

Issues Surround County Judge Selection Well Qualified County Residents Bypassed for Outsider; Was Appointment Even Legal?

by George Gramlich,
News and Analysis

A slew of issues have been raised about the recent selection and “appointment” of a non-Custer County resident to be Custer County’s (11th Judicial District) new county judge.

When our prior County Judge, Peter Michaelson was appointed to be a district court judge in the 11th Judicial District, a new Custer County judge had to be selected. The process to select new district and county judges (in the case of a vacancy) are set forth in Colorado’s Constitution, Article VI, Sections 20 and 24. There it outlines the

rules for establishing Judicial District Nominating Commissions for all the judicial districts in the state. These commissions then advertise that an opening exists, accepts applications, interviews the applicants, and selects three nominees to be sent to the Governor of Colorado where he will pick the winner. The governor has 15 days after the commission sends the nominees to him to appoint the next judge.

As per our state Constitution, these commissions are comprised of seven members. Depending on the population size of the Judicial District, three or four lawyers are required to be on each commission.

The lawyer members are appointed by majority vote between the governor, the attorney general, and the chief justice of the Colorado Supreme Court. Note here that at this time, the governor and chief justice are democrats, thus a majority democrat voting bloc. As per the Constitution, “All other members shall be appointed by the governor.” So, in practical terms, with the lawyer members being selected by a democrat majority block, and the governor solely selecting the rest, the commissions can easily be stacked with partisan political players doing the will of their party.

So the Eleventh Judicial

District Nominating Commission advertised for applicants. The bar is fairly low as these are county judges. As per the Colorado Supreme Court, an applicant must be “under the age of 72” and “In small counties, no person is eligible unless he or she has graduated from high school or has attained the equivalent of a high school education.”

Also, there is one more qualification. As per Article VI, Section 16 of the Colorado Constitution, “County judges shall be qualified electors of their counties at the time of their election or appointment.” In the job opening press release sent out by the Colorado

Judicial Department dated December 2nd, 2015 it states, “the applicant must be a qualified elector of Custer County...”. “Elector” means one is A RESIDENT AND A REGISTERED VOTER OF THE COUNTY and the press release clearly states “the applicant” meaning when you are applying. So the press release says you must be an elector when you are “applying” and the Colorado Constitution says you must be an elector when you are “appointed” by the governor.

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Dale Falske, Running for County Commissioner, District 2

by Carol Clemenson

Dale Falske of Wetmore has announced his candidacy for the District 2 Commissioner’s opening currently held by term limited Lynn Attebery. The two other announced candidates for that job are Sandra Attebery and Jay Printz.

Although he was born in California, Dale spent the first seven years of his life on his parents ranch in Durango, Colorado. His family then moved back to California where Dale eventually became a deputy of the Los Angeles Sher-

iff’s Department where he served with distinction for 28 years (now retired). He also owned a tire business that specialized in earth moving machines. He is married to his “best friend” and lifelong partner, Gertie.

They moved from California to Wetmore in 2007. Here, Dale spent eight years working at “the prison” as a guard but now has retired. They have four children and nine grandchildren. They run a small herd of cattle on their property, and both Dale and Gerti love mules. Dale and Gertie attend the Hope

Lutheran Church and are both lifelong German Lutherans.

Now being completely retired, Dale will, if elected, devote all of his time to being a commissioner. He said he doesn’t consider the commissioner’s position a “job”, instead, he says, it would be a pleasure to give back to the community after ten years of living here. Dale wants to explore ways to create local jobs and bring in more opportunities for young people to be able to stay in the county. He also feels the Sheriff’s Office is underfunded. He stated, “I intend to

prioritize and support the Sheriff’s Office in terms of funding for equipment, training, etc.”. Dale also feels the county needs to be more business friendly.

Concerning the recent 30% pay increase approved by the current commissioners for all Custer County elected officials, Dale said, “I had no say in the decision. That was approved by the existing board. But many good people in our county government have gone 12 years without a raise. They certain-



Dale Falske, Candidate for
Commissioner

Sentinel photo
by George Gramlich

ly deserve it. Some well meaning candidates have offered to forgo all or part of the pay increase, and while I personally don’t feel entitled, this is just empty rhetoric. The pay raise decision has been made and is a done deal. That train has left the station. There is no reason to belabor this further. All that remains now is for we the people to use our votes to insure that this money is well spent. Will we spend it to fund the status quo or will we invest it in new and fresh ideas for the future of Custer County”.

Dale closed with this, “If I am fortunate enough to win the privilege of serving the good people of Custer County, I promise to give 100% effort to them and to this sacred trust.”

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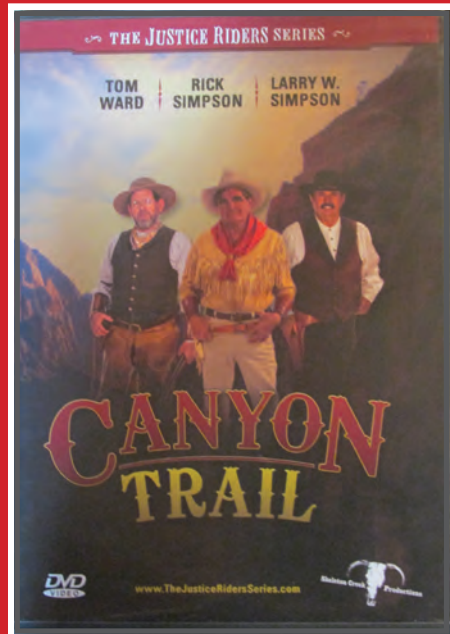
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Our Opinion... From the Editorial Board

OUR UPSIDE DOWN AMERICA

There is a big difference for most of us between right and wrong. There is also a big difference between right and wrong and legal. Once again we are seeing an example of this. Just because something is legal doesn't make it right. Legally, in America, babies can be aborted right up to the moment of birth. That doesn't make it right. In fact it is wrong; very wrong. Just because seven Judges in 1973 decided that abortion should be legal doesn't make it right, only legal. It was a very wrong decision. The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) has made many a wrong thing legal in its history. Slavery was legal according to them but that didn't make it right. Recently they even "created" law by rewriting Obamacare to make it legal. That was also wrong.

So we now learn of the latest case of right vs wrong vs legal. A Houston Grand Jury investigating the very wrong harvesting and selling of baby organs found that the investigators who exposed this heinous and illegal practice were guilty of crimes rather than the Planned Parenthood (PP) employees who did the actual crimes. This is very wrong. The indictments may be legal but they are wrong, wrong, wrong. The founder of the Center for Medical Progress, David Daleiden, and one of his investigators, Sandra Merritt, were indicted on felony charges of tampering with a governmental record.

Planned Parenthood employees were not charged with anything. The governmental record was a fake California driver's license used by the investigators to gain access to the PP interviews. During the many videoed interviews, which most of us have seen, the PP employees admitted to using illegal abortion techniques in order to not damage the baby's organs and then agreed to sell them for profit. They were not charged with any wrong doing but using a fake driver's license, not to fraud, but to gain investigative access was deemed wrong. This is a true example of the upside down thinking in America today between wrong and legal. Can you imagine the different outcome from a Grand Jury say 50 years ago. We are not convinced this progressiveness is good for our country. We expected more from the good citizens of Texas. Harris County District Attorney Devon Anderson was quoted as saying "...we must go where the evidence leads us." We know that that legal principle was not applied fairly across the board. The results don't appear to validate that. Hopefully that principle will be properly applied when investigating the use of highly classified emails on a private server. Sadly, however, we know that legal authorities don't always follow the evidence to reach proper decisions and prosecute wrong and illegal behavior. So far in Houston this is the case.

Consider the statements released by the two parties involved.

"The Center for Medical Progress uses the same undercover techniques that investigative journalists have used for decades in exercising our First Amendment rights to freedom of speech and of the press, and follows all applicable laws," Daleiden said in a statement in response to the indictment. "We respect the processes of the Harris County District Attorney, and note that buying fetal tissue requires a seller as well. Planned Parenthood still cannot deny the admissions from their leadership about fetal organ sales captured on video for all the world to see," Daleiden continued.

Planned Parenthood officials swiftly hailed the indictment as vindication.

"These anti-abortion extremists spent three years creating a fake company, creating fake identities, lying, and breaking the law. When they couldn't find any improper or illegal activity, they made it up," Eric Ferrero, vice president of communications for Planned Parenthood Federation of America, said in a statement. "As the dust settles and the truth comes out, it's become totally clear that the only people who engaged in wrongdoing are the criminals behind this fraud, and we're glad they're being held accountable," Ferrero said.

Most of us were taught right from wrong. We can clearly tell which statement above is right and which is wrong. Our laws are not so simple. What is right is not always legal and what is wrong is too often legal. Makes one wonder how

that happens. Mostly it's due to ambiguous language designed to cause confusion and protect bad behavior. That is wrong. Many laws have used words like "intent." We all know it's impossible to prove intent in most cases. Why is it part of the law? Then the legal beagles in court parse the meaning of each and every word and the result is usually a miscarriage of justice. Remember the statement "it depends on what the meaning of is, is." Justice is the right and proper action for wrong and bad behavior. We learned long ago that we don't have a justice system in America, we have a legal system. This allows wrong to prevail and that is what happened in Houston. We can only hope that in the end justice and right will prevail. Right now we are clearly upside down.



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He is the Real Deal

I am all in for Ted Cruz. Ted will not abandon his conservative principles and it is no wonder that the Republican establishment are against him. They want someone who will help them in making deals with the Democrats, in other words compromising their principles and giving in to the what I call the enemy. Donald Trump is not a conservative. Nobody could jump out of his checkered past all of a sudden. I do not plan to go into a list of what has been mentioned of Trumps past LPSPD ways such as donations to Democrats and Clinton 'Underworld' founda-

tion. Besides he has been pro-choice and supported anti-second amendment efforts. Trump in my honest opinion is a Democrat and a RINO plant. I have recently donated to Ted Cruz and love that man. He is the real deal and it is why he is despised by the Republican elite. Follow my lead and vote for Ted in our primary. God bless America.

Steve Levine
SFC, United States Army, Retired
Pueblo West

Many Thanks from Wild Bill Toys for Kids

The kids that received the gifts for Christmas this year are very grateful. The community really stepped up again for the Wild Bill foundation. I was very surprised and grateful for all the contributions. I have done this toy run for the community for the last ten to eleven

years with the wonderful help of this community. A special thank you to "Uncle Frank" for all the wooden toys he carved for the kids. I love this community with all my heart.

Thank you,
Bill Miller

A Vote for Tim Neville, U.S. Senate

Christians are NOT to leave popular government up to the ungodly. To neglect good government is to neglect the salvation of souls.

Promotion of public and private good is one of the greatest means of saving souls. (Romans 13:1-6; 1 Timothy 1:8-10.) Christians should vote and enter public life to promote good government so that the gospel will not be hindered and stamped out. Both reason and experience, as well as the Bible make this obligatory upon all. Since government is necessary for the best good of all, it is the duty of every Christian to help bring about the best government to secure this end. (Dake's Annotated Reference Bible, page 306 N.T.)

Wow, what an indictment on the way we have been doing

business. Too many Christians have bought into the error of staying clear of politics and we are paying a heavy price.

My wife and I met state Senator Tim Neville at the Colorado Campaign for Life banquet in mid-town Denver last August. He and his wife Barb were praying and seeking the Lord at that time, as to whether he should enter the U.S. Senate race against the incumbent Michael Bennett. I have called and emailed Bennett's office on numerous occasions concerning legislation that was important to me. His responses left me yearning for godly leadership.

Tim Neville is a fighter (the Bible says we are in a fight). No getting bought off, no giving in to the unscrupulous and not going along to get along.

Some of the key battleground issues are: protecting the unborn, defending the 2nd Amendment freedoms, stand for family values, defend states rights, secure our borders, provide for a strong national defense (back a commander-in-chief our service personnel can respect) and reduce government and slash taxes.

As our U.S. Senator, Tim Neville will do this with other like-minded civil servants.

I will work with other conservative community leaders to bring state Senator Neville to Custer County so you can hear him and speak with him personally - we are in this fight together.

Hal Crossley,
Rural Custer County

Thank you... from the Seilings

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, calls, texts, donations, flowers, kind words of encouragement and everything that everyone did for us this past year while we fought the unwanted journey of cancer with our daughter, Trudi. It is very definitely the power of prayer that saved her life and for that we can never "Thank You" enough. We are forever indebted to this community we love to call home. Trudi is getting stronger everyday and living the life she loves and we know it is because of the support shown to us. Thank you everyone!

Clint & Cindy Seiling,
Audrey, Shane, & kids,
Danny & Trudi

Of Mice and Men

I have many times railed against Obama, Pelosi and Reed but I now must include John Boehner, Paul Ryan, Lindsey Graham, Mitch McConnell, John McCain, Marco Rubio, Jeb Bush, and Gov. Nikki Haley. There is a reason congressional approval is lower than Obama's. Although I don't believe anything he says, in one sense he was true to his word. He said early on he wanted to fundamentally change America, but we have elected spineless mice to our Republican Senate. They have betrayed our trust and our vote. The Republican congress passes laws that may as well be written and flown on a paper airplane. When the Washington Republicans stand against conservatives of this country, your darn right I'm angry, Gov. Haley. Rep. Ryan, are you in Obama's pocket or just one of the establishment elites? I would be surprised if "Cowboy Poetry" is not in the latest budget deal. Boehner (you're gone but), you're a Catholic, why did you fund Planned Parenthood? Marco, what's the difference between amnesty and path to citizenship? McCain, why are you fighting your own party instead of Clinton? McCain and Graham, what is your connection to the Muslim Brotherhood? McCain, Graham and Rubio, weren't you part of the gang of eight? Christie, by inaction, you vetoed a gun bill that would keep guns away from convicted criminals. Jeb, is not Common Core a way for Islamic indoctrination? Priebus, did you

not know CNBC would torpedo the GOP candidates at the October 2015 debate? And what about the so called conservative media like Fox news? They are just as much a disappointment. Where are all the men of honor? I'm not sure. Are they hiding from the media with the bully microphone? I have been disappointed by everyone I have ever voted for. There has not been one who has kept his word, who did what he said he would do to "fix" Washington. Bill Clinton "moved to the center" when Newt Gingrich pushed for welfare reform. Why do the Liberals refuse to budge, making the Republicans move to the left? I've heard candidates say, "we will fix immigration", "we will balance the budget", "I am going to defund Planned Parenthood", "I am going to stop Obama." I'll tell you what the end is for all liars, Democrat or Republican; the smoking section. And now we are about to go to the voting booth to elect a new president. What are the choices? Those who have betrayed our trust already? Should we consider a wealthy TV personality who was recently a Democrat? No; I think he would be like Obama, but different. We might as well elect Hillary. There once was a man who won an election by only one vote. Of course there was only one vote cast. He was made King, and Lord, and Judge, and Savior. Him I trust. All the others are just "dust in the wind."

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The clear intent of Article VI, Section 16 of the Colorado Constitution is that the framers wanted the county judges to be selected from the residents of THAT COUNTY. They wanted the judges to be part of the community that they were presiding over. To know the people, the businesses, the culture of that county. The framers wanted to prevent the political powers outside the county/district to impose a politically chosen, outside carpet bagger, to be forced on the citizens of the county in question.

Now here is where it starts to get interesting. There appeared to be five applicants for the Custer County judge opening. Three residents/electors from Custer County (Peggi Collins, Jay Printz, and John Burns) and two non-residents/non-electors from CHAFFEE County (Amanda Hunter and Riley Selleck). Note again that the actual Colorado Judicial Department's announcement says, "the applicant must be a qualified elector of Custer County...". Amanda Hunter and Riley Selleck's applications were accepted by the Eleventh Judicial District's Nominating Commission despite the fact that they were NOT qualified electors of Custer County. Hmmmmm.....

Now let's turn our attention to the applicants from Custer County: Peggi Collins, the co-owner of the popular Nacho Mama's restaurant/bar on Main Street, Silver Cliff, has been an attorney for 28 years. She was admitted to the bar in California in 1987 and has a flourishing law practice specializing in estate planning, administration and probate, real estate transactions, and corporation formation. She has an office in California but does all of the business via phone and internet from Custer County. She is very active in community events and knows the culture of Custer County extremely well.

The second applicant from Custer County was Jay Printz. Mr. Printz is a highly educated person spending most of his adult life in Texas. There he founded a very successful oil and gas company, various other business, went to law school later in life, became an attorney, and also was an actual Texas judge. He moved to Custer County several years ago, and founded the land mark antique/pawn shop, Loan-A-Ranger on Main Street, Westcliffe. He also got admitted to the Colorado Bar, established a private practice and is currently the

attorney for the Town of Westcliffe. In addition, he has recently announced he is running for County Commissioner. Well qualified to say the least.

The third applicant from Custer County was John Burns. Mr. Burns is a retired (20 years) United States Naval Officer who served on ships as well in naval intelligence. After retiring from the Navy, he went to law school and became an attorney in California and then, subsequently in Texas. After a very successful career as an attorney, Mr. Burns retired and moved to Custer County a few months ago.

"I suspect that the decision had already been made before I was interviewed and my interview was a mere formality."

So let's take a look at non-Custer County residents whose applications were, apparently, improperly accepted: Amanda Hunter and Riley Selleck of Chaffee County. Both are attorneys working for Colorado's Public Defender office in Salida. Ms. Hunter is a fairly new attorney and has been a public defender for about five years. It appears she had a non-legal background before she became an attorney. Mr. Selleck is also a Public Defender in Salida with limited experience. NEITHER ARE RESIDENTS/ELECTORS OF CUSTER COUNTY. Hmmmmm.....

Now here is where it gets pretty interesting. In an interview with this reporter and in several emails, Ms. Collins stated the job interview with the Eleventh Judicial District Nominating Commission members was quite odd and the interviewers were often actually "hostile" toward Ms. Collins. From an email to this reporter, Ms. Collins states:

"I was very excited about the opportunity to interview for the County judgeship. I had four glowing letters of recommendation from some of the County's most prominent citizens, and I am extremely active with a number of local non-profits. One of those is Families Matter to Custer County, Inc. Through my work for Families Matter, I had gotten to know Sheriff Byerly, and the County Commissioners, quite well. So, I asked them for letters of recommendation. I also asked Sandra Attebery, because she had served two 5-year terms on the 11th District Nominating Commission. After reading my application, and letters of

recommendation, Sandra said I was "a shoe-in."

We were told to allow for a 30-minute interview. I was summarily dismissed after fewer than 15 minutes. During the interview, I was surprised at what I felt was an air of hostility. I was questioned as to why I chose to have my letters of recommendation written by "politicians." I responded that I hadn't looked at it like that - they were just pillars of the community in my eyes. I was asked whether I was familiar with Colorado's Rules of Evidence and I responded that I was not, that I was familiar with California's Rules

of Evidence and that, if I were appointed, I was sure I could become familiar with Colorado's in a short period of time. I was asked why I thought I could be a judge when I had no courtroom experience. I responded that it was pretty much a common sense position and that I have the experience and maturity, after practicing law for 28 years. I was asked whether I had ever had a dispute with a client and, if so, how it was resolved. I responded that, while I had certainly had disputes with my partners, I had never had a dispute with a client. I have still not figured out the purpose of that question."

Custer County applicant John Burns had a similar experience with the selection committee and also with the Governor's own interviewers after he was nominated. From an email to this reporter dated January 20th, Mr. Burns noted:

"Justice Hood, who led the nominating committee interviews on 12/28, left me a voice message the morning of the 29th that said the Governor's office would "be in touch" to schedule an interview. When I hadn't heard from the Governor's office in four business days, I left a message for Justice Hood asking who I should contact.

The next day (1/5) I received a call from a lady named Sage, from the Governor's Office of Legal Counsel. She said she didn't know why her office had forgotten to call me

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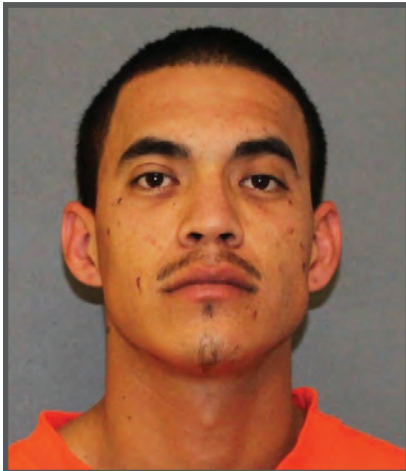
Recent Custer County Sheriff's Office Arrests

by George Gramlich

Jesus Eduardo Barreras was detained by bond recovery agents for outstanding warrants and was turned over to the Custer County Sheriff's Office on January 13, 2016. He was taken into custody by Deputy Brandon Schoch. There were warrants from Custer County, Denver District Court and Adams County.

Of note from the Custer County Sheriff's Office Offense/Incident Report on the arrest, was Mr. Barreras statement when being questioned by Deputy Schoch: "It must be noted that Jesus had difficulty staying awake and when I asked him when the last time he used Heroin he said never, and said he was coming down from a month long Meth binge and that is why he was so tired. He admitted to smoking Meth." The Report also noted, "Jesus admitted that when he was younger he was a "Sureno" Gang Member...." and "admitted to having "SS" tattooed on his left upper arm...". Further, "He admitted to not being a legal US citizen...".

Phillip Suenke of Cañon City was arrested in Cotopaxi on an outstanding arrest warrant for Menacing with a Deadly Weapon, Reckless Endangerment, Prohibited Use of a Weapon, Disorderly Conduct, Careless Driving and Driving Under the Influence.



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Lower photo: Philipp Suenke

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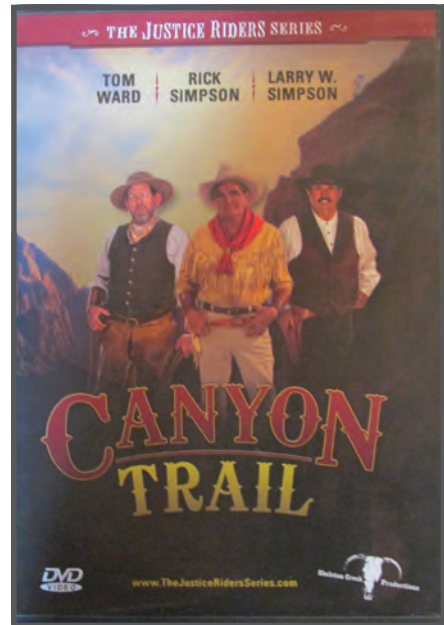
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For more information on the movie, go to skeletoncreekproductions.com.

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LAND LEADER

Custer County Friends of the NRA

The recently formed Custer County Friends of NRA Committee will hold a public meeting to help introduce the new organization to the community.

The meeting will be held at Tony's Mountain Pizza, located at 630 Main Street in Silver Cliff, on Thursday, January 28th, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

NRA Colorado Field Representative, Brad Dreier, will be there to answer questions about the Colorado Friends of NRA program. All interested persons are invited. Pizza will be served during the meeting.

Please attend if you can.



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about an interview. She scheduled an interview for the following Monday, 1/11, two days before the appointment deadline.

I was interviewed by four people, including Jacki Melmed, the Governor's Legal Counsel and Katie McLoughlin, the Deputy Legal Counsel. During the interview it was apparent that Katie was not familiar with my application. She said she hadn't reviewed it for several days.

There were times during my interview where the questions seemed to be hostile or silly. Ms. Melmed said that the nominating committee noted that I didn't have any criminal trial experience, then asked "what have you done to remedy that situation?" Note that the nominating committee interview was 12/28 and my interview in Denver was on 1/11. I could not possibly gotten any criminal trial experience in that short amount of time, particularly since I'm not licensed to practice law in CO. and my application clearly states that. Further, the nominating committee never told me about their concerns."

Mr. Burns also stated in his email, "Neither of the other two nominees were interviewed immediately before or immediately after me, which was a little surprising because the nominating committee interviewed applicants successively. I suspect that the other two were not "forgotten" initially and had been interviewed the week before, but don't know this for a fact. I suspect that the decision had already been made before I was interviewed and my interview was a mere formality."

Custer County's third nominee, Jay Printz, perhaps the most qualified of ALL the applicants (he was actu-

ally a judge for quite some time in Texas) was asked to comment on his nominating committee interview but has not.

Note that Peggi Collins is a registered Republican. Jay Printz is a registered Republican. John Burns, a retired military officer, is a registered "Unaffiliated" but as he mentioned to me, he is "conservative".

So who did the nominating committee pick as the three nominees? Two OUT-OF-COUNTY (non "Electors" of Custer County) and probably the weakest of the three, extremely well qualified Custer County applicants, John Burns. Nominating the two out-of-county residents was in violation of the Colorado Judicial Departments own wording, "the applicant must be a qualified elector of Custer County" and direct opposition to the clear wording and intent of Article VI, Section 16 of Colorado's Constitution, "County judges shall be qualified electors of their counties at the time of their election or appointment."

So the selection committee appears to have blocked the two best (and constitutionally qualified) Custer County applicants (Collins and Printz), chose our weakest (but still highly qualified), Burns, and two much less qualified applicants from out-of-county (two public defenders from Salida, one a woman with only five years of experience) and sends the list to Governor Hickenlooper for his selection.

Hickenlooper then selects a non-Custer County resident/elector and "appoints" Ms. Hunter as the Custer County Judge. On January 19th, 2016, AFTER the appointment, a check of the Colorado voting registry reveals that Ms. Hunter is still REGISTERED IN CHAFFEE COUNTY, and thus, NOT an Elector of Custer County at the time of her "Appointment". This

was an unconstitutional act, in clear and direct violation of the Colorado Constitution, and, on its face, null and void.

Maybe I am reading this wrong (not the first time), but this just smells. Do we have perhaps a stacked selection committee, phony interviews, pre-selected winners, illegal selections and finally an unconstitutional appointment? When the selection committee fails to select the obviously two most qualified (and legally able to apply) applicants you have to ask if this whole process was a pre-ordained, political charade favoring the party in power to move their chosen political operatives/choices around the Colorado judicial system and control it. I don't know but it surely looks suspicious when you pass over an extremely well educated, successful businessman, long time attorney who was actually a JUDGE once (Printz) and does indeed live in the county; and another county applicant who is active attorney, with 28 years of experience running a very successful local business (Collins) (and both are Republicans) for a person with short legal career who does not even live in the county.

Maybe there are qualifications concerning the appointee that we are unaware of. Perhaps the Eleventh Judicial District Nominating Commission (whose supervising Judge is Judge William W. Hood) can tell us WHY and HOW they selected the three candidates for the Governor to choose from. I'd love to see a comparison chart.

The *Sentinel* will be contacting the Colorado Attorney General to investigate this matter.

This appears to be not good for the Rule of Law and for Colorado, folks. No wonder people are fed up with politicians and government.

We will see what happens.

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Two Recent Deaths in Custer County

Press Release

On January 22nd, 2016, at approximately 1300 hours, the Custer County Sheriff's Office was requested to conduct a welfare check on a female party who had failed to arrive at an appointment. A deputy responded to the residence of 72-year-old Mayra Speer where he discovered she had suffered what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The Custer County Sheriff's and Coroner's Office conducted a complete investigation of the incident and an autopsy was completed by the El Paso County Coroner's office.

On January 23rd, 2016 at approximately 2130 hours deputies responded to a welfare check on a 52-year-old female who was reportedly threatening suicide. Upon arrival deputies were initially unable to make contact with the resident but were able to observe a female party in the residence that was unresponsive. Deputies entered the home and discovered the occupant; Judy Simmons was deceased from an apparent gunshot wound.

The Custer County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Coroner's Office is conducting a full investigation into the incident at this

time. An autopsy has been completed and it appears the injury was self-inflicted.

At this time foul play is not suspected but the investigation is ongoing until all possible leads are extinguished. No further information is available or being released at this time.

Our heartfelt prayers and condolences go out to the families and friends of both Ms. Speer and Ms. Simmons.

For further information, contact Sheriff Shannon Byerly or Undersheriff Chris Barr at 719-783-2270.

And They're Off... Who's Running for Silver Cliff Town Officials?

It is official, the following will be running for the office of town trustee for Silver Cliff in the April 5th elections. There are three vacant seats and six residents are vying for them are as follows: Mr. Danny Smith (who had previously indicated that he was not running), Mr. James Jarrard, Mr. Mike Colgate, Mrs. Stacey Schoch, Mr. Buck Wenzel and Mr. Fred Hernandez. Running unopposed for the seat of Mayor is Mr. Steve Lasswell. The next important date is on Thursday, January 28th at 1 p.m. when those who are running for trustee will have to report to the town hall and pick their position on the ballot. The procedure is as follows: the town secretary, Ms. Ileen Squire will place six numbers in a container and each candidate picks one. The num-

ber picked is the position they will have on the printed ballot.

Aside from picking the new trustees for the town, residents of Silver Cliff will be voting on four issues namely: 1) whether or not to have the marijuana industry within the town limits; 2) a mill levy which means additional tax with an open ended increase over a period of time; 3) the matter of broadband and taking it out of the jurisdiction of the State of Colorado and putting it under the authority of the town trustees; and 4) announcing ordinances by title only.

Residents should get informed about all the issues and the candidates in order to make good choices for themselves in the coming elections of April 5th, 2016

Free Computer Help for Adults

Bring your computer frustrations to the library on Thursday, January 4th for one-on-one instruction and demonstration by our local teen technology team.

This free computer help will be available from 4:15 p.m. until 6 p.m. If you have a computer or computer-like device, bring it with you. If your device is not portable, the library has a variety of devices available on which to learn.

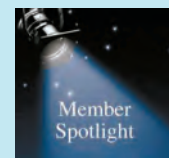
The "Free Computer Help for Adults" program continues monthly until April 7, 2016 as part of the library's overall effort to help adults in the community become more computer savvy.

The library offers other computer help as well.

For more information, please call the library at 783-9138.

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"You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.*

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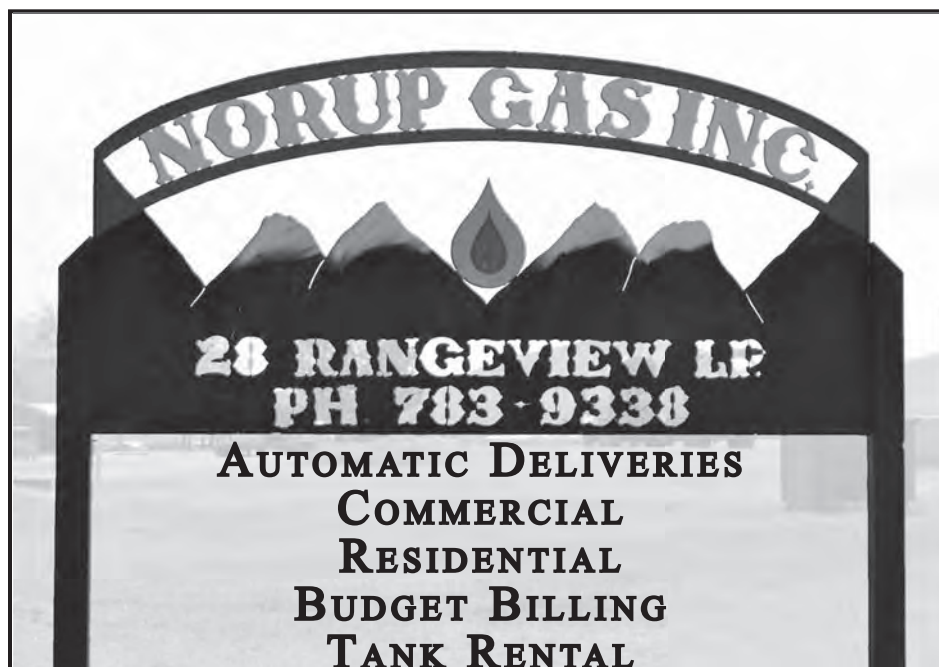
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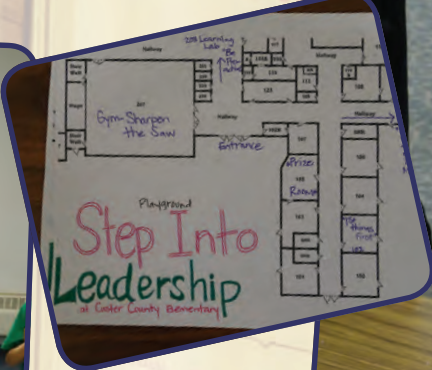
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Custer County Literacy Night



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Girls JV Basketball



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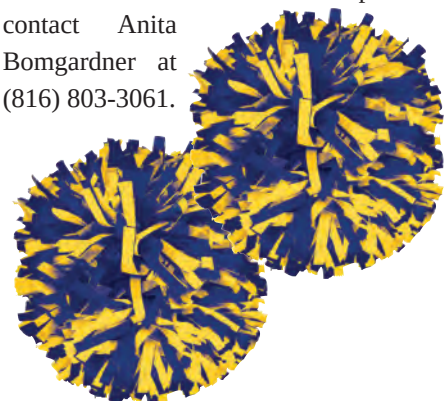
Custer County High School Cheer Team Fundraiser

The Custer County High School Cheer Team would like to invite the community to participate in a fundraising event which will help us raise much needed funds to attend summer camp as well as purchase new uniforms. Our goal is to raise \$2,000. To achieve this goal the cheer team has teamed up with Little Caesars Pizza and is currently selling frozen pizza kits! Each kit contains all the ingredients you need to make pizza, breadsticks, or desserts in your home! These kits are great to have on hand for after school snacks, dinner, family gatherings, or any other occasion.

Orders can be placed with any member of the cheer team from now until February 7th, 2016. All orders will be

available for pick up on February 18th, 2016 in the Commons area of the Custer County High School between 4-6 p.m. Please support the Custer County Cheer Team and place your order today!

For additional information please contact Anita Bomgardner at (816) 803-3061.



Lady Bobcats: A Team to Watch

by Jim Silver

The Lady Bobcats had not played on the home court since before Christmas break, when they defeated Sierra Grande 49-45. This past Friday, January 22nd, the fans who turned out to watch a good game of basketball did not leave disappointed, as the Bobcats took on the South Park Burros. The only downside in the hard-fought battle was that the Burros ended up ahead at the final buzzer 46-38.

Custer County executed their offense with sharp team play and kept the scoring pretty even, except for the second quarter when they were outscored 12-5. The home team trailed 14-23 at the half. The Bobcats outscored the Burros by 5 points in the third, but then were 4 points on the short side in the fourth. More success at the free-throw line could have made the final outcome different for the Lady Bobcats.

Aggressive defense was a crowd-pleasing feature of the game. The Lady Bobcats have fine-tuned the art of the full-court press, and that was a pleasure to watch. Their tenacity and quick hands challenged the Burros efforts to in-bound the ball and move it to their end of the court. These girls are in condition to play a hard-running game, both on offense and defense.

Saturday's match-up was a game on the road against the Sargent Farmers. On paper and thus superficially, this game looked very similar to the South Park game. The Bobcats were behind 16-23 at the half, again due to a second quarter slump. Sargent won the game 45-39.

This past week's activity brings the Bobcats current standings to 1-2 in league play and 3-7 for the season. Wins following the pre-Christmas game against Sierra Grande were against Cripple Creek (65-

29) and Creede (48-16). Coach Gary Fischer sums it up with these words: "The girls are playing hard—but reckless. They are still young and inexperienced. But, they are getting better each week. I'm looking forward to the upcoming weeks."

Next on the schedule is another home game, the only game this weekend. The Center Vikings come to town on Friday, January 29th. This should be a good match-up, for the Vikings girls show a 4-7 record thus far this season. Action begins here at the Custer County gym at 3:00 with a girls JV game, followed by boys JV, followed by girls Varsity, and finally the boys Varsity game—a full night of basketball!

And on Saturday, January 30th, Del Norte will be here at 3:00 to test the Bobcats.

So come out to show your support and be ready to watch some good basketball! GO BOBCATS!

Wetmore Library Book Sale

The Wetmore Community Library is having a book sale by donation Friday, January 29th, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, January 30th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the basement of the Wetmore Community Center. The community center building is located down a very short road just south of where Highway 96 and Highway 67 meet. You can see

the two-story brick building from the road.

The book sale is being held to help raise money to upgrade the library's computer system to AspenCat, a library program that would link the Wetmore Library to over 100 other Colorado libraries so all of their materials can be shared between each other.

Bobcats Sport Schedule

BASKETBALL

Friday, January 29 : Center HOME - 3:00
Saturday, January 30: Del Norte HOME - 3:00
Thursday, February 4: Cotopaxi HOME - 5:00
Saturday, February 6: Crested Butte at Crested Butte - 3:00

WRESTLING

Saturday, January 30: Valley Classic at Center - 9 a.m.
Friday - Saturday, February 12-13: Regionals TBA
Thursday - Saturday, February 18-20: State TBA



Bobcat Menu • Feb. 1 - Feb. 4, 2016

Monday Breakfast
Choice of Cereal
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Corn Dog
Veg.
Fruit
Milk

Tuesday Breakfast
Choice of Cereal
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Ground Beef Mac
Banana Bread
Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Wednesday Breakfast
Choice of Cereal
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Meat Pizza
Veg.
Fruit
Milk

Thursday Breakfast
Sausage Gravy
W.G. Biscuit
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Chicken Taco Bowl
Rice
Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Elementary: Main Dish, Grain Product, Veg., Fruit, and Milk
Middle & High: Main Dish, (or Pre-made Chef Salad) Grain Product, Veg., Fruit, and Milk

KIDS Friday, January 29, 2016 January 28, 1986 Challenger Explodes

It's January 28th, 1986, Christa McAuliffe, a 37-year old high school social studies teacher is on her way to becoming the first ordinary U. S. citizen to travel into space. She won a competition that earned her a place among the seven-member crew of the Challenger space shuttle. She was required to undergo months of Shuttle training to prepare for her historic voyage. On January 28th, at 11:38 a.m. EST, the space shuttle Challenger lifted off.

Seventy-three seconds later, hundreds on the ground stared in disbelief as the shuttle exploded in a forking plume of smoke and fire. Millions more watched the wrenching tragedy unfold on live television. There were no survivors.

The space shuttle : A winged vehicle capable of space travel.

The Space Shuttle takes off from a launch pad vertically, sitting on its tail, just like a rocket. Attached to the Space Shuttle are two booster rockets, and a large fuel tank. These help propel the Space Shuttle into space.

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Are you interested in science and space?

In Huntsville, Alabama, NASA holds a space camp for kids. It is the brain child of rocket scientist, Dr. Wernher von Braun. Von Braun, then director of the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center, reasoned there should be an experience for young people who were excited about space.

Camps are available for fourth grade through high school-age students. Additional programs are offered for trainees who are blind or visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing and those who have other special needs. Space Camp programs are also available for adults, educators, corporate groups and families. Family programs may include children as young as seven years old.

For more information on space camp visit www.spacecamo.com

by Audrey Slater, Sources: history.com answers.com kidport.com kidsastronomy.com spacecamp.com

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CORNER

Bobcat Chili Supper

Friday, Jan 29th
at 4:30-6:00pm

in High School Commons

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Custer County Board of Zoning Adjustment will hold a public Hearing on February 2, 2016 at 1:30 P.M. Custer County Commissioners room. The following will be considered:

1. Hearing for Lynn Safford/Variance to create under-sized lot, 67450 HWY 69 N, Custer County Colorado

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

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

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9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Worship
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Silver Cliff
719/783-4601

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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11 a.m. Mass
3rd Sunday of each month
210 S. 2nd Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2491

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



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

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

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

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

Westcliffe Community Church
10 a.m. Worship
103 N. Adams St.
Westcliffe
719/783-2545

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

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

Wild West Cowboy Church
3 p.m. Sunday School
4 p.m. Worship
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upstairs in the
Silver Dome Saloon
110 Main St. • Silver Cliff
719/783-9499
Call for hours

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Mon.-Sat.,
6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sundays, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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Westcliffe
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Tues. - Fri., 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat., 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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630 Main St. Silver Cliff
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11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sundays, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Local Mountain News & Notices

Events Calendar

Thursday, January 28 8 a.m. School-wide Spelling Bee - (Library)	Tuesday February 2 and February 3rd 9 a.m. County Commissioners Meeting in Courthouse Boardroom
Friday January 29 9a.m. County Commissioners Meeting in Courthouse Boardroom	Saturday February 6 5:30 p.m. WMVSC ROYALTY VALENTINE DINNER/DANCE FUNDRAISER at the Saddle Club Building

Recurring Events

Monday 6 p.m. Closed step study Alcoholics Anon-ymous at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim:783-2053 or (360)509-9172 or Emilie: (719) 371-5974. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Custer County Public Transit service available to everyone - Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343. 7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training, 9:00 a.m. Water Aerobics, 10:15 a.m. Stretch, 11:30 a.m. Muscles, 1:00 p.m. Low Impact, 5:15 p.m. Step Aerobics, at Club America Noon: Lunch at Custer County Senior Center, on the first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 a.m. 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 9:15 a.m. Stretch, 10:30 a.m. Zumba,10:30 a.m. Chair Strength 4:00 p.m, Kids zone after school 5:00 p.m. Core Conditioning at Club America 12 – 4:30 p.m. Bridge Club meets in the Library Community Room in downtown Westcliffe, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Music at The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff. Contact Barb St. Amour at (719) 371-1051. 10 a.m. -5:30 p.m. West Custer County Library in Westcliffe is open. 783-9138. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Custer County Public Transit service available to everyone - Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343. Noon: Lunch at Custer County Senior Center on the first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 a.m. 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. First Wednesday of the Month 7 p.m. ROCKY MOUNTAIN BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN at the Penrose Community Center, 401 4th Ave, Penrose. Wednesday 7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training, 10:00 a.m. Low Impact,5:15 p.m. Step Aerobics at Club America 10 a.m. -5:30 p.m. West Custer County Library in Westcliffe is open. 783-9138. 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Line dancers meet at Methodist Church. Call Clem: (303) 909-7370. 6 p.m. Closed Big Book Study Alcoholics Anonymous meeting - St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Westcliffe. Call Jim: 783-2053 or (360)509-9172, or Emilie: (719) 371-5974. 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Custer County Community Band practice in high school band room. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Custer County Public Transit service available to everyone - Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343.	Last Wednesday of the month 11 a.m. Book Club meeting at the West Custer County Library. Open to the Public. 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Second Thursday of the Month 10 a.m.-11 a.m. “Ask a Nurse” at the library. Friday 7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training, 9:00 a.m. Water Aerobics, 9:15 a.m. Stretch, 10:30 a.m. Muscles, 10:30 a.m. Kids Zone after school program at Club America 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Custer County Public Transit service available to everyone - Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in Silver Cliff assisting new mothers and families. Free pregnancy tests, ultrasound, counseling, and more. Call 783-4357. 10 a.m. -5:30 p.m. West Custer County Library in Westcliffe is open. 783-9138. 1 p.m.-4p.m. Custer County Community Sharing Center, Inc. 120 N. 3rd St. (formerly Schlabach’s market) 6 p.m. Open discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting - St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emilie at (719) 371-5974. 7 p.m.-8 p.m. Bible Talks with Domenic Enrietta and John Hartig at the Library Community Room. All Welcome No charge. Saturday 10 a.m. Wet Mountain Al-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 in Westcliffe is open. 783-9138. 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 1 p.m.-4p.m. Custer County Community Sharing Center, Inc. 120 N. 3rd St. (formerly Schlabach’s market)
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Sheriff's Report...

<i>On the dates below, there were 117 calls for service to the Sheriff’s Office, 8 to EMS, and 2 to the Fire Department. On January 26th, there were three males and one female in the county jail.</i> 1/20/16: Harassment: A deputy responded to the Wild West Cowboy Church on a report of harassment. 1/21/16: Harassment: Two deputies responded to 609 Main Street for a report of harassment. A deputy also spoke with a party in the lobby of the Sheriff’s Office regarding this issue. No action required at this time. <i>A deputy responded to a report of harassment, and parties blocking the roadway on CR 390 in Wetmore. A report was taken.</i> Fraud: A deputy responded to 411 Main Street in Westcliffe for a report of fraud. The matter is under investigation. 1/22/16: Accident: A deputy responded to a vehicle accident with no injuries at the school parking lot. A report was taken and summons issued.	Fuel Spill: A deputy and the Fire Department responded to a call at JR’s Fuel Stop for a diesel spill. A report was taken, and the spill mitigated. A private company will handle the clean up. Deceased Person: Multiple deputies responded to CR 255 for a welfare check on a party who did not make an appointment. Deputies entered the house and found the party deceased. The matter is under investigation. 1/23/16: Fish’n Issue: A Wildlife Officer issued a summons to Robert Gilley for fishing without a proper license. Traffic Summons: Karen Gardner for speeding 20 -24 over. Deceased Person: Deputies and EMS responded to Lake View Rd. for a welfare check on a party. The individual was found deceased. An investigation is underway.	1/24/16: Deceased: EMS and a Sheriff’s deputy were dispatched to Ridge Road, in Lookout Ridge, for a female complaining of abdominal pain. The reporting party called back again at 0817 hours to advise dispatch the patient had become unresponsive. Mischief: A deputy met with a party in the lobby of the Sheriff’s Office who filed a report of criminal mischief that occurred on CR 182. Distressed Hiker: The Custer County Search and Rescue (SAR) was activated to assist Fremont County rescue a hiker who may have suffered a broken ankle. The Fremont Regional Communication Center subsequently advised that SAR could stand down, the injured party had made it out of the park. 1/25/16: Traffic Summons: Jennifer Cruzen of Wetmore for speeding 10 - 19 over. David Jamison of Middleton, Idaho, for speeding 20 - 24 over.
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No one is holy like the Lord,
For there is none besides You,
Nor is there any rock like our God.

1 Samuel 2:2, NKJV

MIKE’S MILE

1 Mile Fun Run/Walk & Lunch

Benefit for Mike Brown

Saturday, January 30th

@ Cotopaxi School Track

Schedule of Events

- 9:00 - Registration/Silent Auction Opens
- 10:45 - Registration closes/Group Picture taken
- 11:00 - Walk/Race begins
- 11:30 - Cafeteria opens for lunch
- 12:00 - Live Auction begins
- 1:00 - Silent Auction closes

Entry Fee: \$10 (includes T-shirt)

If you can’t attend this event, but would like to make a donation to Mike, please contact the Cotopaxi School.

Go to www.cotopaxire3.org or call Amber at 719-942-4131 for more info.

Custer County Landfill
will be closed
Saturday, February 6th,
and Saturday, February 13th.

Lady Bobcats Varsity Basketball





Colorado State News

"Takin' It To The House..."

A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

The first few days of the second session of the 70th General Assembly of Colorado had a few hints of friction, but for the most part, both sides were cautiously optimistic that they could get along. We did not get very deep into the second week of the session before the gloves came off and the fisticuffs began. Before the week had drawn to a close, the number of bills assigned to the "kill" committees had surpassed 57! (Kill committees in the House and Senate are the State Affairs Committees. Leadership in both chambers sends bills from the opposite party to those committees to "die" on a party line vote.)

Bills going to kill committees early in the session are to be expected, but derogatory rhetoric usually does not rear its ugly head until much later. Not so in this election year! Rep. Joe Salazar (D-Thornton) is proposing a bill to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous People's Day. Not

surprisingly, there is some resistance to the change... However, instead of considering both sides of the issue (which could include the concept of a separate Indigenous People's Day), Salazar is on a partisan mission. According to the *Durango Herald*, he said he has had trouble convincing Republicans to support the effort. Rather than working to find a solution, he was quoted as saying, "The Republican side is seen as very removed and racist when it comes to black and brown issues." It seems to me that his statement is not a real good answer to the question of "Can't we all just get along?"

It was refreshing for me to have been a part of a cooperative effort in the House this past week. As I mentioned in my last column, every year the Legislators chip in to buy a steer at the National Western Jr. Livestock Show. I was one of the co-chairs of the fundraising efforts. We were able to raise over \$5,500 dollars to put in the

pot with the Senate (all 65 House members contributed to the record amount). On Friday night, the Colorado General Assembly purchased a Colorado steer for \$10,500! Part of the purchase price goes to a scholarship fund and the steer is donated back to the Livestock Show.

Earlier on Friday afternoon, the Interim Committee on School Safety heard a four-hour series of reports on the Arapahoe High School shooting that took the life of Claire Davis. As a member of that committee, I was able to hear three separate entities present their findings on what was done right as well as what was done wrong in the days and months leading up to the shooting. Last year, the state passed the "Claire Davis" law that limited governmental immunity for schools. As a result of the latest reports, school districts can expect to be subject to more legislative efforts to increase school safety.

We have three new members in

the House for this session. Rep. John Buckner who passed away last year has been replaced by his wife, Janet Buckner. Rep. Jack Tate was appointed to the Senate (replacing Sen. Balmer). Rep. Tate was replaced by Cole Wist. Rep. Jon Keyser resigned to enter the race for Sen. Michael Bennet's seat. He has been replaced by Tim Leonard. Welcome aboard folks!

This week, committee hearings will get into high gear. Being a member of the Education, Finance and Appropriations Committees, my schedule fills up rather quickly. However, I always have time to visit with you if you come to the Capitol. Please feel free to



call (303-866-2747) or e-mail me at wilsonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.house@state.co.us.

Yours for HD 60 – Representative Jim Wilson

Bennet Sides With Obama Against Colorado Water

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com



Courtesy photo

U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet is the undisputed champion of the EPA's brazen water grab, also known as Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS), having voted Thursday to uphold President Obama's veto of legislation that would kill the regulations coming to a ditch near you.

When Bennet's office was asked by the *Greeley Tribune* why the senator voted the way he did, they got a mealy-mouthed response that would do George Orwell proud.

In a statement from the Senator's office, spokesman Philip Clelland said Bennet plans to continue to work with Coloradans to balance the need for regulation and the desire for regulations to not be burdensome.

He's apparently doing that by shoving the regulation down Colorado's throats, while telling us it tastes like sunshine.

What would the rules mean for Colorado and it's unique water law? EPA Chief Gina McCa-

rthy told U.S. Sen. Cory Garner she doesn't rightly know, because they don't have a clue how our laws work.

"The responsibility for managing Colorado's water should be left to state and local governments along with our water districts, not with the federal government through overreaching regulations like WOTUS," Gardner said in a statement.

Gardner voted to override Obama's veto, and the regulation remains on hold in the court system. But at least now we know where Bennet stands — against farmers, ranchers, construction workers, the energy sector and Colorado water law.

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Buck Named Colorado State Chairman for Ted Cruz

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

In the home stretch heading into the early primary contests of Iowa and New Hampshire, Senator Ted Cruz picked up an important Colorado supporter: Rep. Ken Buck. This is a big endorsement for Cruz, not just in Colorado, but nationally. Buck, in just his first term, has already made a name for himself outside of the state, as he was named GOP freshman class president, just was recognized by Heritage Action with a 100% rating, and is considered as the most conservative member of the House of Representatives.

While polling has been light in Colorado, given the state's minimal influence in the presidential nominating contest, Cruz has performed respectably in a November Quinnipiac poll,

and he won a December straw poll at a well-attended debate watch party hosted by the El Paso County Republican Party.

While Cruz and Buck are both Princeton alumni, it is much more likely that the two politicians' philosophical alignment was the driving force behind the endorsement. With Senator Marco Rubio picking off high profile endorsements from Cory Gardner and Mike Coffman and this support gives Cruz a good foothold in the state.

(Editor/GG: Ken Buck is hard core conservative. He votes for Colorado and American and NOT for his political career. Tipton and Gardner should take note.

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Colorado Senator Ken Buck

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Table Teacher Tenure: Liberals Want to Erase School Reform Progress

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

This legislative session is already shaping up to be a doozy with liberals hoping to chip away at S.B. 191, or the teacher tenure bill, for those of you who have not memorized all the bill numbers. The bill was considered a landmark piece of legislation in Colorado in 2010 that would help ensure Colorado's kids had high-quality teachers in the classroom.

Previously, teachers practically were promised a job for life, regardless of their performance in the

classroom.

The previous law practically promised teachers a job for life, regardless of classroom performance. When S.B. 191 passed in 2010, all Republicans voted for it, and many Democrats put aside allegiances to teachers unions to approve the measure.

Fast forward six years and unions are itching to scrap this legislation. The reason is obvious — when teachers are evaluated and, thus, held accountable for their performance, it undermines the authority of the teachers union, which claims it

will protect teachers from firing. As we all saw in "Waiting for Superman", that sometimes means protecting abysmally bad teachers who get paid to do nothing because they are unfit to teach.

As an op-ed that ran in the *Denver Post* over the weekend noted:

"Educators deserve to be treated like professionals through meaningful performance evaluations, taxpayers deserve accountability in how their education dollars are spent, and every child in Colorado deserves to be taught by a truly ef-

fective teacher. A move away from SB 191's critical reforms is a move away from these laudable goals."

With unions emboldened by recent electoral wins, it's natural that they would come after such a meaningful change to education. But, that's exactly why legislators and Coloradans should just say no.

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Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

John Marietta Runs For District 3 Seat

by Charlotte Burrous

Realtor John Marietta recently announced he would seek the Fremont County Commissioner District 3 seat as a Republican candidate.

"When (Ed Norden) announced he was not going to run again, I was persuaded to throw my hat into the ring," he said.

In running for this seat, Marietta noted he did not have an ax to grind. Neither is he a single issue candidate.

"I think the county by and large is very well run," he said. "But I think there are some areas that need some improvement and I think I can make a positive influence in both the community, the county and the administration of the county."

With his background in business and real estate, he said his number one concern is economic growth and job development, which he has worked personally on both issues as a member of Fremont Economic Development Corporation. He recently was elected to the FEDC board. In addition, he has helped with some of the Downtown Development Authority issues and been a long time member of the Cañon City Chamber of Commerce.

"I've been active in trying to improve our business community, but you can see particularly in Cañon City the number of businesses that have closed," Marietta said. "That's alarming. That's a trend we've got to stop. It's true if you go up on the west end of the county (where) there were a number of jobs and a hotel that was burnt, but not rebuilt; it's not just limited to Cañon City for economic development and job growth."

However, there some positive things currently happening in this county. For instance, the sales tax has increased; property values are increasing so he said he wants to continue the positive things.

Born and raised in Russell, Kan., Marietta attended Kansas State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in finance. From



John Marietta

Courtesy photo

there, he was commissioned into the Army. After serving his term, he was discharged at Fort Carson, where he and his family decided to stay in Colorado. After researching for a place to live, the family decided to settle in Cañon City, where he opened Cañon City Tire in 1987, but after more than 24 years, he switched over to real estate.

"We picked Fremont County and Cañon City 29 years ago to start a new business," he said. "Over the 29 years, Fremont County has been very good for my family. We've enjoyed living here. I raised my family here and now my children are raising my grandchildren so I feel the commitment to give something back to the community that has given us so much."

Marietta is currently a partner and associate broker at Coldwell Banker Fremont Realty. He currently serves as president of Royal Gorge Association of Realtors, chairman of Fremont County Airport advisory board, treasurer of Fremont Community Foundation, FEDC and the chamber. He has been married to Pam for 35 years. The couple has a son, Ray, a daughter, Sara, and four grandchildren.

Dwayne McFall Runs For District 3 Seat

by Charlotte Burrous

Earlier this month, businessman Dwayne McFall threw his hat into the ring as a Republican candidate for the District 3 seat on the Fremont County Commissioners.

"I am not a politician, but an honest, hardworking and committed (person)," he said. "I'm into the future of Fremont County."

McFall said he had thought about running for the seat for a long time, but decided to bide his time. Then when he learned Ed Norden would not seek re-election this year, he decided to jump at the opportunity.

"I appreciate what (Norden) has done," McFall said. "I want to expand on it and make it better."

If elected, he said his first priority is to work on economic development of Fremont County.

"Real importantly, we need more industry to create jobs," McFall said. "I also think tourism being such a huge part, we need to keep expanding to draw tourists in, as far as recreation. There are a ton of recreational (opportunities) here. They're doing a good job of maintaining it; they just need to expand on it because there is such great space around here."

Water and conservation also are important to work on, he said.

A lifetime member of the NRA and Amateur Trap Shooting Association, McFall also is a member of Ducks Unlimited and an avid outdoorsman. In his youth, he was involved with 4-H and FAA.

"Conservation is a big part of my life," he said. "If it's not there, we can't conserve it."

As far as experience, he has owned a busi-



Dwayne McFall

Courtesy photo

ness and has worked in the business world for many years.

"I have managerial, supervisor and business experience," McFall said. "I've worked at Wal-Mart for 22 years so I work with people daily. I'm currently a department manager. I sell guns for a living."

Born and raised in New Mexico on a farm, he attended West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas, where he earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture, business and economics. After college, he said he researched where to move by looking at an atlas and at the population of various towns in Colorado. Being raised near the mountains, he said he wanted to stay near them so he chose Cañon City 24 years ago.

He is married to Kendra, deputy director at Cañon City Public Library. Together, they have five children and four grandchildren.

"I think it'd be an exciting and rewarding position and challenging," he said. "It's going to be a fun deal. I don't want to be a politician. I want to be like everyone else in the county."

Florence Council Mulls The So-Called Benefits of Hemp

by Charlotte Burrous

With a new city council in place, residents asked the members to take another look at Amendment 64 during the regular Florence City Council on December. 7th. During the visitors section, resident Manfred Bereuter asked the council to reconsider its stance on portions of it.

"I'm not talking about dispensaries or growth facilities," he said. "I think what's been overlooked is the possibilities that Amendment 64 provided us is in the terms of industrial hemp. To give you an idea of how much money is involved in this, industrial hemp is a non-psychoactive hemp product and is used in a wide variety of industrial uses from clothing to oils to animal feed. It's actually a part of

Fremont County's history. Brewster Lane had 'Hemp for Victory' gardens during World War II to provide much needed fiber for the U.S. military. It was actually a mandate by the federal government to grow such material. It's a \$2 billion industry in the United States and a vast majority of that product is imported."

On January 19th, Dani Billings, of Colorado Hemp Project, provided information on the so-called benefits of growing hemp in the area. She said she started in the medical portion of marijuana field in 2009, then switched over the next year. Then in 2014, she joined her father when they started the Colorado Hemp Project, growing hemp on 2.5 acres of land the first year.

"We had a great yield and a great

harvest (the first year)," she said. "Ever since then, we have expanded in every way possible."

Since 2000, the market value has gone from \$1.4 million to \$640 million in 2014, she said. Billings noted she earned between \$800 and \$3,000 per acre on the crop. Billings pointed out that they only had to water their crop three times during the summer.

"To be a hemp farmer, you have to go to the agricultural department and get a license," she said. "It's \$500 per location, which is not much at all. You have to register 30 days before you actually plant your seed. You pretty much follow the directions."

But the hemp needs to be tested at least once or twice a week to ensure it does not yield about .3 percent of THC, she said. So a

testing facility in the area is necessary to save money. She also noted she could use all of the hemp anyone can grow. For more information, call Billings at 720-899-8448 or e-mail her at Dani-Fontaine@gmail.com.

During the regular meeting, Public Works Director Sam Elstun fielded questions from residents and council members on prioritizing repairs to streets and sidewalks with the sales tax that was voted in November's election.

"The voters approved the half-cent sales tax with the specific dollars to go to the streets and sidewalks," said City Manager Mike Patterson. "Sam and his department prepared a streets assessment. This is a 10-year tax. We won't necessarily get to it this year because of cost, as well as

we're seeking grants. Each year, the state and CDOT have grants available. We might have to wait a year or two to get a grant. We're going to try to turn that into a lot more money on matching (funds)."

Councilman Larry Baker said he thought Front Street, the 100-200 blocks of Pikes Peak should be on the priority list while Councilman Dick Upton asked for East Third to be on the list. Several others asked about South Frazier, Eighth and Denver streets, as well as other roads.

"There are so many roads in this town (that need repairs)," said Mayor Keith Ore.

"We're not going to be able to do the whole town (in the 10 years but we'll do what we can)," Patterson added.

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IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT

School Board Meetings:

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

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

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

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

Royal Gorge Tea Party
2nd Thursday
6:30 p.m.
Core Knowledge School Gymnasium,
890 Fields Ave. Cañon City
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

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

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RE-District at a Glance

by Charlotte Burrous

During the January 11th Florence-Penrose School District Board meeting, Superintendent Rhonda Roberts reported on the District at a Glance graph from Colorado Department of Higher Education.

“(The graph) looks at enrollment by gender, reduced lunch, ethnicity and those kinds of things,” she said. “I don’t think there are any real surprises in that category. About 50 percent of our students go to college of some kind – either a two-year or four-year degree. Out of the 50 percent that go to college, it’s about 50/50 that go to a two year or four year school.”

The focus on the higher school and in looking at the district’s career and technical opportunities for kids is the district is definitely meeting the needs of those kids and getting better at it. Overall, the district’s retention rate is 68 percent compared to the state average at 80 percent so there’s a little bit of a disparity there, she added.

“Four year credential attainment rate, we’re at about 28 percent, where they

actually get a degree in four years,” Roberts said. “A lot of colleges are encouraging the kids to take five years to get their degrees and so we may not be seeing the full attainment of a degree in the time frame.”

But colleges are encouraging the students to attend five years to earn their degree to give them more time to acclimate to college, she said. In the meantime, the students in local district is above the state in taking courses.

“At our high school, we have college algebra, composition and believe its government and economics classes, as well as well-being and a couple others,” Roberts said. “A lot of our kids are accessing those classes (to get college credits, as well as high school credits).

The other thing that is not reflected in this report are the students that go to Pueblo Community College and if they’re on track to graduate.

“It’s good information for us to talk about,” Roberts said.

Valentine’s Day Sweeter Than Ever with Chocolate Lovers Walk

by Charlotte Burrous

Music and candy go together in the same way as romance and Valentine’s Day.

This year, all four elements will be provided when the Cañon City Music and Blossom Festival hosts its 14th annual Chocolate Lovers Walk from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. February 13 in downtown Cañon City.

“This year’s theme is ‘Chocolate Lights Up My Life,’” said a press release.

As part of the event, Dave and Lynda Lambert, of Cañon Signature Mortgage is sponsoring the chocolate bars from “The Chocolate Therapist” in Littleton.

“We will be selling 350 tickets (for) \$15, (which) include a \$5 chocolate bar where everyone could discover \$150, \$75 or \$25 cash,” said Chocolate Lovers Walk Chairwoman Ann Guill.

In addition, several \$20 gift certificates for many restaurants will be available.

“This year, we are trying to encourage people to stay downtown to shop and eat after the walk is done,” Guill said. “I would love to see (people dress up. I would love to see them) wear something sparkly.”

The walk kicks off behind Ann’s Serenity Day Spa at 1101 Main St., where participants will receive wrist-

bands as a way for merchants to differentiate those who have purchased tickets. During the day, the merchants between Third and 15th Streets along with merchants on side streets will offer a plethora of homemade chocolate to ticketholders. Chocolate Lovers Walk chairwoman Ann Guill encouraged everyone to dress up as a character or wear a silly hat. The person with the best costume will win a prize.

In conjunction, the committee will present a prize for the Best Decorated Presentation and the Best Design Chocolate. Guill said music also will be playing in the various venues.

“It seems to put a little skip and hop in people’s spirits,” the release said.

During the day the Golden Age Shuttle will transport participants up and down Main Street.

Guill also invited participants to go into the QR code on the Chocolate Lovers Walk Facebook page and take pictures of the chocolate merchants offer at each shop. At the end, the committee also will present a prize for the best picture. As the tradition goes, the students at East Fremont Elementary School will decorate the bags to be used for the Chocolate Lovers Walk. Tickets are \$15 per person and may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce at 403 Royal Gorge Blvd., Vintage Revival on Main Street, Tailored West, 224 Main St. and Touch of Love, 1201 S. Ninth St.

Upcoming events for Jan. 23-Feb. 22

Check out numerous workshops at the Bell Tower Cultural Center at 201 S. Petroleum Ave. in Florence. Workshops run from one hour to two days with affordable fees. Subjects include various painting medium, stitching, jewelry, textiles, mosaics, dance, drawing, perspective, portrait, cartoon, collage, tarot, yoga or discover your animal familia plus more to be scheduled at the Bell Tower Cultural Center. To register, call 719-784-2038 or 719-784-2303.

First United Methodist Church will present Religious Art Show, an all medium art exhibit and competition, depicting art that represents religion in all forms. Awards will be presented by Pueblo artist Justin Reddick during the opening reception from 5-7 p.m. Feb. 5.

St. Thomas More Hospital will host “The Optimistic Life” from noon-12:30 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 5-March 11 at St. Thomas More Board room. Cost is \$25 for community members or free for STMH employees.

Fremont Center for the Arts will feature Tony Heslop in its Pottery Extravaganza exhibition from Feb. 5-27 at 505 Macon Ave. He will also sell his functional and decorative pottery through the gallery. Heslop is known for his popular and attractive color combinations, reasonably priced items and is vast and varied pieces that will interest everyone.

Fremont Center for the Arts will hosts Soup R Bowl from 5-7:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at 505 Macon Ave. in Cañon City. Local restaurants and individual will provide soups with awards for both divisions. Tickets are on sale for \$15 in advance at FCA or \$20 at the door. The event includes soup sampling and a free pottery bowl. The anticipated annual event continues to be a success story year to indulge in the tastes and aromas of homemade soups, socialize and support the art center in constantly bringing the arts to our communities.

“Night to Shine” men’s clothing donations and volunteers needed. Items needed include men’s slacks, sport coats and suits (all sizes) for a “special” prom on Feb. 12 for male adults over the age of 16 with special needs at the Vineyard. Donations (clean and in good condition) may be dropped off at Starpoint Administration between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday at 700 S. Eighth St. in Cañon City. This “Night To Shine” event is sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation at more than 190 locations around the world. For more information, call Ron Hinkle at 269-2228 or to volunteer, call Jennifer Harrigan at (719) 214-1314 or visit www.vineyard-live.org/night-to-shine/

The Cañon City Music & Blossom Festival will host their 13th Annual “Chocolate Lovers Walk” from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 13 starting at 1101 Main Street, behind Ann’s Serenity Day Spa. Check out all the wonderful goodies located in numerous businesses in downtown Cañon City. Tickets may be purchased for \$10 at Chamber of Commerce office at 403 Royal Gorge Blvd. or by calling 275-2331, Ann’s Serenity Day Spa at 1101 Main St. or by calling 269-9994.

Pamper Your Heart will feature health screenings, information booths, a heart-healthy dinner, a special gift, guest speakers and more from 4:30-7 p.m. Feb. 15 at Evangelical Church at 3000 E. Main St. in Cañon City. Wear red to support National Heart Month. Cost is free. To register, go to stmhospital.org/pamper-your-heart or by calling 285-2179. Sponsored by St. Thomas More Hospital.

St. Thomas More Hospital will host “Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance” from 9-11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays from Feb. 15-May 4. The class helps adults 60 and older improve balance and reduce the likelihood of falling; tai chi also helps improve many health conditions. The class will be in the Parks and Recreation building at 575 Ash St. Free for community members. To register, call 285-2345.

Please join the Penrose Chamber of Commerce at the Gooseberry Patch Restaurant at 6 p.m. Feb. 22 for our Annual Banquet at Gooseberry Patch at 660 Colo. 115 Penrose. Social time will begin at 6 pm and the meal will be served at 7 p.m. Awards will be handed out after the meal. Tickets will be drawn through-out the evening for door prizes. Please call the Chamber of Commerce office for more details at 372-3994. The menu will be choice of prime rib, seared scallops and shrimp medley, orange-glazed Cornish game hen or vegetable lasagna. The meal includes salad, vegetable, potato, roll & butter, dessert, coffee or tea. The cost is \$35 per person (price includes tax & tip). RSVP by Feb. 18. All money must be paid by Feb. 18.

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If it be sin that a government own a people

Galatians 5:1 says, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Yes, the yoke of bondage is broken by what our Savior did on the cross. Sin and death were defeated. If it be sin that a man own another, let him be set free. Likewise, if it be sin that a government own a people, let the people be set free. As you read this, the national debt will increase by \$4 million, bringing you, your family, and your children's family in further bondage to the government--a government, mind you, that is Constitutionally limited, that all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator certain inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Many Christians say that it is of no consequence what the government does and that we should not concern ourselves with it. Many other Christians say that in order for Christ to return, we must rule the seven mounds of influence, government being one of them. Both are wrong. As Christians, we are called by Jesus in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." This charge is repeated by Christ in Mark 16:15 and Acts 1:8. This means making disciples--not running from governments or taking them over.

If we as Christians were truly becoming and making disciples, the nature of the leaders we choose would be changed to know, understand, and embrace the precepts of God. They would, therefore, have the wisdom of the scriptures. Our nation, in particular, would not be facing a "fiscal cliff" that politicians are going to shove us over. We would have a nation of leaders who understood Biblical virtues of fiscal responsibility and accountability. The church has withdrawn from society and has largely embraced self indulgent, extra biblical doctrines that would be unrecognizable by the church in Acts. Therefore, Christians are largely unrecognizable in our society and the ones who are, are hated by it.

Of all the talk by those people we elected about fiscal responsibility, there is virtually no talk about scaling down government to live within its means. There is only talk of raising taxes and government expansion. Americans are becoming vested slaves of the government. If we as Christians, who are commanded to stand fast in Christ's liberty, do not do so, we will suffer bondage like we have never seen. Our country was made for us to be a free people in Christ. We must rise up and demand accountability--not through organizations, as they just take your money and play the game. It is time to rise up!

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
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100 Years of Fairy Tales and Subversion

by Richard A. Ong,
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For a long time it's been clear the Constitution was abandoned. Thinkers speak of "post-constitutional America" and they are right. The Constitution was killed off by the Supreme Court, chiefly, but we mostly pretend that it roars along full force. On a day without clouds, you can get a good suntan just from the emanations from the penumbra of the Due Process clause and stave off death with a dose of whatever makes the Constitution a "living" Constitution.

The New Deal Supreme Court's betrayal in distorting the Com-

sibility of cowardly conservatives. Wonder no more about why the West "has been unable to respond to reality and chases dreams and illusions":

In particular, few will speak up — Ann Coulter and Pat Buchanan being the most visible exceptions — to mention the logical fact that diversity cannot work, and that Leftist delight in it exists only because a Third World population is being imported to permanently skew the vote to the left. That the native population of the United States and Europe is being replaced is beyond what conservatives will discuss because they are unwilling to challenge the liberal Establishment.

Now we live in a Leftist time and we are seeing the consequences of Leftism as our economies, environment and societies plunge downward into chaos...

merce Clause destroyed federalism (and hence the basic constitutional scheme) and ushered in the total state. Instead of state governments reasonably within reach of the voter, we got the federal leviathan where the voter, in dealing with the most accessible of his political masters, was but one of hundreds of thousands of each congressman's constituents. The bland, non-committal, evasive, gooey letters all of us "concerned citizens" have received from our congressional representatives telling us all we need to know about how indifferent they are to accountability to the voters and how they love half truths.

The passage of the 16th Amendment in 1913 (or was it the 13th Amendment in 1916?) authorizing a national income tax was perhaps even more destructive as it provided the wherewithal for the federal government to buy off voters with the tax money provided by them and, more likely, others, thereby reducing the voter to the status of the family dog. The grateful recipient of the occasional milk bone while their betters enriched themselves at the public trough.

All of which "conservatives" considered it frightfully impolite to discuss.

In an excellent article today, Brett Stevens discusses modern political failure in part the respon-

This brief excerpt doesn't do Mr. Stevens' article justice. He really does provide an explanation for the conservatives' failure to think through our problems clearly and get any kind of traction in the battle with the totalitarian and nation-busting left. It's not all that complicated.

If the Trump phenomenon is a mystery to anyone still, this article will dispel the mists. The passage quoted above alone should do that.

American politics are just surreal, if you can consider the word "politics" to be a term signifying any kind of a contest between incompatible viewpoints battling for the favor of voters in the realm of ideas.

The politics of the entire West are surreal in point of fact. Police commanders escort hordes of invading Muslims along the country roads of Europe with no shame. It's just the most normal thing in the world for foreigners to stream unopposed into your country. Similarly quite normal is European navies acting as taxi services for invaders instead of an instrument to repel them.

Once admitted to a Western country, it's just taken as entirely normal, a given, something no reasonable person would question, that such persons can acquire the right to vote and bring in their extended family. The notion that if the foreigner wants to be with his family he should return home is just never even considered. An idea not even worthy of being called absurd.

Notes: [1] "The alternative Right rises." By Brett Stevens, Amerika, 1/21/16

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Steyer Has Big 2016 Plan for Colorado

by Simon Lomax,
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Tom Steyer – the San Francisco billionaire and environmental activist who spent more than \$8.5 million trying to save former U.S. Sen. Mark Udall in 2014 – is preparing to make another big play in Colorado politics this year. The presidential contest and the reelection campaign of another Senate Democrat, U.S. Senator Michael Bennet, are obvious targets for his money. But don’t be surprised if Steyer’s cash shows up in other places, too, such as anti-fracking ballot measures and the battle for control of the state legislature.

According to a review of federal campaign finance disclosures, Steyer’s political action committee – NextGen Climate – spent more than \$357,000 on research and polling services in Colorado during 2015. In fact, from January 1 to November 31, NextGen put more money into Colorado research and polling firms than it spent on national outfits based in New York, New Jersey and Washington, D.C. Disclosures for December, 2015, aren’t due to the Federal Election Commission until the end of this month.

It’s painfully obvious that Tom Steyer is spending big – and planning to spend much, much bigger – to influence Colorado elections.

Steyer is best known in Colorado for the botched effort to save Udall – part of a \$74 million push by the California billionaire to win U.S. Senate seats and state-level elections for Democrats during 2014. But before racing to Udall’s defense, Steyer’s political operation held talks with environmental activist groups and U.S. Rep. Jared Polis (D-Boulder) about funding several anti-fracking measures proposed for the statewide ballot. Those ballot measures were pulled, allowing Steyer to focus on the 2014 Sen-

ate race, but his work with environmental activists in Colorado never really stopped.

In particular, Steyer has forged close ties with Conservation Colorado, an environmental group that openly targets state-level political races with direct mail, radio and digital advertising. The San Francisco billionaire was even embraced as a “visionary” at a Conservation Colorado awards dinner held in his honor in June, 2015. The group’s executive director, Pete Maysmith, applauded Steyer’s work to “help elect candidates willing to take leadership and action” to advance their shared agenda.

In his own speech, Steyer praised Colorado as a state that can shape national policy, and said the 2016 election would be “totally critical.” But when the *Denver Post* asked to speak with Steyer about his plans for Colorado, the billionaire’s handlers refused.

Steyer has left some clues, however. First, the Colorado organization he built to defend Udall never went away. Right after the 2014 election, a senior adviser to NextGen Climate said Steyer’s Colorado campaign would continue through 2016, according

reported by *National Journal*, this strategy was pioneered in Colorado two years ago, when NextGen Climate attacked Udall’s opponent, U.S. Sen. Cory Gardner (R), on “a wide array of social issues,” including gay marriage. Steyer first hinted at the new strategy during an August, 2014, conference in Aspen, after Democratic leaders “schooled” Steyer on the split within Democratic ranks over environmental policy, according to the *Wall Street Journal*.

Steyer’s track record further suggests he won’t be limited to the presidential contest in Colorado or the effort to reelect Bennet, who served as chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee two years ago. Before holding talks with Colorado’s anti-fracking groups about statewide ballot measures in 2014, Steyer called for a fracking ban in his home state of California, which could only be lifted on a county-by-county basis with a two-thirds popular vote. Steyer’s views are very close to those of anti-fracking groups in Colorado, who have proposed a mix of statewide and local bans for the 2016 ballot. Steyer and Rep. Polis – who championed the 2014 anti-fracking measures before they were pulled – are “kindred spirits,” according to a top adviser to the California billionaire. Steyer has a long history with ballot initiatives in California, and is already backing a 2016 measure in Washington state to impose a carbon tax.

Along with ballot measures, Steyer also has a history of throwing his money into state legislative races. In 2014, for example, he poured money into Washington and Oregon trying to win seats for Democrats. In some cases, NextGen Climate did not spend the money directly – it was given to environmental groups like Washington Conservation Voters and the Oregon League of Conservation Voters. NextGen Climate also gave generously to the national League of Conservation Voters for campaigning in Oregon, Washington and several other states, with the group’s president telling *The Washington Post*, “There’s not a day that goes by that someone on our team doesn’t



Author Simon Lomax of the The Independence Institute

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talk to someone on the Steyer team.”

Which brings us back to Conservation Colorado. If swaying state legislative races is part of Steyer’s plan, he could not find a better partner than Conservation Colorado. The group spent more than \$950,000 on Colorado elections in 2014, and appears to have hit the ground running in 2016. In a little-noticed move, Conservation Colorado gave \$10,000 to Fairness for Colorado, a 527 political organization, in September, 2015. According to state records, Fairness for Colorado – which focuses on economic issues and social welfare, not the environment – has already spent almost \$11,000 with a Denver direct-mail firm.

Fairness for Colorado, created in June, 2015, has only one other donor thus far – America Votes. This Washington, D.C. based group is a self-described “per-

manent campaign” for “building progressive power” in more than 20 states, including Colorado. America Votes is supported by a coalition of about 40 national interest groups, such as teacher unions and gun control groups. But as coincidence would have it, Steyer’s NextGen Climate is also a coalition member.

It’s painfully obvious that Tom Steyer is spending big – and planning to spend much, much bigger – to influence Colorado elections in 2016. But the San Francisco billionaire is hiding from questions and feels no pressure to fully disclose his intentions for our state. We’ll see how much longer he can get away with it.

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Of 452 Suicide Attacks Worldwide Last Year, How Many Do You Think Were Perpetrated by Muslims

by Sharona Schwartz,
TheBlaze.com

A new study by Israel’s Institute for National Security Studies at Tel Aviv University found that of the 452 suicide attacks it tallied last year, 450 were carried out by Muslims.

The *Times of Israel* reported:

Of course, we cannot avoid mentioning the religious element as the most significant factor that motivates the suicide terrorists throughout the world. Here’s the most dramatic statistic: 450 of 452 suicide terror attacks in 2015 were perpetrated by Muslim extremists. One of the remaining two attacks was carried out by the Kurdish

underground. The other was perpetrated by a woman supporter of a leftist group in Turkey.

Even the attack in Turkey initially attributed to a “leftist group” may actually also have been carried out by a Muslim. According to media reports, police were investigating if the perpetrator was a Russian woman “radicalized by Wahhabi ideology.” If that turns out to be the case, that would mean 451 of the 452 attacks were perpetrated by Muslim extremists.

The research team included in its list only attacks it verified by two sources as being a suicide attack.

Yoram Schweitzer who directs the Pro-

gram on Terrorism and Low Intensity Conflict at Tel Aviv University’s Institute for National Security Studies told the *Times of Israel*, “We do not count every claim of a suicide attack. In other words, it’s not enough if Islamic State claims a certain number of suicide attacks.”

“Quite a few groups like to claim that they carried out suicide attacks to make themselves look more important and powerful. We always rely on at least two sources to determine that a suicide attack really did take place,” Schweitzer explained.

“Even then, every determination we make is always qualified because we can never be exact about the percentages, and cer-

tainly not in places like Syria,” the researcher added.

The team defined suicide attacks as those which involved suicide bombers equipped with explosives.

They also did not count every suicide bomber as a distinct attack. For example, the Paris attacks were counted as a single event, even though there were seven assailants.

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Here's the Worst Insult You Can Give a Black Man.... According to Liberals

by Derrick Wilburn,
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When you're an outspoken black conservative like I am, you grow accustomed to vile names, hate mail, disdainful attitudes, snide comments, and the like. For reasons unknown, Caucasians espousing conservative values are not sellouts to their fellow white folk, but blacks and Hispanics are. So people like me, Star Parker, Allen West, Kevin Jackson, Niger Innis, and others develop our own methods of coping with our bullseye cardigans. Whether just laughing it off, addressing it head-on, or ignoring it, we either develop a thick skin or don't do what we do publicly.

Pretty much all of these personal attacks come from self-described open-minded, inclusive, minority-loving liberal types who cannot see the blatant hypocrisy of their own positions. Such is the case with an email I received on one of my social media pages not too long ago.

Little in life is more amusing than people who believe they are issuing an insult when in fact they're doing the exact opposite. Examples of such ignorant lunacy populate our inboxes on a regular basis, but weeks ago, I received an email from a gentleman calling himself Kent that is a classic example of a comment intended as an insult but was in reality a compliment – in fact, very high praise. Kent's email provides a unique teachable moment for those on the ideological left and right.

***It is patently racist
to have expectations of
behavior from people based
solely upon skin color.***

At the end of a hate-filled rant about "self-loathing," "selling out my people," "acting against my own self-interests" (how he has any idea what's in my interest, I've no idea) and other such themes, Kent proceeded to – in very snide fashion – call me "Carlton," a reference to the fictional cousin of Will Smith's character, played brilliantly by Alfonso Ribeiro, on the 1990s situation comedy *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*. Along with many other Americans, Kent views Carlton as somehow "not black" because he does not "act black."

Kent views calling me "Carlton" as an insult. It's not. There are many things the Kents of the world do not realize.

It is patently racist to have expectations of behavior from people based

solely upon skin color, as Kent does. I am black, Carlton Banks is black, thugs in prison are black, Denzel Washington is black. There are black homosexuals, Harley gang members, Army Rangers, chefs, flight attendants, drug sellers (both pharmacists and street pushers), realtors, priests, and poets. Kent believes that a person who is black is supposed to act a certain way – or more precisely, not act a certain way. That pre-judging itself makes Kent prejudiced (that's why it's called that, Kent).

Carlton, Condoleezza Rice, Ben Carson, James Golden and I do not have to behave in a certain way, speak with a certain dialect, live in a specific neighborhood, or do any of the things racists like Kent believe we ought to in order to "prove" our blackness. As Carlton's character once told a "real brutha" in an episode, "black isn't something I have to try to be. It's what I am."

I wish to heaven that far more young black men more closely resembled Carlton Banks. He was a role model we all should seek to mold our young black males after – much more so than Kanye, Snoop Dogg, or 50 Cent, or any of the other vulgarity-spewing media cretins whom many like Kent seem to assume we should act like.

Carlton Banks was a straight-A student at a very challenging (though fictitious, of course) private school (Bel-Air Academy). He was involved in student government, various clubs, and activities, and he ultimately was accepted to study law at Princeton

ing, successful professionals. Carlton's father, Phillip, was a lawyer and partner in a thriving law firm, when he ran for office and won a judgeship – positions that not only provided his family a healthy income, but elevated his social status to one of the most respected members of his community.

Carlton's mother was likewise an educated professional, having been a professor who earned her Ph.D. The family lived in a million-dollar home in a million-dollar neighborhood, were able to take family vacations the world over, dine in fine restaurants, and drive luxury European automobiles. Apparently they'd done a good job of managing money, preparing for their futures, and raising a family of five children into whom they placed principles, values, and moral compasses, and whom they instructed with love and necessary discipline.

To Kent (and many others), this is not "acting black." Well, that's the problem, Kent. It should be!

To the best of our knowledge Carlton did not do drugs, shoplift, consume alcohol, whore around, smoke cigarettes, or run with a crowd that did. Outside a few instances of poor teenage judgment, as we all had, Carlton was an upstanding member of his school and community. The chances of Carlton having to check in with his parole officer while in and out of prison on a regular basis, impregnating multiple women then not sticking around to raise his children, willing away in menial minimum-wage jobs well into his middle-age years, are virtually nonexistent.

So while Carlton may not have roamed the streets at all hours of the night with his hood rat buddies, dropped out of school, sold weed, and run afoul of the law the way Kent seems to think a "real" black kid ought to, that doesn't make him "less black."

The problem here isn't Carlton or me; the problem is Kent and his thinking. Without realizing it, the Kents of the world are placing shackles on blacks. Characters on *Fresh Prince* were black Americans who obtained educations, sat on boards of directors, achieved financial freedom, traveled, and lived lives they chose to. Calling them nasty names is saying to aspiring blacks, "Don't become like that."

Excuse me? Don't become like Phillip and Carlton Banks? Wrong. Become like them, as fast as you can. If you ask me, we need about five million more Carltons in the black community.

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you who hope in the LORD.

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Book Review:

Origins and Development of the Second Amendment

by Dean Weingarten,
GunWatch.Blogspot.com

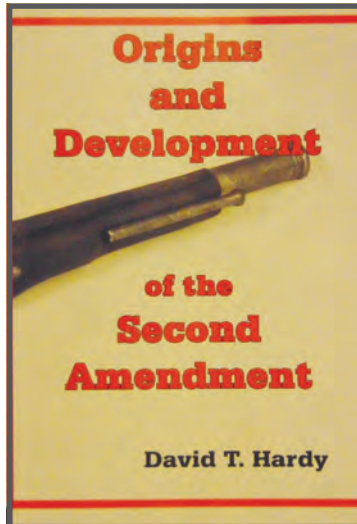
If you want to understand how the United States came to have the Second Amendment in the Bill of Rights, David Hardy's book may be the best place to go. I have read numerous books and articles about the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution. Some have been short, others hundreds of pages. But I had not read David T. Hardy's slim book.

This is surprising, because the book was originally published in 1986! But, I was in Panama in 1986. The Internet was just starting to form. At that time in its early development, I had an

account on the MILNET, one of the early precursors of the Internet, but it was limited to official email. Somehow, I missed Hardy's book. The work is a masterpiece of concisely explaining the origin of the Second Amendment from a thousand years ago up to the present. It is must reading for any Second Amendment supporter. It shows the development of the right through English law. Joyce Lee Malcolm does as well in her works, but she covers the topic in considerably greater detail. Hardy supplies the information in short, easily digested bites. I learned things that I knew, but had lost the sources for, such as the Virginia law that required

colonists to bring their arms to church; an English court ruling that guns could not be seized on the pretext of hunting regulation, because guns were useful for self-defense, in 1752; that an English historian thought that French peasants were enfeebled because, unlike the English, they were forbidden arms. This, in 1476! The first edition is still available on Amazon for \$36.81, and used copies are available for a few dollars worth of shipping. The Second Amendment Foundation has the hardcover first edition available for \$15, a very good deal. The Second Amendment Foundation has had the second edition printed in paperback. It

was handed out at the 2015 Gun Rights Policy Conference. The second edition includes sections on the D.C. v. Heller case and on McDonald v. Chicago. Both cases did not exist when the first edition was written. The slender volume now has 111 pages, 16 more pages than the original 95. If you wish the Second Edition, it is now available on Amazon.com as well. At only \$15, it is well worth the price. If you attend a Gun Rights Policy Conference, you may be able to pick one up for free. ©2015 by Dean Weingarten: Permission to share is granted when this notice is included.



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'Most Dangerous Oregon Gun Bill Creates New Threat to Freedom'

by David Codrea,
OathKeepers.Org

While the eyes of most liberty activists are focused on the unfolding powder keg story at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, political machinations in the capital of Salem on the other side of the state threaten the rights of all Oregon gun owners. If allowed to succeed, look for it to be used as a template in other states as a further step toward the goal of citizen disarmament.

"We have received a preliminary copy of one of the most dangerous pieces of anti-gun legislation we have ever seen," Oregon Firearms Federation alerted its members. "This bill eviscerates due process and turns Oregon into a Soviet style collection of secret snitches!"

"Basically if someone makes a claim that you are, in their opinion, experiencing a 'mental health emergency' you lose your right to buy a firearm," the alert explained. "Included in the list of people who can make that accusation against you are such mental health 'experts' as a college history professor, your boss, or an aunt you have not seen in 20 years!"

"Once the accusation has been made, it's your problem to get your rights restored," OFF elaborated. "You are not even allowed to know who made the accusation and you are not informed that your rights have been taken away unless you attempt a firearms purchase! You are not allowed to know how long the 'hold' on your rights is! The person

who made the accusation is immune from any liability for making the accusation that takes away your rights." In an update, OFF acknowledged the draft bill had been worked on and some changes had been added, including a redefinition of "family member" and "vague language about a misdemeanor penalty for 'knowingly' making a false report ... "Included in the list of people who can make a secret accusation against you are school personnel who have 'had direct contact with you,'" OFF continued. "It does not say 'recent' direct contact. They could have had 'direct contact' with you ten years ago." The Senate Judiciary Committee formally introduced the bill, LC 250, last Tuesday.

"The Committee approved the bill on a 1 to 3 vote," OFF told its members in a further update. "All Democrats voted yes..." Considering the composition of the state legislature, with a 16-14 majority in the Senate and a 34-26 majority in the House, along with a collectivist governor who signed a bill mandating a de facto form of "universal" gun registration by forbidding private sales, it's clear that serious threats in Oregon by overreaching government aren't limited to an impasse between the feds and rancher interests. Please see: <https://www.oathkeepers.org/most-dangerous-oregon-gun-bill-creates-new-threat-to-freedom/>

Welcome to the Stop-N-Rob

by Brent Wheat,
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(Editor/GG: Situational awareness. Coming from New York, it is literally programmed into you. Watching people here out west, for instance, at Cañon City's Walmart or a convenience store, is mind boggling. Wake up folks. It's a numbers game and the odds are of bad things happening to you are increasing every day. Just look at what happened in broad daylight, in Cotopaxi, to that poor Good Samaritan about a month ago. Almost stabbed to death. In broad daylight. On a public road.)

No matter if you live just outside of East Bumfrey or in deepest downtown Manhattan, there is one high-crime area that we all visit on a regular basis. It's a prime locality for robbery, assault and even murder, yet most of us don't give it a second thought because it is such an integral part of our lives. No, we're not talking about a bank or the local jewelry store. Those places do get knocked off on a regular basis but the location that experiences ten times the mayhem is your local convenience store. Convenience stores are the modern incarnation of the old General Store, selling gaso-

line, cigarettes, candy, beer and the other necessary provisions of modern life on every other street corner. However, those in the law enforcement business collectively refer to them as the local "Stop-N-Rob." Convenience stores, for multiple reasons, are very attractive to trouble. A quick look at crime statistics shows that thefts, assaults and even homicide occur with astonishing regularity and the list of victims is evenly split between the clerks and the customers. Since running into such locations for milk, gas, or cigarettes is nearly a daily event in our lives, there are some things to consider that will help you remain safe while picking up that afternoon newspaper and a chopped-and-formed meat-flavored snack stick. Though you might be expecting something a bit more profound out of the chute, our favorite "tactical" concept applies here in spades: awareness. The moment you pull into the parking lot, all your senses should be on high alert to recognize the possible problems waiting in the wings. While still rolling, notice what kinds of characters are hanging around. Anyone loitering

is suspect, but anyone lurking around the sides or rear of the building is virtually guaranteed to be involved in nefarious activity, no matter what time of day or night. If there is a large group or several clusters of people hanging around the parking lot, just keep on going. All those folks are likely involved in an "underground economy" you don't want to be anywhere near. Don't rush into the store with your head down while trying to remember your shopping list. Approach the building at an easy saunter while scrutinizing the immediate area. Make it a habit to scope out the entire interior of the building as soon as you enter the door, paying special attention to what is happening at the cash register. Check that the gentleman talking to the clerk is buying lottery tickets instead of making a withdrawal at gunpoint. After determining there isn't a robbery in progress, make a quick 180-degrees glance around the store to notice anything else that seems out of the ordinary. During less-busy hours, the clerk might not be immediately seen but try to determine if he is just hanging out in the back room playing

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The Story You Aren't Being Told About Iran Capturing Two American Vessels

by Justin King,
The Fifth Column

(TFC) Tehran, Iran –

The airwaves in the United States were filled with images of sailors on their knees while a U.S. Navy vessel was searched. Unjustified outrage swept the nation. The U.S. Secretary of Defense blamed the incident on a simple navigation error, however a chain of events leading back to 2009 demonstrates the facts are a little more complicated than first appear. The chain of events leads defense analysts to one unmistakable conclusion: Iran has the ability to disrupt U.S. GPS systems. For western military analysts, the thought is terrifying. The West uses GPS for much more than replacing a compass and a map.

In 2009, Lockheed Martin's RQ-170 Sentinel showed up on a runway in Kandahar, Afghanistan. The aircraft entered service two years earlier, but the public was unaware. The bat wing styled drone is reminiscent of the Stealth Bomber. The similarities extend beyond the cosmetic, and the RQ-170 is the premier spy drone in the U.S. fleet. This was the drone used to map out Bin Laden's compound. It was tasked with keeping an eye on Iran's nucle-

ar program. That's when things got interesting.

On December 4, 2011, a RQ-170 Sentinel crashed into the Iranian countryside. Iran claimed its electronic warfare unit brought the plane down. The U.S. Department of Defense stated the aircraft was flying over western Afghanistan and crashed near or in Iran. The aircraft was 140 miles inside Iran's borders. The West laughed at the idea of Iran's military obtaining the capability to down one the most sophisticated drones in the world. One military official remarked it was like:

"dropping a Ferrari into an ox-cart technology culture."

They probably shouldn't have been so quick to laugh. It appears the Iranians didn't just down the aircraft, they took control of it mid-flight. Dailytech.com explained:

"Using its knowledge of the frequency, the engineer claims, Iran initiated its 'electronic ambush' by jamming the bird's communications frequencies, forcing it into auto-pilot. States the source, 'By putting noise [jamming] on the communications, you force the bird into autopilot. This is where the bird loses its

brain.'
"The team then use a technique known as 'spoofing' — sending a false signal for the purposes of obfuscation or other gain. In this case the signal in question was the GPS feed, which the drone commonly acquires from several satellites. By spoofing the GPS feed, Iranian officials were able to convince it that it was in Afghanistan, close to its home base. At that point the drone's autopilot functionality kicked in and triggered the landing. But rather than landing at a U.S. military base, the drone victim instead found itself captured at an Iranian military landing zone.

"Spoofing the GPS is a clever method, as it allows hackers to 'land on its own where we wanted it to, without having to crack the [encrypted] remote-control signals and communications.'

"While the technique did not require sophistication from a cryptography perspective, it was not entirely trivial, either, as it required precise calculations to be made to give the drone the proper forged distance and find an appropriate altitude landing strip to make sure the drone landed as it did in Afghanistan. The Iranian engineers knew the

details of the landing site, because the drone had been confirmed in grainy photos to be landing at a base in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

"Despite the careful calculations, the drone still sustained a dent in its wing and underbody (though it did not have the usual signs of a high-speed collision). During its press conferences, the Iranian military covered this damage with anti-American banners.

"The engineer explained this damage commenting, 'If you look at the location where we made it land and the bird's home base, they both have [almost] the same altitude. There was a problem [of a few meters] with the exact altitude so the bird's underbelly was damaged in landing; that's why it was covered in the broadcast footage.' The approach echoes an October security conference presentation [PDF] in Chicago, in which ETH Zurich researchers laid out how to use interference and GPS spoofing to more gently down a drone."

The Aviationist agreed and suggested the U.S. "reconsider their drones' equipment, countermeasures and combat operation procedures as well as Iran's electronic and cyberwarfare capabilities." It should be

noted the "ox-cart technology culture" has since reverse engineered the drone.

The gross underestimation of the Iranian military led to the recent incident in the Persian Gulf. The story being repeated in the western press is one of ten sailors getting lost and ending up in Iranian territorial waters (if the outlet mentions that part). According to Secretary of Defense Carter, "All the contributing factors to that we don't know yet, and we're still talking to those folks, and we'll find out more ... but they were clearly out of the position that they intended to be in."

Two boats lost their GPS abilities at the same time, and the Secretary of Defense isn't sure what happened? A few U.S. outlets, such as the **L.A. Times**, reported on the other malfunctions during the incident. Both boats lost radio communication and all other communication during the incident. A single vehicle losing its GPS abilities can happen. It's rare, but it can happen. Two vehicles losing the systems at the same time borders on implausible, but there is still a possibility of it occurring through Murphy's Law. The loss of all communication equipment and GPS systems on two boats at the same time means one thing:

electronic warfare.

The most important takeaway from this incident is to remember the high-tech military of the United States has an exposed vulnerability. It's a vulnerability that was exploited by Iran. Iran is not a nation many in military circles would see as technologically advanced. The drone warfare system has a fatal flaw. If Iran can exploit it, China and Russia certainly can. Even North Korea has been able to successfully disrupt the GPS system. Beyond simple navigation, the U.S. employs the GPS system to guide missiles. If the Iranians can jam and spoof their way into controlling a drone, it isn't a huge leap to believe they have the ability, or will soon have the ability, to do the same thing with guided missiles.

It should be noted that GPS jammers are available on the civilian market and have been detected in use inside the United Kingdom. This revelation may also be the reasoning behind the U.S. decision to require drone operators to register their aircraft.

Please see: thefifthcolumnnews.com/2016/01/iran-us-incident-iran-has-the-ability-to-disrupt-us-gps-systems/

The Most Politically-Incorrect Prayer You'll Ever Read

by Allen West,
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This morning I was invited to the Roaring Lambs Bible Study here in Dallas. I was the guest of an Army legend, the youngest-ever major general in the Army, MG Vernon B. Lewis, a paratrooper and artilleryman.

One of the handouts for the Bible study was a prayer given almost 20 years ago to the day in the Kansas House of Representatives by Pastor Joe Wright. Legendary radio host Paul Harvey famously shared this prayer on his radio show and it received an immense response. Still to this day, folks ask to receive copies of this prayer delivered January 23rd, 1996.

You can just imagine what would happen if such a prayer were given today. The secular humanist minions at the Freedom from Religion Foundation would go apoplectic. However, those lost souls matter little to me — perhaps they should read Isaiah 54:17.

In any event, without further ado, I will share these fitting and appropriately prescient words spoken twenty years ago. I must ask, do you think they will still be relevant

another twenty years from now?

God bless you and keep you Pastor Wright.

Heavenly Father, we come before You today to ask Your forgiveness and seek Your direction and guidance. Lord, we know Your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good," but that's exactly what we've done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values.

We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it moral pluralism.

We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism.

We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called

it building esteem.

We have abused power and called it political savvy.

We have coveted our neighbors' possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us oh God and know our hearts today; try us and see if there be some wicked way in us; cleanse us from every sin and set us free.

Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent here by the people of Kansas, and who have been ordained by You, to govern this great state. Grant them Your wisdom to rule and may their decisions direct us to the center of Your will. I ask it in the name of Your Son, the Living Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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Come and Talk to Me About Gun Control When...

by Karl Denninger,
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...everyone involved in Fast-N-Furious is behind bars doing hard federal time for blatant and outrageous violations of the existing set of gun laws.

A .50-caliber rifle found at Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman's hideout in Mexico was funneled through the gun-smuggling investigation known as Fast and Furious, sources confirmed Tuesday to Fox News.

Got it folks?

We were selling all sorts of nice weapons to Mexican drug gangs and drug lords, **knowingly**, including it appears, Barretts.

Now there's nothing illegal about owning one of these, although they're not exactly a practical weapon. The ammunition is ridiculously expensive, averaging around \$5/round for commercially-bought (many people who own them reload their casings for that reason.) In addition they won't fit in most gun safes (they're a bit large, you see) and you can forget about *concealing* them. And you'll

want a scope, which is going to cost you some serious coin because the recoil on these things is pretty ridiculous, so said scope has to be heavily-built so it doesn't fall apart internally when you shoot.

Finally, if you **steal** one from somebody they're going to be very*****ed off (they're not cheap) and due to its size and mass you're not exactly going to be waltzing around with it. In short, if you want a crime gun this isn't exactly your first, second, third or fifth choice.

But *intentionally* selling them to drug lords? C'mon folks. That's just flat-out stupid, never mind being unlawful.

So why is it that Eric Holder and Obama are not both in prison? There is zero discussion that *any* American should be willing to have about any restrictions on ownership, sale or carrying of firearms until *everyone* involved in Fast-n-Furious, including Obama and Eric Holder, are in prison for violating the very laws that they are sworn to uphold.

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Politics & The Bible

From Pastor Jim

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

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



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

WHO CAN WE BLAME?

Sarah Palin has re-entered the news arena with her endorsement of Donald Trump. Whether we agree or disagree, we defend her right to place her political capital with whomever she desires. What very well may be more interesting than the backing is the immediate fallout. Within hours of Mrs. Palin's stated support, every major news outlet reported that her son was arrested for domestic violence. Thousands are arrested daily across America for similar charges and gain no public attention, but this incident was news, not for what it was, but for who it was. The obvious covert suggestion is that the Palin's are guilty of bad parenting, therefore all credibility is lost. If the conversation concerned a liberal family, the kid would be declared a victim of unfortunate influences, but conservative Bible types are held to a higher standard.

Most journalists have never entertained a fixed north star of truth; therefore, their opinions are unreliable at best. The Word of God provides a compass that helps the traveler navigate the hazards of life. When a child, even one who is an adult, turns prodigal, the inevitable question is: "Who should be blamed?" Modern psychobabble in an effort to keep the "victim" returning to the paid providers often encourages failure to accept personal responsibility for bad behavior. It must all be the fault of another; parents are an excellent launching pad for the rocket of condemnation.

To be sure, God places a great deal of emphasis on the necessity of filling the role of a conscientious parent. The Scriptures are loaded with common sense do's and don'ts that provide wonderful guidelines for the inquirer. But as one may expect, the Bible is a book of precise balance, never willing to abdicate from individual accountability. The basic principle is laid out in Deuteronomy 24:16: "The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin." The idea is quite simple...every person is their own free moral agent and will be judged accordingly.

Biblical history provides many examples of good and bad coming from the same parents. Just four chapters into Genesis we are told of Abel who pleased God with his offering and Cain who murdered his brother. They were raised the same with identical advantages, but the results were dramatically different. Did God ever suggest that Adam and Eve should bear the blame for Cain's evil heart? Similar examples continue with the twin boys Jacob

and Esau, who allows hatred to ferment until we read: "Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing where-with his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob." (Genesis 27:41) When God said: "As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated." (Romans 9:13) which is repeated three times in Scripture, there is never any indication that the Lord is indicting Isaac and Rebekah.

Observing Jacob's twelve sons is very instructive in the study of free will. Some of them are killers, one a whoremonger, one became the progenitor of Israel's priest class, Joseph was the greatest type of Christ in the Bible, and the offspring of two of the tribes are permanently erased from the family in Revelation 7. God allows everyone to determine their own choices. Unfortunately, when we have children they do not arrive with a warranty of righteousness.

The perfect capstone for this truth is found in Jesus' parable of the prodigal son. (Luke 15:11-32) Again, two sons reared in the same environment is the storyline. The younger determines that he is sick of the stuffy lifestyle of the farm and the "old man" and decides to split, favoring the bright lights and excitement of the big city. The elder brother was probably correct in his assessment of the sibling: "But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf." The prodigal had shown all the character of a hog in the barnyard, but the good news was the turnaround. The key verse is: "And when he came to himself," which clearly indicates the decision to reform and change belonged to him alone.

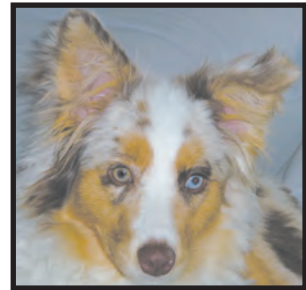
Most certainly, the father prayed for his boy and longed for his return, but the Lord never implied that the father was responsible for the sinful conduct of the son. Way too many parents in America have been convinced that the prodigal activity of their children is somehow or in some way their fault. If you did the best you could with the information at your disposal, it's time to quit wallowing in guilt. If you didn't, ask the Lord for forgiveness with the belief that He gives it. Pray for your prodigal but remember, "they must come to themselves;" you cannot do that for them.

It often helps to pray for the wayward of others as well as your own. How about sending one up for the Palin boy? I doubt any of the pious reporters did that.

A Sheepdog Barks!

There's a real dumb-ing-down of America. It's happening everywhere. And sadly it's mainly the youth of America who are being affected the most. A Georgetown University professor wrote and teaches that the Constitution contains "downright evil provisions." What do we expect the young are learning in our colleges and universities with that kind of leadership and mentoring? Recently an undercover video was released showing Yale and Harvard students signing a petition to repeal the Bill of Rights. How crazy is that? The United States of America wouldn't even exist without the first 10 Amendments. They were the only reason the Constitution was ratified. The founders, coming from an oppressive government, KNEW that a free man MUST have protection from the government, any style of government. So they created the individual and state's rights necessary to create the most unique governing document in the world. One in which big government would be limited and controlled by the governed; a Constitutional Republic. It was and is the greatest manmade system in the world. How could we begin to destroy that in just a little less than 250 years? I've concluded it's because of liberal progressivism and socialism. Liberal American citizens decided to create a place where everyone is the same and completely taken care of by the government. Of course that's been tried and failed many times. But they don't care. It's what makes them feel good. So what does it lead to? It leads to our so-called "best and brightest" young Americans at our "elite" Ivy League schools signing a petition to support Barack Obama's desire to repeal the greatest rights of liberty and freedom written by man. Of course, not even Obama is actually calling for such an overt thing, but the students didn't know that. They have been taught by LPSD professors, like the Georgetown one I mentioned earlier, to buy into such nonsense. They have, for the most part, progressed through a public education system that allows them to graduate without the most ba-

sic knowledge of how America was created and why it is so unique. It should make us all cringe. We must send to Washington D.C. a President that is not part of the LPSD folly. Yes my friends, we must send a "radical" to clean up the mess that has become the leadership of our federal government. This crazy ignorance is not limited to our youth. Many adults are just as stupid and ignorant. Just recently Fox News' Bill O'Reilly said that since Americans have to register their cars they should have to register their guns. Yes, I heard him say it with my own sheepdog ears and I woofed long and loud. There is not enough space in this whole newspaper to explain what is wrong with that kind of thinking! If you don't see or cannot understand the difference you are an LPSD, a sheep or a wolf. And we wonder why our youth are so messed up. Another example is the Mayor of Philadelphia. He went on TV after the horrific attempted murder of a police officer by another Muslim committing a terrorist act in America and actually tried to convince us that the act had absolutely nothing to do with Islam. He is an LPSD spouting his "eyes wide shut" political correctness and I believe he really knows otherwise. Of course it has EVERYTHING to do with Islam. Just where do you think this American citizen got "radicalized?" In a Walmart? Or is it likely he got "radicalized" in a mosque. Let me think. WOOF! And let me comment on the latest attempt to disconnect Islam and Jihad and terrorism. We are told by the Obama administration that these Jihadists have been "radicalized" and somehow that lets the faith (Islam) off the hook. It's as though the act of "radicalization" excuses the fundamental philosophy. Think about this. If a member of the Tea Party got "radicalized" by going to meetings, got angry and then went out and murdered a police officer, or a mayor, would the LPSDs tell us that the Tea Party had absolutely nothing to do with it? I think not. WOOF! And by the way, this sheepdog thinks the most "radicalized" citizens in America are Barack



Obama and HillIARy Clinton. Saul Alinsky did a good job on them with his Rules for Radicals. Back to the dumb-ing-down of America. In his recent State of the Union speech, which was not at all based on reality, Obama said that "anyone telling you that the economy is not strong is peddling fiction." I am impressed with how he can say such an outrageous statement with such a straight and smug face. Most Americans know that to be completely false. But for too many Americans (LPSDs and young Harvard and Yale converts) they believe it or want to believe it. The President of the United States can make such a completely misleading statement and go essentially unchallenged. Someone with honor and courage should have stood up and shouted "YOU LIE!" Happened once before to this president and should happen much more. Our current economy is not strong. The labor force participation is the lowest in decades and has steadily declined in the last seven years. The median household income is down over the last seven years and food stamp enrollees have skyrocketed in the last seven years. Don't be dumb-downed by the unemployment rate stat of 5%. It's a totally phony statistic used by politicians to keep us quiet. It's really somewhere between 10% and 20% depending on your ethnicity. WOOF! And one more thing. Don't be dumb-downed by the politicians who say there is too much gridlock in Washington and we need someone who can bring everyone together. Every time the two parties "come together" it means only one thing. They are going to spend more money and increase the national debt. They never come together on serious reform, only spending. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On



STOP-N-ROB

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slap-and-tickle with his girlfriend or if he has been shot and dragged into the beer cooler.

This seems blatantly obvious but I once responded to an incident where an early-morning customer blithely strolled into a scene that resembled something from a slasher movie. He walked past bloody hand and footprints, then stood at the checkout counter for a few moments until finally noticing blood spatters and signs of a struggle. He was definitely oblivious, at least until he finally noticed the unfortunate clerk's body. Fortunately for the customer, the suspect had already left the business.

Once inside, keep tabs on what is happening around you; reflections from glass-door coolers and plastic drink dispensers are very useful in this regard. Also, make a mental note of the store layout. The goal is not a detailed analysis of the floor plan, but simply fixing in your mind where the back door or emergency exit is located. In most stores, the exit will either lie behind the cashier or near the restroom(s). Likewise, most have some type of a back room or stock room that could become a useful place to make a tactical retreat in case of robbery or other serious crime.

Why consider retreat? If you happen to be located in the furthest regions of the store when something bad happens, the best survival tactic is to quietly slip away like a thief in the night at the first sign of trouble. Even if you can't exit the business, having an idea of the layout allows you to possibly set up a last-ditch confrontation on your own terms rather than simply being herded at gunpoint

into a cooler on a one-way trip.

While the average robbery doesn't involve homicide, history has shown that the walk-in cooler is a very common location for witnesses to be murdered so don't allow yourself to be placed in such a circumstance. If ever taken hostage, remember that the suspect expects you to cower; do so, but use it to your advantage while planning a counter-attack when the bad guy least expects.

What if you are near the cash register when a local junkie demands a no-interest loan? This is where staying cool and rational is key. Depending on the physical layout and situation, your best bet might be to play the role of frightened victim and good witness until the robbery is concluded.

On the other hand, if you really believe that something horrible is about to happen and you choose to intervene, do so with the subtlety of a nuclear explosion as that situation pretty much defines the classic "short-range interpersonal violence" situation you have heard so much about. Once committed to intervening there is no option except winning or dying.

Hopefully things will never reach that point if you keep on your toes in regards to what is happening both inside and out. Finally, don't dally about the store making purchase decisions and don't stand around scratching off lottery tickets. The longer you stay in the store, the higher the odds that you will be present when something felonious happens.

That would definitely be a losing ticket.

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Promising New Cancer Treatment: 'As Simple As a Flu Shot'

by Mike Opelka, TheBlaze.com

Recent FDA approval of initial testing on a new, individually customized cancer treatment at Baylor Hospital in Texas could bring new hope to the lives of millions struggling to fight the disease.

The new course of action replaces chemotherapy with a simple, monthly injection.

The innovative program is a radical departure from traditional thinking that attempted to "cure" a patient's cancer. Instead, doctors and researchers at Baylor's Mary Crowley Cancer Center are focused on controlling the disease, using cells taken from the tumor growing inside a patient.

After harvesting cells from the tumor, an individualized vaccine is created. Patients receive a monthly injection of the specialized vaccine engineered to allow the body's immune system to keep the cancer in check.

Comparing the experimental program to how medicine treats other diseases, Doctor Maurizio Ghisoli told CBS News, "Change from an acute deadly disease to a chronic disease, probably we do the same for hypertension or diabetes."

"We don't cure, but we control the disease," Ghisoli added.

If successful, this breakthrough could mean the end of cancer patients having to endure intense and often debilitating chemotherapy treatments.

While still in the clinical trial phase, Baylor's program has shown promising results on patients like college student Carly Rutledge.

When she was just 15-years-old, Rutledge was diagnosed with an aggressive form of bone cancer called Ewings Sarcoma. Conventional treatment had the young woman undergoing regular chemotherapy treatments lasting five days at a time, something she described as "very intense."

Rutledge told CBS that her participation in the experimental program has been a completely different experience from chemotherapy.

"Immune therapy could not be more the opposite," she said. "I would fly in and out in one day and get a shot."

Rutledge's cancer is reportedly in remission with no side effects from the treatment.

According to the report, Baylor Hospital is the only facility cleared to test this form of cancer treatment. While the FDA's latest action will help expedite the program and increase clinical testing at Baylor, full government approval of the therapy could be five years away.

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Dozens of Islamic State Suspects Currently Tracked by the FBI

by Casey Harper, Daily Caller News Foundation

(Editor/GG: Our government LET THEM IN. These people want to KILL US. Why did our government let them in? This is just the tip of the iceberg. Other reports indicate that there are over a 1,000 extremely dangerous islamist on the FBI's watch list.)

The FBI is using elite surveillance units to monitor at least 48 Islamic State suspects in the United States who are considered particularly high risk.

Hundreds of suspected ISIS sympathizers in the U.S. are being monitored, but the FBI is using special units to monitor the most serious suspects, reported Fox News. Units of at least a dozen FBI agents monitor the suspects 24/7.

"The FBI together with law enforcement agencies across the country are engaged in this," Republican Sen.

Dan Coats, who is on the Select Intelligence Committee, told Fox News. "It takes [an] enormous amount of manpower to do this on a 24-7 basis. It takes [an] enormous amount of money to do this."

"There will be a lot of people over the Thanksgiving weekend that will not be enjoying turkey with their family," he added. "They'll be out there providing security for the American people and the threat is particularly high during this holiday period."

There are as many as 1,000 active ISIS suspects in the U.S. currently. About 250 Americans have traveled or tried to travel to Syria this year, according to FBI Director James Comey, and many of them are plotting to help ISIS.

The number of live cases bolsters the concerns of some lawmakers about the possibility of ISIS operatives infiltrating the U.S. via the refugee resettlement program. The Obama administration has announced a min-

imum of 10,000 Syrian refugees will be resettled in the U.S. in the next two years.

"Whether or not the individuals are affiliated with a foreign terrorist organization and are willing to travel abroad to fight or are inspired by the call to arms to act in their communities, they potentially pose a significant threat to the safety of the United States and U.S. persons," Comey told the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs in October.

The FBI has charged several people across the country this year for crimes related to ISIS. After the ISIS attack in Paris earlier this month, world leaders are meeting to see what can be done about the growing threat.

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Poll Finds Stunning Abortion Opinions Among 'Pro-Choice' Americans

by Billy Hollewell, TheBlaze.com

A new poll commissioned by the Knights of Columbus has found that the majority of Americans — including individuals who embrace the "pro-choice" label — support major restrictions on abortion, according to a press release announcing the results.

Respondents in the Marist Poll were presented with a series of potential views on abortion and were asked to select which came closest to their perspective on the issue. Only 20 percent said that they believe in abortion up to six months or at any point in a pregnancy.

The vast majority — around 80 percent — selected that they would restrict abortion to the first three months, to cases of rape, incest or danger to the life of the mother, only to save a mother's life or that they would never support abortion.

But it's what pro-choice Americans said about this question that is, perhaps, most notable.

"[Sixty-six percent] of those who describe themselves as pro-choice say abortion should be allowed, at most, in the first trimester, in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother, or never permitted," the study reads.

Additionally, 82 percent of women took this same stance in the survey.

The majority of pro-choice supporters — 71 percent — also agreed that laws can protect both a mother and an unborn child — a notion that was held by 77 percent of Americans surveyed overall.

And while 60 percent of Americans said that abortion is "morally wrong," just 37 percent said that it is "morally acceptable."

These metrics did differ quite a bit among pro-life and pro-choice respondents, as 90 percent of pro-lifers called abortion "morally wrong" as opposed to just 33 percent of pro-choice respondents.

A majority of Americans (61 percent), pro-choicers (62 percent) and women (60 percent) would support laws that ban abortion after the 20-week period so long as there is an exemption to save the life of the mother, according to the survey results.

The release of these results comes as the 43rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade — the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion nationwide — is set to unfold on Friday.

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Most Americans want significant restrictions on abortion.

Which comes closest to your opinion on abortion?

1. Available to a woman any time during her entire pregnancy	12%	81%
2. Only during the first six months of a pregnancy	8%	
3. Only during the first three months of a pregnancy	24%	
4. Only in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother	32%	
5. Only to save the life of the mother	13%	
6. Should never be permitted under any circumstance	12%	

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Regardless of whether or not abortion should be legal, six in ten Americans think it is morally wrong.

Regardless of whether or not you think it should be legal, do you believe that, in general, abortion is morally acceptable or morally wrong?

	Pro-life	Pro-choice
Morally acceptable	10%	64%
Morally wrong	90%	33%
Not a moral issue	<1%	3%



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