) The result was: "And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceable unto him." (Genesis 37:4) God the Father, the originator of truth, has always endeared Himself to lovers of the same. When the rare brother comes along who is willing to expose the chicanery of the establishment, all efforts will be made to silence the objector.

Joseph, unaware of political advantage, threw gasoline on the fire of discord by telling his brothers about two dreams he had that portrayed a bright future for himself but less than pleasant ones for his siblings. Needless to say, this revelation was received with the enthusiasm of a rabbit in the crosshairs of a bald eagle. Any suggestion that the future is perilous is an invitation to critical commentary that requires no evidence. Any member of Congress that consistently calls attention to deficit spending is disparaged or, at the very least, ignored!

On one particular occasion Jacob sent Joseph to the hinterlands to check on the boys who were assigned the task of watching the

flocks. (The job of Congress) "And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him. And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh. Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams." (Genesis 37:18-20)

As the narrative continues the RINO brotherhood determined that murder was too radical but a good compromise was offered. The younger brother was sold to a company of Ishmeelites on a trade mission to Egypt. These merchants of deceit are an excellent representation of the Democrats in that they came from the same root stock as Jacob's family. His grandfather, as theirs, was Abraham; however, it wasn't the differences but the similarities that sold out the one true conservative.

The story becomes more interesting and prophetic when we learn "Midianite merchantmen" were complicit with the Ishmeelites. In Numbers 22 the Midianites are located in Moab. This would mean they are connected with Lot's illegitimate children on the east bank of TransJordan. It is 100% Muslim today, not allowing any synagogue or church to be built anywhere in the entire country in spite of the Koran's edict: "There is no compulsion in religion." (Sura 2:256) Contemporary application...the RINOs will ultimately agree with the Democrats on Muslim immigration just like they forfeited all leverage in the budget deal.

Notice the same basic "original sin" that occurs over and over again: Cain jealous of Abel, Saul jealous of David, Herod jealous of the King of the Jews, Rachel jealous over her sister, Pilate knowing the Jews delivered Christ for envy, and the elder brother in Luke 15 being jealous of the younger brother. The problem is quite simple....real conservative principles are more aligned with the Bible which are destined to produce a better solution, but the Ishmeelites and RINOs know that the Scriptures run in contradiction to their ideology. The whole thing is summarized in Proverbs 27:4: "Wrath is cruel and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy?"

Is there any good news? Through a series of two more betrayals Joseph is elevated to the position of prime minister of Egypt which is a wonderful picture of who wins in the end.

A Sheepdog Barks!

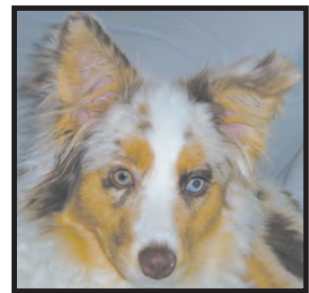
What the hades did the Republicans do in 2015? Not very much. WOOF! What the hades did Obama do in 2015? Way too much. WOOF! He continues to harm America and the Republicans stand by and watch him do it. The good news for conservatives was that we finally got rid of Speaker Boehner. All he really ever did was outspend the Democrats and help the Kleenex industry. He was certainly no John Wayne. Heck he was more like Pee Wee Herman. He kissed Nancy Pelosi for goodness sake. What self-respecting conservative would do that? That's like a Vietnam Vet kissing Jane Fonda. WOOF! The bad news is that we now have Speaker Paul Boehner-Ryan or SPBR. I'm not sure he can be trusted. I'm afraid SPBR has just stepped into Boehner's shoes. The shoes of a cowardly straw lion just like we have in the Republican-controlled Senate. They talk tough and then mew. MEEOW! Why do they think we want more of the same? America is broken in almost everything it was once strong in. Why do the straw lions think we want more of that? We helped put them in power to stop the LPSD c**p that is going on and what do they do? Compromise! Compromise is a dirty word when you compromise with evil socialism. We don't want compromise; we want a complete stalemate until we can get an America-loving, Constitution-loving leader in the White House like Trump or Cruz. We don't want anymore "cooperation" across the aisle. We want the LPSDs stopped. If it means letting Obama shut down the government, so be it! Let him veto the right kind of things for America. We need the fight. It's the only way to stop the LPSD insanity that is harming all Americans, whether they recognize it or not. Why do the straw lions believe that assisting Obama makes any sense? If they really believe that helps America they are as delusional as Obama. Just consider some of the things Obama was responsible for in 2015. And this is just a partial list: The rise of ISIS, global disorder, the Iran Nuclear Deal, the retreat of American power and influence, a bad economy, a low

labor participation rate, lower median income, Bergdahl still unpunished, welfare and food stamps up, Obamacare falling apart, health insurance costs soaring, climate change agreements, EPA regulations, Anti-police protests, the loss of religious freedoms, the infringement of 1st Amendment rights, and the continued rise of political correctness. Oh, there's one more huge insanity. The Republican Congress helped Obama sign a \$1.1 Trillion dollar budget that funded every LPSD cause on the books like Planned Parenthood, the out of control EPA and the Syrian Refugee Program. Why in the world would the Republicans think they did ANYTHING good in 2015? They were total failures. WOOF!

The LPSDs have created an America that is completely upside down. When America overlooks a young 19-year-old woman, Lauryn Hill, who was still playing college basketball right up to the time of her death from cancer and then crowns a man that thinks he's a woman, Bruce Jenner, as the year's Most Courageous Athlete we should all realize and recognize that America is in trouble, BIG trouble. WOOF!

And here is what we can look forward to in 2016: Obama has one more year left to inflict his damage and with a Republican-controlled House and Senate that continues to assist him we can look for things like this to happen: The closing of GITMO and the release of very bad Islamic terrorists, more gun control, more regulations and stupidity with regard to man-made climate change, criminal justice reform (aka release more prisoners and blame the cops), more social engineering in our armed forces, and more terrorist attacks in America. There will be no more spending battles because the Republicans already gave Obama all the money he wants and all the increased debt limits he needs. Actually there is no such thing as a debt "limit" because every time we get near it they raise it. Sad little mechanism don't you agree? WOOF!

Here's another thing we can look forward to in 2016: The continued rise of Hillary Clinton which defies all logic and



common sense. She is the most corrupt woman in America and continues to succeed. She has no competition in the LPSD Party. America's only hope is for the FBI Director to have the courage to do what is right. He will be stopped by the Department of Justice (DOJ) in order to save the Democrat Party. We can only hope that he will then leak the appropriate information on her Espionage Act crimes against "we the people" so she can be rightly convicted in the court of public opinion. That may be the only thing that stops her from landing in the White House. WHY? Because there are that many stupid and unaware Americans out there. She is not what she appears to be, and if elected, she would continue Obama's willful destruction of our country. Maybe, and just maybe, the knowledge that she jeopardized America's national security would cause some LPSDs to not vote. That would be enough actually. Anything that stops her getting into the White House works for me. WOOF! And I love her claim that Trump is a Bully and no one should be able to bully their way into the White House. REALLY? She has been a bully her whole life. She bullied the employees that went to prison for her; she bullied all the women Bill had sex with; she bullied the White House staff that was there when Bill moved in; she bullied the military officers that served there; she bullies her Secret Service staff and she bullies the media. She's portraying herself as a victim, a victim of the war on women (a war which she started as she demonized all those Bill had an eye for). All presidents are bullies, why do you think they call it the "bully pulpit?" She is a dangerous and dishonest person. Poor little HilLIARY! Trump needs to quit bullying her. NOT! WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



Feds Have NO Idea Where 9,500 Immigrants with Visas Revoked for Terrorism Are

by Pamela Geller, FreedomOutPost.com

But no worries, terror spox Obama says there is no “specific” terror threat to U.S., but calls for vigilance — he doesn’t say what for. Anything except jihad terror.

Americans are held hostage to Obama’s roiling chaos.

Feds can’t say whereabouts of those whose visas were revoked over terror threat, FOX News, December 19, 2015, (thanks to Creeping):

The Obama administration cannot be sure of the whereabouts of thousands of foreigners in the U.S. who had their visas revoked over terror concerns and other reasons, a State Department official acknowledged Thursday.

The admission, made at a House oversight hearing examining immigrant vetting in the wake of major terror attacks, drew a sharp rebuke from the committee chairman.

“You don’t have a clue do you?” Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, told Michele Thoren Bond, assistant secretary for the Bureau of Consular Affairs.

Bond initially said the U.S. has revoked more than 122,000 visas since 2001, including 9,500 because of the threat of terrorism.

But Chaffetz quickly pried at that stat, pressing the witness about the present location of those individuals.

“I don’t know,” she said.

The startling admission came as members of the committee pressed administration officials on what safeguards are in place to reduce the risk from would-be extremists.

(Editor/GG: See a common thread here folks. The republicans just passed the big spending bill that allows for over 300,000 muslims from Syria to come here. Unvetted. And the lib statists running the government don’t want to throw out the KNOWN terrorists that are already here. Libs and RINO’s. Same policy. Same goal.)

Read more at <http://freedomoutpost.com/2015/12/feds-have-no-idea-where-9500-immigrants-with-visas-revoked-for-terrorism-are/#fdcV7J2OSVF6CSfr.99>

Obama, Media Ignore the Worst Catastrophe Since the BP Oil Spill: 150 MILLION Pounds of Methane in Just Two Weeks!

by Melissa Dykes, FreedomOutpost.com

An immense plume of runaway natural gas — invisible to the naked eye — is billowing out of the ground at Aliso Canyon at an insane rate and has been for two months months now. Some 150 million pounds of methane has now poured into the atmosphere in just a few weeks.

No one seems to know what caused it and no one seems to know how to stop it. The gas leak continues unabated. It shows no signs of stopping.

It is now officially being called the worst catastrophe since the BP oil spill and the worst gas leak in California state history.

“It is one of the biggest leaks we’ve ever seen reported,” said Tim O’Connor, California climate director for the Environmental Defense Fund, a nonprofit group that obtained the video. “It is coming out with force, in incredible volumes. And it is absolutely uncontained.”

Zero Hedge reported that methane is

72 times more impactful (aka, worse) for the atmosphere than carbon dioxide is and this stuff is escaping with the force of a volcanic eruption that hasn’t stopped for months.

Nearby neighborhoods have been forcibly evacuated for safety. And again, the media outlets that have actually covered this situation just keep reaffirming the fact that there is no way to stop it. The leak continues to vent a gas which, in this volume, will have disastrous consequences on the atmosphere at a rate of up to 110,000 pounds per hour. This is all happening right now just 20 miles south of Los Angeles.

The question is, why haven’t we seen hardly anything about this in the news?

Why isn’t this a top story right now? Has it ever been this whole time? We heard all about the climate talks in Paris...How come we’re just now hearing about this?

Obama will wax on all day about “climate change” right? Well methane is clearly much worse for the environ-

ment than the man-made carbon dioxide he’s always railing against and where has he been on this one? Pushing gun control? Golfing?

This leak has supposedly already released the equivalent of what would be released from six coal-fired power plants (the ones he wants to regulate out of existence) over the span of twenty years... in just under two months. And it just keeps leaking at an alarming rate.

And the president hasn’t said a peep. Keep in mind, this leak was happening DURING the recent climate talks in Paris.

Kinda highlights the reality that the whole Paris UN climate thing he went on and on about a couple weeks ago is even more fake and pointless than most of us already knew it was.

Read more at <http://freedomoutpost.com/2015/12/if-obama-is-concerned-about-climte-change-why-hasnt-he-mentioned-this-enormous-unstoppable-gas-leak-in-california/#MIWJBdHOUvLUZ.99>

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booked into Larimer County Jail by mid-January, said Sheriff Justin Smith. Statewide, reports of the laws being violated are extremely rare, as law-enforcement officials in numerous counties have vowed to refrain from enforcing the laws some say are too vague, too difficult to enforce, or are in violation of citizens’ Second Amendment rights....

“Not included in those numbers are

people who bought, sold, or transferred a gun without going to a gun store to seek a background check. Smith said that’s because the law lacks a tracking mechanism for the transfer of weapons, leaving his deputies without a way of knowing whether someone violated the law to obtain a firearm.

“There’s no way to know,” he said. “So how are police going to get involved in a private transaction in someone’s home with a legal piece of property? Obviously, they’re not.”

We all agree that cases in which

guns are the weapon of choice for the mentally unstable are horrific, but instituting unenforceable laws only snags law-abiding citizens, not those who wish to do harm. None of the gun control measures that any of the Democratic candidates mentioned on Saturday night would have done anything to prevent mass shootings. Don’t take our word for it, take the Washington Post’s word.

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HEALTH

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The proposed amendment says that the state must fund ColoradoCare at the level that it funded Medicaid and other federal health programs, even though it no longer will have control of the way the money is spent.

After the first year, the amount of state funds that flow to ColoradoCare must increase each year by the rate of inflation and state population growth.

7. All personal health care data will be deposited in a database for publicly available research.

It will also be made available to thousands of people

working in health care. The ColoradoCare Board will “promulgate rules that protect beneficiary confidentiality while allowing for publicly available research of ColoradoCare’s databases.”

ColoradoCare “will maintain a central database of medical records for management and research purposes” and is part of “efficient medical records and billing records systems that can be easily accessed by providers and beneficiaries.”

No penalties are specified if ColoradoCare fails to adequately protect personal data. If it is classified as a state health oversight agency, it will be exempt from HIPAA privacy requirements.

Conclusion

The ColoradoCare Amendment imposes the highest state income taxes in the nation. It creates a centrally run, monopoly health program. It does not guarantee health care or replace health insurance.

Decades of evaluations of existing centrally planned monopoly health care programs show their costs are poorly controlled, they have long waiting lists for even basic care, limit access to new drugs, have miserable quality, and discourage new discoveries.

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