

THE RESURRECTION: BELIEVE IT OR NOT!



by Pastor Sean Meagher,
Living Stone Calvary Chapel

More than 2,000 years ago on resurrection morning, an empty tomb was not what the disciples were expecting to find.

According to the Bible, they didn't believe Mary Magdalene when she told them the tomb was empty and that an angel told her Jesus had risen. Jesus Himself had told His disciples that He would be crucified and raised to life three days later. Overcome by grief in the loss of

Christ to crucifixion, they doubted the miraculous fact that Jesus had defeated sin, conquered death and risen to life like He had promised.

Despite their doubt, they listened to Mary's story, traveled to the tomb, and found it empty: Jesus had risen and was alive!

It has been centuries since the disciples awoke to a risen Savior. So why is this historical event important for us today!

1. Without the resurrection, Christianity is an empty faith. Christians like myself could have faith, but it would have nothing to stand on if Jesus had not risen from the grave. Adversaries of Christianity—as far back as those in the Apostle Paul's day—have regularly attacked the veracity of the resurrection with this fact in view.

Paul wrote to Corinthian Christians in the first century: "How can some of you say that the dead will not be raised to life? If that is true, it means that Christ was not

raised; and if Christ has not been raised from death, then we have nothing to preach and you have nothing to believe. More than that, we are shown to be lying about God, because we said that He raised Christ from death—but if it is true that the dead are not raised to life, then He did not raise Christ...And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is a delusion and you are still lost in your sins. And if our hope in Christ is good for this life only and no more, then we are of all men the most pitiable" (1 Corinthians 15:12–19).

Paul's point is that the resurrection is foundational to Christian faith, including such critical tenets as the forgiveness of sins through Christ's sacrificial death, freedom from the power of sin, and



Pastor Sean Meagher of the Living Stone Calvary Chapel in Cañon City.

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Silver Cliff Voters: Time To Stand Up

by Sentinel Editorial Staff

We're going to be taking a brief look at the Town of Silver Cliff Regular Municipal Election ballot in a minute, but let's first look at some recent history here in southern Colorado. Specifically, the Deer Mountain/Copper Gulch/Cotopaxi area after Colorado legalized marijuana and Fremont County failed to put a regulatory structure in.

That first summer alone, dozens and dozens of large illegal pot grows sprung up in that area, as well as a few "legal" ones that had gotten their state permits. Based on eye-witness reports from area residents, most of the growers were from out-of-state, including a Texas biker gang, Mexican cartel members, a Florida/Cuban based gang, and in general, low-life, criminals. Locals reported night time "gun fights", grows and crops being robbed, citizens being threatened for walking. Welcome to the world of legalized pot.

Now let's focus on what really happened to the land and homeowners in that area. Their property values PLUMMETED. Many properties, including ones with homes, essentially became unsellable and worthless. Take Jim and Kay Chambers for example. They

had moved to the Copper Gulch area around 12 years ago to retire. They bought two large lots, hand-built their dream cabin and barn and were enjoying their retirement years after working their entire lives. Folks, The American Dream.

Then a professional Colorado medical pot retailer/grower from up north bought a large, vacant track right next to the Chambers. Lied to the neighbors about what he intended to do. Lied to the state about his well permit. Built a large "garage" type building without a Fremont County permit. Dragged in a couple of mobile home/RV units. And planted hundreds and hundreds of pot plants. Way above the number allowed on his state permit. To guard this bounty, the owner brings in a bunch of young, ex-Afghan/Iraq war veterans to guard the place. They walked around night and day with AR15's and chest rigs with extra magazines. Gun fire at night. A two minute walk from the Chambers dream retirement home, and it looks like you are in a war zone. The Chambers dream is shattered. They go to multiple local real estate agents to attempt to sell their home and they get the same answer from each realtor: your home is unsellable and essentially worthless. Their dream is now a nightmare.

And that could be coming to Custer County if the voters of the Town of Silver Cliff approve these propot ballot measures. What young family with kids, perhaps an entrepreneur, would move to a county where the land or house they buy could become worthless overnight? What young family with kids would move to Custer County with retail pot shop a quarter mile down the road from the school? Legalizing pot in any part of Custer County WILL DRAMATICALLY AND NEGATIVELY AFFECT THE LOCAL REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY which is one of the few prosperous business sectors in the county. And it will DRAMATICALLY INCREASE THE ACCESS OF POT AND OTHER DRUGS TO OUR CHILDREN.

What county would people who want to move to Colorado and retire pick? One where there is a pot culture and property values are constantly in danger, or a county where the pot industry is banned?

The few, alleged, tax dollars that legalizing pot in Silver Cliff is OBVIOUSLY NOT WORTH IT. But that doesn't bother the narcissitic, self-centered few that have gotten us to this point. So, it is up to the voters of Silver Cliff. And now let's take a look at the important

sections of the ballot:

Trustee: (Vote for Three) - Three candidates are clearly dedicated to keeping pot out of Silver Cliff and for increasing tax revenue thru tried-and-true "Smart Growth" initiatives: H.A. "Buck" Wenzel, Stacey Schoch, and Fred Hernandez. VOTE FOR THEM.

Issue A: Bottom Line: This ballot item WILL TRIPLE YOUR REAL ESTATE TAXES! TRIPLE! If you want to give the local government a ton more money to waste, Vote Yes. If you think you can spend that money better yourself, VOTE NO.

Issue B: This measure allows the town to tax pot products IF Question C (further down the ballot), legalizing pot retail/grows etc. is approved. VOTE NO.

Question C: This item LEGALIZES POT IN SILVER CLIFF. VOTE NO (if you want to save the value of your home or land, prevent a large number of criminals from coming into our county and protect our children from drugs).

Silver Cliff Voters: Time to Stand Up for common sense. Talk to your neighbors and friends. The downside of this ballot will be devastating to our community. VOTE NO.

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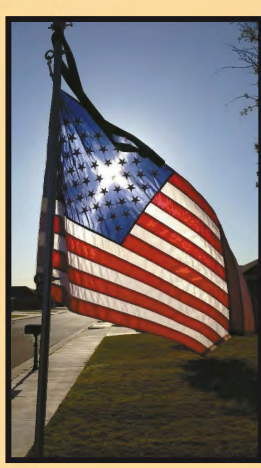
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Our Opinion... From the Editorial Board

THE SILVER CLIFF BALLOT: IS THE CHARACTER OF THE COUNTY AT STAKE?

Many of us think character matters. The word character has lots of meanings. Here are some of them from Webster's: *A distinctive mark. A distinctive trait, quality or attribute; characteristic. Essential quality, nature, kind or sort. The pattern of behavior or personality found in an individual or group. Moral constitution or moral strength. Reputation or good reputation. Status.*

What, we wonder, is the character of Custer County? How would the residents describe it? Many have been born, raised and lived here all their lives. Many more have moved here to enjoy the character of this county based on its simple and quiet reputation and distinctive charms. We believe many would credit its agriculture, its beauty, its serenity, its rural charm.

We don't believe many would credit pot stores or pot growing operations as one of its many "charming" characteristics. Some small Colorado communities have already harmed their family-friendly reputations. Yes, we are well aware that pot smoking, medical pot use and even pot growing operations are now legal in Colorado. There is no argument there. The question is, do the local residents want legal pot sales and grow operations in the county? That is the question that will be answered by only a small portion of the county residents on April 5th. The residents and elected leaders in Custer County and the Town of Westcliffe have already said **NO**. The residents in Silver Cliff will now decide whether or not they want that character trait in the town limits of

Silver Cliff. All of us understand that the decision made by those eligible voting residents, roughly 450 citizens, will define the future character of the entire county. The effects of legal retail sales and grow operations will affect all county residents. Silver Cliff held several Town Hall meetings and listened to all the citizens that wanted to share their thoughts. The general view was that users wanted legal sales and grow operations and non-users didn't. We were struck by the high number of respected county residents that deal with marijuana use and our youth that were opposed. Proponents basically argued two things: There is no increase in crime and it will bring a lot of money into the Silver Cliff coffers. Opponents argued that local sales and grow operations would negative-

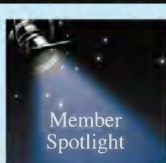
ly affect the character of the county, promote its increased use among our underage residents and attract the wrong kind of attention to the county at large. The elected Silver Cliff leaders for the most part abdicated their responsibility by throwing the decision to "the people." Some have argued that the increased revenue will solve many problems. That logic needs weighed against the harm it would bring to the community at large and all its citizens. If money is the only reason to do things then maybe gambling and prostitution need to be considered. We know that isn't possible. Water is another issue that needs considered. It takes a lot of water to grow marijuana. Is that a good and wise use here? Is it even legal since growing marijuana is still a federal crime? We encourage all eligible voters to carefully weigh all the measures and how they may affect the whole county and their friends and neighbors. It is already legal in Colorado for one to grow their own plants for personal use or buy the product in nearby counties. Is it necessary

to authorize the retail and grow operations in this small rural county? We hope the voters will listen to the local law enforcement, the school superintendent and administration, the school board, the medical personnel, the counselors, the concerned citizens and the parents that don't want this escalation and potential trouble near our towns, schools, businesses and homes. Yes, there is already legal use and illegal use going on. Is that any reason to make more illegal use or more crime easier? We don't think so. Is this authorization of sales and grow operations worth changing the character of this county? We urge the voters to reject these measures. **Vote NO on Issue B and Question C.** We also endorse **H.A. "Buck" Wenzel, Stacey Schoch and Fred Hernandez** as trustees. We believe these citizens will help protect the character of Silver Cliff and Custer County. Vote for them as Trustees. Talk to your Silver Cliff friends and neighbors. Even though only a few can vote, all of Custer County will be affected.



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Voting Our Values

Just because marijuana is legal does not mean it is safe. Too many people are getting behind the wheel while high, putting themselves and others at increased risk for injury and death.

Just because a doctor prescribes marijuana for a cancer patient does not mean that the doctor has not weighed the risks versus the benefits for that patient. Doctors do not prescribe marijuana for "recreational" purposes.

Just because the business of marijuana generates additional income for a community does not mean that community does not have to shoulder the blame for the message this sends to our youth.

Just because marijuana might help me focus more on my art work, or writing a story, or having a sexual experience does not mean that I may not be

moving closer to a dependent relationship with pot. How sad when someone of any age, but particularly adolescents, reaches a point where they have to use any substance, including marijuana, just to function and feel normal.

Just because marijuana might be the glue that holds a group of friends together, how shallow those relationships become when that group is not using.

Just because the pro-marijuana forces might win in the upcoming election, does not mean that they are on the right side....just the winning side. As long as we are on the right side, and as long as we exercise our privilege to vote, let others pick up the pieces of shattered lives that, in the long run, result from society's ignorance and ambivalence.

*Tom (Frosty) Frostman,
Rural Custer County*

Two Choices...

I believe it comes down to two choices, Trump or Cruz, for president. At this point there are two others still running in the GOP race but their chances are slim at best, even with a contested convention. I might add that I've been told that no one has ever won the election after a contested convention. So will the elite party leaders do so anyway? Of course they might, being oblivious of the conservative populace that trusted them in the past and who have generally neglected us and opposed our will in congress. As far as Crazy Bernie and lying Hillary, they are on another planet. Everyone knows about Hillary's record and abuse so I won't go into that. However, I saw Bernie stand, hands folded in front of him, as some BLM folks took over his rally, looking like a whipped puppy dog, not much like the commander-in-chief he wished to be. But the numbers are down for Democrat enthusiasm, and very high for Republicans. But on to the GOP front runners.

I believe Trump will be the same as Obama but different, it will be either his way or the highway. He calls people names but when people label him he threatens to sue them. He talks about suing or has sued an author, Miss USA, a comedian, a bank, opposition organizers, Univision, Ted Cruz, and Marco Rubio. Just imagine what he will do if he has control of the IRS, DOJ, EPA, ATF, etc. He would use them much worse than Obama has to oppress his

enemies or anyone he perceives as a threat. He is a recent convert to conservatism and he confuses conservatism with conservation. I don't believe he is a true Christian, yet he touts the Bible while knowing nothing about it. He is good at manipulating the media and peoples passions. I listened to a recent rally talk where all he did was pump up the crowd, dealing in minutia, not substance of core beliefs or ideas. He uses the same language in today's speeches that he did at his now defunct university, which is being investigated, bait and switch. I see why many people like him though; he says the things they want to hear, the things they want to happen to America, it resonates with the average person who has seen their country go to hell in a hand basket under poor leadership, but he contributed to that campaign just a few years ago. Now he's opposed to them. Hmmm! Rubio has lost a lot of support due to his association with the gang of eight on amnesty. Why hasn't Trump lost support for his recent past associations?

The bottom line for me is I support Ted Cruz. Is he perfect? No way! He has objectionable things just like any candidate, but he is the most conservative with a long record of opposing the establishment, standing up for America and speaking the truth. And he's not a "nasty guy".

*Bill Bailey,
Westcliffe, CO*

Thanks to First Responders

I would like to thank all the firemen who responded to the Durfee Circle fire on St. Patrick's Day. If it were not for the fast response time a lot of land and homes could have lost. Also, I would like to thank the Sheriff's Office for coming to

my home to inform me there was a fire. Because of the winds I didn't even see any smoke but if the wind had shifted it could have been at my home at my home very quickly. Once again, thanks to all.

One last tidbit. These men risk their lives to save our lands and homes, let's not jeopardize them by putting hot ashes outside in an uncovered container.

*Ken Greene
Rural Custer County*

Ballots Are Out

*by John Johnston,
former Westcliffe Trustee*

Voters in Westcliffe who return their ballots by April 5th can choose three fiscally responsible trustee candidates to address the embarrassing mess town government has become. The current trustees seeking re-election have demonstrated they cannot fulfill their roles.

They are part of a board that has damaged our community with their petty dealings and reckless disregard for public service in making their animosity for me, then a fellow trustee, front-page news.

One trustee asked the board to approve \$10,000 for a "Welcome Sign" he thought would look good in front of his business. The board approved it!

Paul Wenke and Audrey Gluschke walked out of a regular monthly business meeting because they said they couldn't work with me. That caused important business to

be postponed. Our Congress isn't even that bad! They may not like each other but they show up for work.

They both ignored the town's budget meetings, as did the other trustees on other occasions. I was the only board member to attend every budget meeting. I watched them take money from the town's reserves and donate it to charity. We could have done this by matching last year's contributions without using funds from the reserve. But the board wanted to look good.

You want a board that can look at any situation from the front and back, left and right, top and bottom, and reach a consensus. Our current board only has tunnel vision. When a special meeting could solve problems, they refused to hold one. They denied my application for my murals at a regular monthly meeting, and when the mayor called a special meeting, every trustee boycotted it. The Custer County Economic Board was not allowed to be

heard at a recent meeting, nor would the board call a special meeting to hear how they could help this community.

You have three concerned citizens running for trustee. All three are well qualified to serve this community with integrity and hard work. You will find they understand fiscal responsibility.

I only wish to see on the front page of our newspapers what has been accomplished, what they are working on and what we can celebrate. This community should not be embarrassed by their elected officials when they open a newspaper.

I resigned because it appeared likely our citizens would have to pay for a special election. The rest of the board showed no concern if it cost the town money or was an embarrassment to the community.

**VOTE FOR: JANET SMITH,
WAYNE EWING JIM BISTO-
DEAU.**

Simple Question for Silver Cliff

Question C on the Silver Cliff ballot asks citizens if they want to allow the Marijuana industry into Silver Cliff. As a recent letter to the editor pointed out, each side can pull statistics to make their own point. So in an effort to simplify the argument, it comes down to this. Marijuana is a drug. If you would like to see more of this drug in our community, vote yes. If you would like to see less of it, vote no. It really boils down to that. I served on the town council appointed committee that looked into the marijuana industry. We attempted to predict if the town of Silver Cliff would see any financial gain. There is no way to predict the impact financially. Because

of our location (not on the way to anywhere, not near a major ski slope, all the cities around us are marijuana legal, etc), my guess is we would see very little financial benefit. So it goes back to the basic question, do you want more of the drug Marijuana in our community or do you want less of it.

In making your decision on the drug Marijuana, I believe it is interesting to note what 2 mountain communities that rely on tourism have decided. Breckenridge voted overwhelming yes on the initial Marijuana vote. However, since they have experienced what it did for their downtown and tourist trade, they voted overwhelming NO to Marijuana in

their downtown. There is no argument on this, they did not like what it did to their downtown. In another mountain community, the city council of Vail has attempted to put a permanent ban on Marijuana in their city, and this is after the county voted to pass Marijuana by a 66% majority.

Again, these are not disputable facts. 2 mountain towns that rely on tourism have said a strong and loud NO to the drug Marijuana.

So its a simple question, what does this mountain community want- more of the drug Marijuana or less of it?

*Troy Bomgardner,
Silver Cliff*

***It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be
burdened again by a yoke of slavery.***

Galatians 1:5 NIV

Local Mountain News & Notices

Obituary

Lenora Margaret D'Angelo

Lenora Margaret D'Angelo passed away on March 18th, 2016, at the age of 83, after a long battle with cancer at her home in Westcliffe, Colorado. She was married to Joseph D'Angelo, her high school sweetheart; they married in July, 1955 and enjoyed 60 wonderful years together.

She graduated from Haverford High School in Haverford, Pennsylvania, in 1952. Lenora received awards for her stenography skills and was a member of the acapella choir and chorus. Music was always an important part of her life. She excelled in her business courses, and after high school, she became a secretary for the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania. She had numerous jobs involving stenography, typing medical transcripts and in the Human Resource Department at Coors Ceramics of Golden, Colorado. Lenora volunteered at Swedish Medical Center and always made time for people in need. She was a bookkeeper for Joe's Construction Business and supported him in other business efforts.

She had a deep faith in God which sustained her throughout her life, especially during her illness. She lived her faith everyday. She was a dedicated wife, loving mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend. She was fondly called, "Aunt Nora" by many. She was known for her genuine smile and friendly nature. She served God by serving others.

Lenora was a warm and gracious host. She kept a beautiful home and prepared delicious meals. Friends and family often visited Joe and Lenora at their home in Westcliffe. She enjoyed taking people around Colorado to share the beauty of the state.

For the past 16 years, Lenora has called "the Valley" her home and she has been grateful for all of the loving people in the community. The majesty of the mountains and the beauty that surrounded her everyday brought her great joy.

Lenora enjoyed traveling with Joe. She supported Joe, whether it was during his time as a coach or while running marathons. Her interests also included following the Denver Broncos and the Colorado Rockies.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Jennie and John Papaloni of Ardmore, Pennsylvania, sisters Theresa Papaloni Di Medio of Bristol, Pennsylvania and Virginia Papaloni Cappelli, of Devon, Pennsylvania.

Lenora is survived by her two children and five grandchildren. Lenora and Joe's son, Joseph, resides in Pennsylvania with his wife, Mary Christine and



their three children, Nicholas, Stephen and Natalie, living in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Their daughter, Lenora, lives in Virginia with her husband, Andrew. Their two sons are Andrew, living in Dallas, Texas and Alexander, living in Cañon City, Colorado.

Lenora was a gentle soul and we are blessed to have been part of her life.

In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Recitation of the Rosary and Mass of Christian Burial were held on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at Lady of Assumption Catholic Church, 109 S. 5th St. Westcliffe, Colorado, 81252. Arrangements are under the care of Holt Family Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.holtfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Westcliffe Native Earns First Sergeant of the Year

by Public Affairs,
302nd Airlift Wing

PETERSON AIR
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Air Force Reserve Master Sgt. Cortney Shank was named the 302nd Airlift Wing's 2015 Outstanding First Sergeant of the Year at wing's annual awards banquet, March 5, 2016. Awardees are recognized for their leadership and job performance, self-improvement and base and community involvement.

Throughout the past year, Shank has helped many achieve a healthier lifestyle through activities she organized including the Third Annual Wing Warrior Challenge, a physical fitness competition that included 90 Air Force Reserve participants. Additionally, she guided six of her peers through a 12-week fitness program where they lost a combined 50 pounds. She also facilitated conflict resolution sessions to encourage well-being and help others work through challenges. When she is not spending her free time helping her fellow Airmen, she is dedicated to her self-development as she pursues a bachelor's degree. Shank has also worked to earn three associate degrees from the Community College of the Air Force.



Master Sergeant Cortney Shank, with her husband Gabriel, at the awards banquet.

Courtesy photo

Shank's service went beyond her Reserve duty as she volunteered 120 hours of her free time during the past year at a local elementary school and helped ensure more than 350 of the school's students had the supplies they needed. Shank currently serves as First Sergeant to the 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron, the squadron responsible for ensuring medical readiness of the wing's 1,300 Reserve members.

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Silver Cliff Marijuana Revenue Projections Are Invalidated

*Analysis & Commentary
by Larry Luikart*

The Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (RMHIDTA) released its 183-page report on the impact of legalization of marijuana in Colorado. The program was created by The Anti – Drug Abuse Act of 1988 and it is overseen by the United States Office of National Drug Control Policy an arm of the Executive Branch. The report covers nine major areas along with data and related report information sections. The report is on line: www.rmhidta.org. The Silver Cliff Marijuana Study Committee reported repeatedly on the positive projections for revenue and benefits if some form of legal marijuana sales or grow operations were approved. They also spent enormous amounts of time trying to alleviate the negative impact of legal marijuana in Silver Cliff.

The RMHIDTA report not only defuses those ideas but it totally invalidates the entire argument. Andre Freeman, Director of the Colorado Governor's Office of Marijuana Coordination, the man in charge of the regulation of the marijuana industry made the following statements: "most revenue generated from marijuana sales will be used to regulate the industry. Most of the tax dollars brought in go largely toward the 'cost of legalization. You do not legalize for taxation. It's a myth. You are not going to be able to pay teachers and you are not going to pave streets."

The actual revenue figures released by the State for tax revenue from recreational and medical marijuana for 2014 came in at \$63 million, (Governor Hickenlooper projected around \$118 million.) The 15% excise tax dedicated for schools was projected to generate around \$40 million but in reality only produced \$13.3 million or about one-third of the projection. About \$7.6 million was needed for regulation and \$5.6 million went to public education. The idea that marijuana tax revenue is going to fill the coffers in Silver Cliff so Lowe can pave his street in gold has no basis when compared to the actual facts from Director Freeman.

The RMHIDTA report compiled deplorable statistics in other areas regarding the effects of marijuana regarding Impaired Driving, Youth Marijuana Use, Adult Marijuana Use, Emergency

Room Admissions, Marijuana-related exposure cases, and Diversion of Colorado Marijuana.

Impaired Driving:

There was a 32% increase in traffic deaths from 2013 to 2014 in marijuana-related crashes.

From 2010 – 2014 there was a 92% increase in marijuana related traffic deaths but only an 8% increase during the same period in all traffic deaths.

In 2014 the toxicology with positive THC on primary drivers increased 45%.

Youth Marijuana Use:

In 2103, 11.6% of Colorado youth ages 12 to 17 were considered current marijuana users compared to 7.15 percent nationally. Colorado ranked 3rd in the nation or 56% higher than the national average.

Drug related suspensions/expulsions increased 40% 2008/09 to 2013/14.

Students are coming to school in the morning stoned and they are smoking off the school campus at noon. (Very good reason to close the campus at Custer County.) Teachers are reporting a decline in grades, attentiveness and there were two reported cases in this report of EMS transport of students for overdose on marijuana.

Sadly, there is a belief by the young people that "its legal, so I can use it."

Adult Marijuana Use:

29% of college students 18 – 25 years old are considered marijuana users ranking Colorado 2nd in the nation and 54% higher than the national average.

10.13% of adults over 26 are considered current marijuana users. Colorado ranks 5th in this area and 86% higher than the national average.

Emergency Room and Hospital Admissions:

When retail marijuana business began operating there was a 29% increase in emergency room visits and 38% increase in hospitalizations related to marijuana.

There were two hospital admissions for children under 12 for marijuana ingestions in 2008 compared to 14 in 2014.

Marijuana-Related Exposures:

In 2014 marijuana – only related exposures increased 72%. Exposures have doubled since marijuana was legalized in Colorado.

Diversion of Colorado Marijuana:

Interdiction seizures from 2009 -2012 have increased 365% from 52 to 242.

In 2014 they increased again from 242 to 324 or 34%. Twelve Sheriff's and Prosecutor's from Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas have filed a preemption challenge to the Colorado recreational marijuana laws. This puts the Sheriff's in position of supporting the Colorado marijuana laws in violation of Federal statutes and their oath of office. The out of state authorities are citing challenges with the diversion of marijuana into their states.

Finally, after all this good news here is some other information that should give the voter in Silver Cliff pause regarding marijuana legalization.

Denver's overall crime rate rose 12.3% from 2013-14.

Tax revenue from marijuana was only 0.7% of the state budget for 2014.

The majority of cities and counties have banned recreational marijuana use.

The national THC level in 1995 was 3.95% and rose to a 12.55% in 2013. The average in Colorado was 17.1%. This is not the ditch weed of the 60's generation. This stuff is a hallucinogen in potency and it is resulting in hospitalizations and deaths. You are wrong Smith.

No good can come from something that is inherently bad. Marijuana in Silver Cliff will not be the answer to the town's financial issues. Furthermore, a moral society does not purposely inflict upon its people an unjust law even if its legislature is so stupid to make it legal. The voters of Silver Cliff have a grave responsibility to protect the children of their community and the rest of the County from this marijuana scourge. Our kids are challenged enough without having easy access to another means to escape reality.

The RMHIDTA report is not based on a bias unlike the Silver Cliff Marijuana Study Committee recommendation. This group compiles data and reports. If there was any good to recommend about the legalization of marijuana, they would have included it in their report. The absolute overwhelming negative data is a warning to any community considering the legalization of marijuana.

Please vote "no" for marijuana in any form in Silver Cliff.



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hope of Christians' future resurrection for eternal life. If Jesus didn't rise from the grave or if we don't believe in the resurrection, we have no reason to have faith in Jesus' promises.

In fact, Jesus' resurrection is what sets Christianity apart from all other religions. The reality that Jesus was raised from the grave offers an unmatched promise of life and hope to all who simply believe in Him.

2. Without the resurrection, Christians have no hope. The resurrection is a display of the power Jesus has over sin and death, which gives Christians living hope. The Apostle Paul was clear: If Jesus had not risen, his followers would have no hope, but would be lost in sin and condemned to suffer an eternal death.

When Jesus walked this earth, He claimed to be the Son of God who had the power and authority of God. Many people challenged His claims; Jesus responded that His resurrection would be their proof.

In one instance, Jesus answered Jewish leaders who demanded a sign of His authority: "'Tear down this Temple, and in three days I will build it again.' But the temple Jesus was speaking about was his body. Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said" (John 2:18-22).

Since Jesus is alive, those of us who hold to faith in Christ's death and resurrection have hope in the proven power and authority He possesses to forgive our sins, strengthen our faith, save us from eternal death and offer us eternity in heaven.

"I am the resurrection and the life," Jesus said. "He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."

3. The resurrection is a display of God's great love. You may view the sacrificial death of Jesus as a demonstration of God's love. Similarly, the empty tomb and the Jesus' appear-

ances to many are evidences of God's love for us.

If Jesus had never proved He was alive, His disciples may never have been sure of the resurrection. The empty tomb without a living Jesus would have been nothing more than a cruel trick.

But, because of His love for us, Jesus did show Himself to His disciples, to many others, and even to a crowd of 500 at one time.

4. Without the resurrection, Christians have no peace. The resurrection is also our proof that by Jesus' sacrificial death peace was made between us and God.

The Old Testament records that God established what's called the Mosaic Covenant with His people. It required the high priest to enter the temple annually, and go past the veil of separation and into an area, the Holy of Holies, with the blood of a lamb that had been sacrificed for the sins of the people. The high priest would sprinkle the blood on the Ark of the Covenant, at the mercy seat, as payment for sins of the nation.

But if the high priest had



The main entrance to the Living Stone Calvary Chapel in Cañon City.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

not prepared Himself just as God had commanded, the priest would be killed, and the sin offering would not be accepted. The people knew that the offering had been accepted and their sins had been forgiven only when the high priest came out from behind the veil, and showed himself to be alive.

Now through the death and resurrection of Jesus, who is called the Lamb of God, we have been given a new covenant, based on God's grace and entered into by faith.

peace. Like the disciples who came to Jesus' tomb when he had already risen to life, they assume that Jesus is still dead. They claim Jesus was a great example or that He was a good man. They may even admire His teachings, but they reject the resurrection. If they don't believe He is alive, they don't have to acknowledge and obey Him as Lord.

A decision to dismiss the resurrection of Jesus has eternal consequences. In John 5:29, Jesus said that just as He would rise from

in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved from a dark future of condemnation—and into a glorious future of life.

Today, if you choose to believe here is a simple prayer you can pray as a profession of faith and acceptance of Jesus as your risen Lord and Savior.

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and in-



Living Stone Calvary Chapel's outdoor amphitheater which is used in the summer for some church services and other events.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

Our high priest (Jesus) did not merely make a sacrifice, but freely offered His own body and blood as the sacrificial offering—fully acceptable to God—for the payment and forgiveness of our sins. And then, He rose from death, showing Himself to be alive, and proved that our sins have been forgiven.

Instead of requiring a high priest, we can now come boldly into the presence of a gracious and merciful God to freely receive all of His love.

The resurrection is vital to faith, hope, love and peace for Christians. It is an essential part of God's greatest gift to mankind—eternal life.

Unfortunately, many people today don't experience this faith, hope, love and

the dead, so would every person be resurrected—some to life and some to condemnation. The choice we make about knowing and believing that Jesus has risen from the grave and is alive today will determine our own resurrection.

In one of the most well-known Scripture passages, Jesus explains God's great gift: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved (John 3:16-17).

God's desire is for you is to be resurrected to life. As the Bible says, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe

vite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your Name. Amen.

(Editor/GG: The Living Stone Calvary Chapel is located on 830 Bridge Street, Cañon City. Their phone number is 719-276-0863. Email address is info@lscalvary.org and their website is located at lscalvary.org. Their services are held at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings. Pastor Sean Meagher leads the worship in song and prayer with the sermons being a chapter by chapter, verse by verse, study of the bible. The church is located just behind Brady's Outdoor Garden Center on South 9th Street, Cañon City. All are welcome.)

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Freshman Girls Make Their Mark, Taylor Excels

by Coach Jack Swartz

The Custer County Track and Field team traveled to Center for a league meet that also included 3A teams such as Salida, Buena Vista, and Bayfield.

This time around the seniors got some help from the new freshman on the team.

Freshman Katie Florom placed 4th overall in her first attempt at varsity high jump clearing 4' - 6" while counterpart freshman Kayla Carter took 3rd in the mile, running an opening time of 6:07. Florom and Carter are currently 10th in 2A state, in their respective events. The seniors would not be out done however, Emily

Crossley continues to improve in the discus taking 2nd place with a throw of 96' - 9" and sits 4th in the 2A state standings. Katlyn Freeburg also improved her triple jump mark with a jump of 30' - 02" to place 7th at the meet and ranks 5th in the 2A state standings. Freeburg would also place 4th in the long jump (14' - 7") and Crossley 7th in shot put (27' - 07").

As for the boys, Jerald Taylor continues to pace the team with victories in both the 800 meter and the 3200 meter. Taylor ran a personal best time of 2:03 in the 800, which leads 2A state while his time of 10:56 in the 3200 meter places him 3rd in the state. Making his first appearance at a track

meet was Edgar Pedigo. Pedigo ran an impressive time of 26.45 for 10th and has him just outside the top 18 in the state standings right now.

Also competing for the Bobcats and improving personal bests were Jessie Henrich in the discus (68' - 07"), Michael Batson and Billy Berry in the shot (30' - 09" & 33' - 02"), and David Kinsey in the long jump (16' - 06").

The girls team would place 10th out of 17 scoring teams while the boys took 9th.

Both teams are back on the track April 1st in Sand Creek and April 2nd in Sangre de Cristo.

Custer County Pee Wee Wrestling Tournament This Saturday

by Coach Mike Ham

Results for the third and most recent tournament on Saturday, March 19th are the following:

Alivia Day, 3rd place in 6-years-old and under; Renae Day, 3rd place in 6-years-old and under; Jacob Carr, 3rd place in 6-years-old and under; Elijah Hagstrom, 1st place in 6 and under, 4th in 8 and under Robert Bachman, 4th in 8 and under; Daniel Day, 4th in 8 and under; Tyrell Stolzfas, 4th in 8 and under; Micha Teague, 4th in 8 and under; Hunter Williams, 4th in 8 and under; Corbin Martin, 3rd in 8 and under;

Blitz Coleman, 2nd in 8 and under and 4th in 10 and under; Colt Moulton, 1st in 8 and under, 3rd in 10 and under; Chris Mullett, 2nd in 10 and under.

Coach Mike Ham describes his purpose at hand with these words: "I am trying to build a wrestling program that will put Custer County back on the map, as far as wrestling is concerned. This starts with these youngsters. Wrestling is the hardest sport these boys and girls will ever participate in. I hope you will come out and join us. Watching these youngsters is a kick in the pants! You never know what is going to happen, and the kids have a blast!

Bobcats Sport Schedule

Friday April 1: Sand Creek Scorpion Invitational, Vista Ridge, TBA

Saturday April 2: Sangre de Cristo Thunderbolt Invitational, Mosca, 8:15 am

After Prom Begins Fundraising: Talent Show Coming Soon!

by Troy Bomgardner

The weather is warming up which means Spring Break, Prom and After Prom. This year's Prom will be held on Saturday, April 23rd at Tony's Pizza. The After Prom activity is sponsored by the CCHS STUCO and is a drug and alcohol-free party hosted by parents and teachers following the Prom dance. This year, the activity will begin at the Cowboy Church, then on to Sky Ranch (formerly Horn Creek), then back to Cowboy Church for breakfast and prizes. Traveling throughout the county in the middle of the night on the school "party bus" has become an "After Prom" tradition for CCHS students.

The After Prom committee consists of parents, students, teachers, and involved community members. The goal of the committee is to raise \$5,000 that will be used for food and towards purchasing prizes to give away to students who spend the entire

evening at the After Prom party. Last year students won over \$4,000 worth of prizes. "After Prom has become a tradition for our students," said senior parent Charlotte Berry. "We plan as many games, activities, and food as possible to keep the students engaged and having fun all night and then end the evening with the possibility of winning great prizes that are provided due to fund raising done by the After Prom committee. We are blessed by a wonderful community that is very supportive in our efforts to provide a safe alternative to our students for After Prom."

A big part of the fundraising effort is the "Westcliffe's Got Talent" show that has become a fun tradition each spring. The show will be held on Thursday, April 7th in the west gym of the school. It is open to the community. The audience helps decide the winner by buying tickets to vote for their favorite act. "The concept of the audience voting with their pocket book is a great way

for us to raise money and celebrate our local talent," noted After Prom committee member Troy Bomgardner. "It is always exciting to see students bring their talent to the stage and it is just a really fun night. I encourage the entire community to come out and celebrate our local talent!" Entry applications for the talent show are in the high school office and the entry fee is \$15.

The After Prom committee would encourage the community to consider donating to the After Prom fundraising effort. In the past, numerous \$25 and \$50 donations help substantially in fundraising. Every donation helps to keep the youth of Custer County safe on Prom night. Checks can be written to CCHS After Prom and dropped by the school office on Monday-Thursday 8-4pm. Questions on ways to support the After Prom event or Westcliffe's Got Talent show can be directed to Troy Bomgardner at 783-4927.

Health Fair Break-the-Fast

The American Legion Family of Post 170 will be serving breakfast during the Channel 9 Health Fair at Custer County School on Saturday, April 2, 2016, from 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Breakfast will be served in the Agriculture Building west of CC School across the parking lot. This year the menu will include breakfast burritos (eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns & green chili), biscuits and sausage gravy. Meals include coffee

and / or orange juice. A basic breakfast will be \$7 to \$9 with a-la-carte items \$3 each.

This annual fund raiser of The American Legion Family helps support veterans' programs throughout Custer County. Join us for a great breakfast value following your visit to the Health Fair.

For information contact Joy Lowe at 783-4095 (joyfulnls@aol.com) or Larry Weber at 783-9468 (larrywracs@yahoo.com)

 Bobcat Menu • March 28 - March 31, 2016

Monday Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk lunch Chicken Taco Rice Veg. & Fruit Milk	Tuesday Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk lunch Chili Cornbread Veg. & Fruit Milk	Wednesday Breakfast Choice of Cereal Fruit Milk lunch Hamburger Veg. Fruit Milk	Thursday Breakfast Sausage Gravy W.G. Biscuit Fruit, Milk lunch Ground Beef & Mac W. G. Roll Veg. & Fruit Milk
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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, March 25, 2016

Passover and Easter

Passover is an ancient Jewish feast that started when God was going to deliver the Israelites out of their bondage in Egypt. He had sent plagues upon the people of Egypt but Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites leave. Finally, God told Moses to tell the people that each family should take a lamb and kill it and take some of the blood and spread it on the door posts of the houses where they would eat the lamb. On that night God would pass through the land of Egypt striking all the firstborn in the land. The blood on the door was a signal that it was an Israelite house and God would pass over that house.

God told them this was to be a memorial and they were to keep it every year as a Feast to the Lord.

Many years later a man named Jesus gathered disciples and was spreading the Word of God amongst the people, performing many miracles of healing and raising people from the dead. Many believed He was the Messiah (the promised deliverer of the Jewish people), and so He was. He was sent by God the Father.

At that time the Israelites were under Roman rule. The Romans were fearful of an uprising among the Jews and knew they needed to remove this Messiah.

So when Jesus and his disciples arrived at Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover meal, Judas, one of the disciples turned on Jesus and led the Romans to Him.

There was a mock trial and with the help of the priests and the pharisees Jesus was condemned to death and crucified on a cross. He was our sacrificial lamb on Passover who shed His blood to pay for our sins.

The rest of the story is, on the following Sunday (the first Easter) Jesus rose from the dead, later ascended into heaven, and now is seated at the right hand of the Father.

So today, anyone who accepts Jesus' sacrifice and makes Him Lord over their lives can be assured to spend eternity in heaven with Him.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: The Holy Bible

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Glenn Cotter Receives the Mason of the Year Award

Press Release

The Masonic Lodges that comprise District 82 of the Grand Lodge of Colorado are Mt. Moriah Lodge #15 in Cañon City, Silver Cliff Lodge #38 in Westcliffe, Eureka Lodge #66 in Coal Creek, and Fremont Lodge #97 in Florence.

Silver Cliff #38 is celebrating its 136th year in Westcliffe and Silver Cliff. It is also noteworthy that the Lodge is located above the Town Hall which it shares ownership with in the same building that was moved from Silver Cliff to Westcliffe in 1916, 100 years ago.

The Masonic Order is a fraternal organization built on Faith, Hope, Brotherly Love, and Benevolence. It is not the "Secret Order" many of you have heard exists. You can read about Masonry in any library.

District 82 Lodges participate in a number of benevolent activities such as scholarships, both at the local lodge level and the grand lodge level, working

with school Counselors to encourage students to pursue higher education.

Another more commonly known group in Masonry are the Shriners who maintain a number of hospitals around the country where a child can be treated at no cost. If you know of a child in need of medical help, you need but to ask a Mason and they will help.

Most importantly, Masonry is a character building organization that takes a man 18 years or older and builds wisdom through the light of truth. It is designed to teach Self-Knowledge and become raised into a "conscious union with the

Author and Giver of Life".

If you are a man 18 years old or older and are interested in becoming a Mason, you need only ask a Mason or stop by a local Lodge Hall, and they will get you a petition. Unlike many organizations, Masons do not actively seek members. We



Worshipful Master Richard Mills and the Brothers of Silver Cliff Lodge #38 present WB Glenn Dotter the District 82 "Mason of the Year" award. From left to right: Robert Quelland, Robert Hudson, Richard Mills, Mike Hailey, Glenn Dotter (receiving the Mason of the Year Award), Gary Wheeler, Larry Grammon, Chris Schmidt, Harold Watkins and Harvey Rusk.

Courtesy photo

look for candidates who have expressed a desire to become a better man.

Silver Cliff Lodge Meets above the Town Hall on the 1st Thursday of each month. We share fellowship and dinner at 6 p.m. with lodge opening at 7p.m..

New Agent and Assistant at Wapiti Realty

by George Gramlich

A husband and wife team, Jerry and Nancy Lewis, has recently joined Jean and Jack Canterbury's United Country Realty in Westcliffe. Jerry is a newly licensed, sales representative and Nancy is a sales assistant. They both worked as pilots early in their careers. Jerry has recent-

ly retired from Hewlett Packard and Nancy from a career in education. They moved here from Texas in the fall of 2015 and enjoy fishing and hunting. They can be reached at Wapiti at 719-783-9052 or visit Wapiti's website at www.westcliffecolorado.com. United Country Wapiti Realty is located at 217 Main Street in Westcliffe.



Jerry and Nancy Lewis, the newest additions to Wapiti Realty.

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Retirement Sale!
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A Fond "Adieu"

by Fred Hernandez

After years of faithful service as Custer County Clerk of the Court, Ms. Linda Urwiller is saying goodbye as she looks to a richly deserved retirement. Moving to this area from Fremont County 17 years ago, where she worked as a County Clerk, she applied for the same position only to be told there were no job openings. However, she was referred to the courthouse and sure enough, there was a vacancy which she filled immediately.

In her capacity as Clerk of the Court, Linda is the "go to" person for judges, district attorneys and public defenders. She does all the administrative work including filing, scheduling, sending notices, computer tasks and coordinating a myriad of courthouse activities. Linda loved her work and found it all very interesting, most specially the suspense of not knowing what was coming down next. She met many interesting, and not so interesting, people in the process; but, as far as miss-



Custer County Clerk of the Court, Linda Urwiller is retiring after 17 years of dedicated service.

Sentinel photo by Fred Hernandez

ing it, Linda says, "just a bit" followed quickly with "I'm ready".

Linda is looking forward to the months ahead and the beginning of her retirement.

For starters she will be working in her garden and around the house. She happily anticipates a visit from her sister in June, when they plan to travel around the state and neighboring areas. Later on in the year together with her husband, they will travel to visit the children; one in Indianapolis and one in Florida. They have three grandchil-

dren and at the moment one great grandchild but very soon it will be three great grandchildren with the arrival of a set of twins.

After a goodbye party on Friday, March 25th Linda will be turning over her responsibilities to Kaye Rocheleau who has been at the courthouse for the past twelve years thus insuring a smooth transition. We wish Linda the very best of everything in her retirement and Godspeed in her travels. We thank Linda for her service to the county, its residents and its communities.

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 267 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 22 to EMS, and 5 to the Fire Department. As of March 22nd there was 1 male and no females in the county jail.

3/16/16

Accidents/Summons: A Sheriff's deputy, the Wet Mountain Fire Department, and EMS were dispatched to Highway 69S, mile marker 43 for a two vehicle accident resulting from slick road conditions. Michelle Pattern of Brandon, Florida, was issued a summons for exceeding the safe speed for conditions.

A Sheriff's deputy, the Wet Mountain Fire Department, and EMS were

dispatched to Highway 69S, mile marker 51 for a two vehicle accident. Lan Trinh of Stillwater, Oklahoma, was issued a summons for following too closely.

A Sheriff's deputy and EMS were dispatched to Highway 96, mile marker 18 for a single vehicle accident. Andrew Ditto of Evans, Colorado, was issued a summons for careless driving.

Traffic Summons: Melissa Gaylor of Atoka, Oklahoma, for speeding 10 - 19 in a school zone.

Stranger Encounter: A deputy took a report regarding an unusual encounter with an unknown male in Wetmore. A female party, while out

walking her dog on CR 388, was approached on two separate occasions by the same subject who was driving two different vehicles. Both times, the subject asked the woman where she lives.

Possible Sexual Assault: A deputy was dispatched to Custer County Health and Human Services on an agency assist concerning the possible sexual assault on a juvenile.

3/17/16:

Deceased: A deputy was dispatched to Round Mountain Road in Centennial Ranch for a welfare check. EMS was also dispatched to the scene.

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Events Calendar

Saturday March 26

10 a.m.-11 a.m. EASTER EGG HUNT
Westcliffe Feed Store Amphitheater and Park,

Thursday March 31

9 a.m. Custer County Commissioners Meeting,
Custer County Courthouse Board Room

Saturday April 2

7 a.m. - 12 noon 9Health Fair, Custer County
School

Tuesday April 5

9 a.m. Custer County Commissioners Meeting
Custer County Courthouse Board Room

Wednesday April 6

9 a.m. Custer County Commissioners Meeting
Custer County Courthouse Board Room

Recurring Events

Monday

6 p.m. Closed step study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim:783-2053 or (360)509-9172 or Emilie: (719) 371-5974.

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.

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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.

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Water Aerobics, 9:15 a.m. Yoga, 10:30 a.m. Zumba,10:30 a.m. Chair Strength, 4 p.m. Kids Zone after school program 5 p.m. Core Conditioning 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.

10 a.m. -5:30 p.m. West Custer County Library in Westcliffe is open. 783-9138.

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.

First Thursday of the Month

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

Second Thursday of the Month

9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Veterans Service Office is open, walk-ins are welcome but appointments recommended. 615 Rosita Ave. in Westcliffe. Call 783-9470

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 Schlach'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 Schlach's market)

3rd Saturday of Month

9 a.m. VFW meeting at Cliff Lanes Conference Room for more info call Commander Randy Knight 783-9304



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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 01-16

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

On January 5, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.

Original Grantor(s): Kelley R Williamson and Lynette L Green-Williamson

Original Beneficiary(ies): Union Planters Bank, National Association

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America

Date of Deed of Trust: October 16, 2003

County of Recording: Custer

Recording Date of Deed of Trust: October 30, 2003

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 196711 Book: 479 Page: 121

Original Principal Amount: \$214,000.00

Outstanding Principal Balance: \$178,876.20

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

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

A TRACT OF LAND BEING A PORTION OF THE W1/2SW1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 70 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT WHENCE THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 32 BEARS SOUTH 00 DEGREES 10'12" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 311.75 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 10'12" WEST, 1,111.75 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 18'33" EAST, 1369.30 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 21'27" EAST, 1,114.11 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 24'50" WEST, 1,372.85 FEET, TO THE POINT OF

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 05/04/2016, at the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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

By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee

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

McCarthy & Holthus, LLP C/O Holly Shilliday, 7700 E. Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122

Attorney File # CO-14-646334-JS

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Custer County Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on April 5, 2016 at 1:30 P.M. Custer County Courtroom. The following will be considered.

1. Presentation for Christopher Donaldson, Towing and vehicle storage, 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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Custer County is seeking applicants for a full time (40 hours per week with benefits) position for the Board of County Commissioner's (BOCC) Administrative Assistant. Duties to include all facets of BOCC Administration Coordination as well grant assistance and HR support. The successful candidate must be detail oriented, possess

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The Custer County School District has an opening for a head cheerleading coach for the 2016-2017 school year. Classified staff applications are available online at custercountyschools.org or at the Administration office at 709 Main St. in Westcliffe Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. School will be closed for spring break March 21st-March 27th. This position will remain open until March 31st at 4:00 p.m.

In compliance with Titles VI & VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, and Colorado law, Custer County School District C-1 does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, age,

marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, disability or need for special education services in admissions, access to, treatment or employment in educational programs or activities which it operates. Complaint procedures have been established for students, parents, employees and members of the public. The following person(s) have been identified as the compliance officer for the district: Secondary Principal, 709 Main Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252. (719)783-2291

The Custer County School District has an opening for an elementary teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. Applications are available online at custercountyschools.org. For more information, please contact Holly Anderson at (719)783-4897. This position will remain open until filled.

In compliance with Titles VI & VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, and Colorado law, Custer County School District C-1 does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, age, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, disability or need for special education services in admissions, access to, treatment or employment in educational programs or activities which it operates. Complaint procedures have been established for students, parents, employees and members of the public. The following person(s) have been identified as the

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Communications Dispatcher

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Applications must be submitted by Sunday, April 3, 2016

The Custer County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for a Communications Dispatcher. This is a full time position (40 hours/week) with benefits. All applicants must be age 21 or older, no felony convictions, and pass a background check.

The Communication Center operates 24-hours a day, seven days a week. As such, it requires applicants to work flexible shifts, holidays, and weekends. Required skills include attention to detail, strong communication skills, working well under pressure, and an ability to learn various computer applications.

The Communications Dispatcher is responsible for gathering information, dispatching the appropriate emergency response, and providing information to ensure the safety of county personnel, including: Sheriff's Office (Deputies, Detention staff, Posse members, and Search and Rescue); Custer County EMS and Flight for Life; the Wetmore and Wet Mountain Fire Departments; the County Coroner, and the Colorado Parks and Wildlife officers.

Pick up an application at the Sheriff's Office, 702 Rosita Avenue, Westcliffe, CO 81252. You need not complete a new application if you previously applied within the past 12 months. Call or email asking to be considered for the current

position. Questions, please call Joseph McCarthy, 719-783-2270 or email at jmcCarthy@custercountygov.com.

Custer County Assessor's Office is seeking applicants for the full-time position of Data Entry Clerk. Duties include filing, copying, computer work, and overseeing of property transfer records. Some lifting of up to 20 pounds may be required and applicants must be able to climb stairs and remove record books from tall shelves. A background in Title Work or Real Estate, and/or an understanding of legal descriptions is not necessary but would be extremely helpful. Applicants should be self-motivated and able to work with little supervision after a training period. Accuracy and ability to interact with the public are essential.

A pre-employment physical and drug and alcohol screen (at County expense) are required.

Custer County is an equal opportunity employer.

Applications may be picked up at the Custer County Assessor's Office in the County Courthouse and must be returned by the close of business April 8, 2016.

The Custer County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the position of a full time Deputy Sheriff. A Sheriff's Deputy with the Custer County Sheriff's Office is responsible for the enforcement of State, County, and Municipal laws and ordinances, traffic control, calls for service, civil service process, livestock calls, wildlife calls, assisting with emergency services and jail operations, and in court security.

This position requires the Deputy to work assigned

shifts, weekends, holidays, and overtime when necessary. This is a demanding position providing quality service to the citizens of Custer County. Applicants must be Colorado POST certified or POST certified in another state and able to hold a provisional Colorado POST certification. Starting salary is \$15.95/HR and includes a comprehensive benefit package. Applications can be obtained by contacting Undersheriff Chris Barr at the Custer County Sheriff's Office, 719-783-2270, or by stopping at the office, 702 Rosita Ave, Westcliffe, CO 81252.

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The deadline for getting your information into the Classifieds is Monday at 4 p.m. for that week's edition.

SHERIFF'S from page 9

Byron Keith of Westcliffe was found deceased.

Grass Fire: The Wet Mountain Fire Department and a Sheriff's deputy were dispatched to a grass fire on CR 264 in Silver Cliff Heights.

3/18/16:
Deceased: EMS and a Sheriff's deputy were dispatched to CR 203 for

a female who had passed away in her sleep.

Traffic Summons:
Kenneth Daily of West Monroe, LA, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Benjamin Zeppelin of Denver for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Brayden Bradley of Nacogdoches, Texas, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

3/19/16:
Traffic Summons: Cathy Basso of Houston, Texas,

for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Brian Dunn of Spring, Texas, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Robert Tipping of Palisade, Colorado, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Ernest Bighaus of Melissa, Texas for speeding 20 - 24 over.

3/20/16
Pot Cookie Trauma:
EMS and a Sheriff's
deputy were dispatched
to Beckwith Mountain

Ranch for a male suffering from tachycardia after eating TWO MAR-IJUANA COOKIES.
EMS processed a refusal to transport the patient to the hospital.

Accident/Summons: A deputy was dispatched to Black Fawn Lane to take an accident report. Andreana McCleary of Thornton, CO, was issued a summons for careless driving. McCleary swerved to avoid hitting a deer while traveling west-

bound on Highway 96. In doing so, she collided with a stop sign at the intersection of Highway 96 and CR 271.

3/21/16
Traffic Summons: Maria Kelson of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Break In: A deputy took a report of a burglary on CR 230 in Lake DeWeese. Someone had broken into a cabin owned by a part-time resident and appeared to be living in it.

3/22/16:
Traffic Summons: Joseph Meitl for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Lost Hiker: Dispatch received a report of a lost hiker, a 17 year old male, in the San Isabel National Forest between Bishop Castle and Rye Mountain Park in Pueblo County. Search and Rescue was activated in both Custer and Pueblo counties. The subject was located on the Greenhorn Trail near Rye

Franklin Graham Prayer Rally

Decision America Tour 2016

March 15, 2016 on the Capitol Steps in Denver



Courtesy Photos by Sandy Sanderson
and Sentinel Photos by Carol Clemenson



Colorado State News



“Takin’ It To The House...”

A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

From: Representative
Jim Wilson – HD 60
March 20, 2016

The big news around the Capitol this past week was the arrest of Rep. Dan Pabon (D – Dist. 4, Denver) on a DUI charge. This is one of those “truth is stranger than fiction” tales, because he sponsored a bill this session (HB16-1017) that mandates those convicted of drunken driving to appear before a DUI victim impact panel. The bill has been signed into law by Gov. Hickenlooper and takes effect on July 1st. Pabon, Speaker Pro Tempore of the House, faces a tough situation with his family, his constituents and House Leadership as a result of his

arrest. It will not be easy...

Speaking of not being easy...two weeks ago I alerted you to “be sure to check out the proposed Constitutional Amendment headed for the ballot this fall.” Simple alert right? Wrong! I was taken to task by a supporter of Amendment 69 who “set the record straight” by stating that Amendment 69 will be “saving \$4.5 billion a year.” Well, they forgot to mention in their letter that the issue carries a \$25 Billion “Health Care Premium Tax”: 6.67% employer’s tax plus a 3.3% employee’s tax and a 10% non-payroll income tax. That kind of “savings logic” is like me going to a Cabela’s sale,

spending \$2,500, and trying to convince Kristi that I actually saved \$450! I probably would not win that argument...

So, here is my second attempt at an alert: No matter which side of Amendment 69 you are on, PLEASE research both sides of the issue. To my knowledge, this will be the single largest tax question to ever appear on the ballot in the history of Colorado. This will be a BIG decision for all of us!

We are seeing a large number of bi-partisan Work Force Development bills this session. It has been gratifying to me to have sponsored the bill in 2013

(Manufacturing Career Pathways) that jumpstarted workforce development. We are FINALLY recognizing the fact that not all young people are going to be successful in college! I use this illustration quite often under the Dome: The class of 2015 had about 2/3’s of the students go on to higher education (1/3 already needs some other training). Of the 2/3’s that go on, 1/2 will not complete (another 1/3 will need some other training). Of the 1/3 that do complete, 1/3 will not find a job; 1/3 will find a job not in their major; and, 1/3 will find employment in their chosen field. Bottom line? Over eight in ten graduates in the class of 2015 will need something other than college training! Do we need Work Force Development? I think that would be a yes.

I am excited about the progress of one of my bills (HB 16-1106: “County Authority To Designate Pioneer Trail”) as it has already sailed through the House and is moving right

through the Senate! (Senators Grantham and Garcia are the Senate co-sponsors.) This bill will allow counties to identify and designate pioneer trails within their area.

And finally, for those of you who like to “blow smoke”, your days may be numbered. HB 16-1319 will be heard this week. The bill prohibits “coal rolling” or “rolling coal”, which is the “act of intentionally blowing black smoke through one or more exhaust pipes...for the purpose of harassing another driver, a bicyclist, or a pedestrian or obstructing or obscuring the view of another driver, a bicyclist, or a pedestrian”. If you have ever “poured the coal to it” in passing someone, and all you could see in the rear



view mirror was a cloud of black smoke...you might be a “coal roller”!

As we put the pedal to the metal in the last 50 days of the session, feel free to call my office in the Capitol at 303-866-2747 or e-mail: wilsonforhd60@gmail.com or james.wilson.house@state.co.us.

Yours for HD 60,
Representative Jim Wilson

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Psalm 141: 3-4, NKJV



Colorado State News



Franklin Graham in Denver: "We're Fed Up And Mad With The Direction Of This Country Is Going"

by Bob Unruh, World Net Daily

Franklin Graham in Denver (Photo courtesy Brian Unruh)

DENVER – Franklin Graham, the CEO of Samaritan's Purse and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, on Tuesday told a crowd estimated at more than 4,200 in an icy wind on the west steps of the Colorado Capitol that they as Christians need to pray for their nation, then vote, seek office, win and start running governments from Washington to the school board based on biblical principles.

"I have zero hope in the Democratic Party," he said. "Wait a second, before the Republicans start high-fiving each other, I have zero hope in the Republican Party. The only hope is in God. God!"

The appearance was part of his Decision America Tour, in which he is visiting each of the 50 state capitals over the course of the 2016 presidential election season asking people to pray for their country and more. The events are not political; no candidates are on stage.

He brought greetings from his father, Billy Graham, who is 97. He said if his father were 20 years younger, he would have been on the capitol steps, too.

He preached on Nehemiah 1, which recounts how God judged Israel by allowing the people to be taken into exile because of unfaithfulness.

When Nehemiah prayed for permission to go and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, he found favor with God and, though beset by opposition, was successful.

"We need God's favor," Graham said. "When Nehemiah got back to Jerusalem, there were threats of violence, his enemies tried to discourage him, but he kept his focus and the wall was rebuilt in 52 days. Our moral walls and gates are broken down. Education, politicians, and some churches are more concerned with political correctness than with God's truth and righteousness. Nehemiah fasted and prayed and confessed the sins of himself and his fathers and the nation. We need to confess the sins of our nation. Where do we start?"

He listed sins of abortion, same-sex "marriage," pride, racism, not caring for the poor and morally depraved entertainment.

The theme of an America in need and hope that a Christian people can revive it was launched by world-renowned guitarist Dennis Agajanian, who declared in song, "Now, we may have done just a

little fighting amongst ourselves, but the outside folks best leave us alone. We gonna get together again, you can take that to the bank."

"You never did think that we'd ever get together again."

Agajanian said he is "walking proud, preaching loud."

"I'd like us right now, if you'd just join hands with the person next to you, maybe a complete stranger, person of another race. I want you to hold that person's hand. I want to take the next few minutes, and I want you to pray out loud, and let's confess the sins of our nation to Almighty God."

He said the crowd assembled because "we're fed up and mad with the direction this country is going."

"What can we do? Vote – for those we believe stand and live for biblical principles. I'm often asked what my father would do. He has said, 'It's the duty of every individual Christian at election time to study the issues and the candidates, go to the polls and vote.' He would explain to people where each candidate stood morally and politically. We will fail as a nation unless we participate in electing those who we believe will honor God and fear Him."



Franklin Graham addresses a large crowd at the steps of the Capital building last week.

Courtesy photo

Franklin Graham said the threat to America in the 1950s, communism, now has been replaced by secularism, "which is the same thing."

"It's Godless. It permeates Washington, our states, and our local communities. We have taken God out of our society. There are no Ten Commandments on the school room wall, no teachers leading students in the Lord's Prayer."

He said the solution is for Christians to vote and "run for office."

"We need men and women of integrity ... to offer themselves to public service," he said.

The nation is in a bad state, in part, because sometimes only "the bad ones" are candidates.

"The choice isn't always clear. You may have to hold your nose when you go to the polls, but vote," he said. "Be an advocate for God's truth and righteousness. I want us to be 'One nation under God' again. Let's take our nation back, community by community by community. It begins with you. To God be the glory!"

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EPA's Gold King Mine Blowout Was No Accident

by Michael Bastasch, Ethan Barton Daily Caller News Foundation

Obama administration officials called the Gold King Mine disaster in Colorado an "accident," but an analysis from The Daily Caller News Foundation of government documents and public statements makes clear the disaster was anything but accidental.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) intentionally opened up the abandoned mine, which unleashed three million gallons of toxic waste into nearby rivers that residents of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and the Navajo Nation depend upon for drinking water.

Agency administrator Gina McCarthy even called the mine spill an "unfortunate accident" in an August 11th, 2015, speech on the matter, but EPA officials have since been more cautious in describing the event.

McCarthy, for example, avoided labeling the spill an "accident" in her prepared testimony before House lawmakers in September, instead calling the spill an "unfortunate incident." EPA spokesmen

have also steered clear of calling Gold King Mine an accident.

"As Administrator McCarthy has said, 'This was a tragic and unfortunate incident, and EPA has taken responsibility to ensure that it is cleaned up appropriately,'" an agency spokeswoman told TheDCNF.

EPA's internal report avoided using the term "accident" and called the mine blowout an "incident." And another top agency official testifying before lawmakers in September echoed McCarthy's refrain that the spill was an "unfortunate incident."

"Information the agency has received to date from both external and internal reviews of the matter has revealed no evidence that the blowout was in any way intentional," the spokeswoman said.

New evidence tells a different story. A newly released email between Obama administration officials following the August disaster shows EPA workers intentionally breached Gold King Mine.

"There was nothing unintentional about EPA's actions with regard to

breaching the mine," Utah Republican Rep. Rob Bishop told Department of the Interior (DOI) Secretary Sally Jewell during a hearing in early March. "They fully intended to dig out the plug and breach it."

Bishop's statement stems from a recently publicized email between Interior Department officials. Brent Lewis, who heads the Bureau of Land Management's abandoned mine program, wrote to colleagues that he had spoken to EPA's project manager and got the following information:

"On August 5th, 2015, the EPA was attempting to relieve hydrologic pressure behind a naturally collapsed adit/portal of the Gold King Mine," reads an attachment to Lewis' August 7th email, obtained by investigators for the House Committee on Natural Resources.

"The EPA's plan was to slowly drain and treat enough mine water in order to access the inner mine working and assess options for controlling its discharge," reads the attachment. "While removing small portions of the natural plug, the material catastrophically gave-way and released the mine water."

Lewis' email directly contradicts Jewell's testimony that the spill was an accident. Most recently, Jewell maintained the spill was an "accident" when Bishop confronted him with Lewis' email. Jewell stuck to the story she gave Bishop and his committee when she first called the spill an "accident."

While the EPA intentionally breached Gold King Mine, it's likely they did not believe their actions would set loose three million gallons of toxic mine wastewater. Had the agency tested the mine for pressure

and not dug directly into its entrance, the blowout might not have occurred.

It's also unclear why EPA decided to breach a mine they suspected to be pressurized without the proper equipment. Workers failed to bring a pump and a special drain pipe the day the mine was breached.

These major oversights were included in EPA and Interior reports on the incident, but House investigators argue agencies attempted "to conceal incompetence and negligence" surrounding the spill.

The EPA-caused mine blowout contaminated rivers with 880,000 pounds of dangerous metals, such as lead and arsenic. The agency has since claimed the river is safe for humans, despite state and local complaints.

This is the first article in a four-part DCNF series investigating the Gold King Mine spill.

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Job Fair Slated for April 1

by Charlotte Burrous

With the advent of spring, the Cañon City Workforce Center will host its annual Job Fair from 9 a.m.-noon April 1st at the Fremont Campus of Pueblo Community College at 51320 W. U.S. 50.

“(We have) about 33 (employers right now),” said Workforce Center Director Bill Strutton. “It’s going up all the time.”

He encouraged those interested to register with the Workforce Center at 3224 Independence Road prior to the event. That way, participants can have copies of their resumes and cover letters for the fair.

“It will be on high grade paper at no

charge to them,” Strutton said. “That way they’re ready to pass them out to their employers.”

During the fair, participants will go from station to station to talk to each of the prospective employers, which include the seasonal companies, as well as new ones.

“They can hand in a resume and completed application,” Strutton continued. “We want them to be prepared for interviews on that day. (We encourage them to) be dressed for success.”

For more information, go to the Workforce Center or call 275-7408.

Majestic Eagle

by Colleen Stewart

It was a little surprising that Florida’s own Marco Rubio lost his bid to become the Republican nominee for president in last Tuesday’s caucus.

He never stood a chance against Donald Trump, who has led the way since he announced his candidacy earlier in the season. Since then, Trump has won numerous delegates with his brash statements, saying all the things many people have wanted to hear for the past seven years. We’re tired of the establishment, who has no clue to what we the people in flyover country want. They don’t know about living day to day, trying to eke out an existence to buy high priced food, mortgages and other necessities. For a while, gas seemed to be more affordable, but with the onslaught of tourist season, it is rising at an alarming rate – 40 cents within two weeks.

More than that, we are tired of the illegal aliens coming in here, taking money for education that we can’t afford to pay for our own children, having free health care, which costs we the people an arm and a leg, or having no jobs or anything else that we deserve. It’s no wonder, Donald Trump is taking the country by storm. I haven’t made up my mind about him yet. He seems too outspoken in some ways; it’s too easy for him to belittle

people, including the reporter who was handicapped. That just seemed to be over the top. I have no idea what the reporter did to upset him. I can only imagine. Because sometimes the things they do and say are outrageous. It’s always disheartening to see a newscaster at a disaster site, who has the gall to ask, ‘how does that make you feel?’ when their loved ones have been killed or maimed for life. Come on people, how do you think that person feels? It’s ridiculous.

People say Rubio has no experience. Neither did Obama, but they jumped on board to support him, not once but twice, even after a disastrous four-year term, they voted for him. I have never been in favor of Rubio because he’s too wishy washy. I want another Ronald Reagan, who is not afraid to stand up for we the people, someone who has faith in America; who really believes we are great --- not just say it to please their supporters. But unfortunately that’s what most of them do – say anything they think the people want to hear – just so they can get into office then do whatever they want or more appropriately what the Democrats want them to do. They don’t seem to have a mind of their own. They just want to get along – to be bipartisan, which is a crock. That means to the Democrats to follow along in lockstep. Ted Cruz tried to stand up against them

several times, but his attempts failed when his fellow Republicans caved in and let Obama have what he wanted – to ruin America with his high-priced healthcare, his nukes to Iran and his attempts to take guns from the citizens.

Where is the common sense that Thomas Paine talked about when we were trying to become a nation? Has it all gone out the window because of our easy life compared to the rest of the world. People who live in other nations want to come here because we are known for being the “Land of the Free and Home of the Brave,” but yet Obama is trying to make us like the other countries and punish us for being great. He is following the socialist’s book to destroy America. Can no one else see this? He should have never been allowed to be president. He and HilLIARy are traitors and deserved to be imprisoned rather than being in the highest office of the land.

I can’t say it enough. We need to pray for our country, now more than ever. If we don’t, we’ll go the way of Rome and be destroyed from within.

“Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me; thou shall stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.” Psalm 138:7.

Upcoming Events for March 28-April 16

Friday Night Movie will feature “A Walk in the Woods” at 5 p.m. March 25 in the John C. Fremont Library at 130 Church Ave. in Florence. Based on a book by Bill Bryson. Bill and his long lost friend Katz set off to hike the Appalachian Trail. What transpires is a comedy and a trial of errors. Starring Academy Award winner Robert Redford, Nick Nolte and Emma Thompson. Rated R. Free popcorn. Bring your own drink. For more information, call 784-4649.

Penrose Community Library will show “Peanuts” at 6 p.m. March 25 at 35 Seventh in Penrose.

The Home Depot will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt from 10-11 a.m. March 26 at 141 McKenzie Ave. More than 1,000 eggs will be hidden throughout the Garden Center and side lot.

The Easter Bunny will arrive at 10 a.m. March 26 on a fire truck at Pioneer Park at Third and North Pikes Peak in Florence. For those participating, the age limit is 10. But the hunts will be divided into two groups of children to give the younger ones an opportunity to find goodies on their own.

Penrose Parks and Recreation will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt at 11 a.m. March 26 in Penrose Park at 415 Fourth Ave. in Penrose. The event includes games, hotdogs, hamburgers and more. Bring your own Easter basket. For more information, call 431-9482 or Roberta at 429-7002.

The Cañon City Area Recreation and Parks District will sponsor its annual Easter Eggstravaganza from 1-4 p.m. March 26 in Rouse Park at 1600 Park Ave. The Easter Egg Hunts begin at 2:15 p.m. for ages 0-3, 2:30 p.m. for 4-6 age group, 2:45 p.m. for 7-9 year old and 10-12 year-old at 3 p.m.

The Royal Gorge Bridge and Park will host its annual Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at at 4218 CR3A.

Cañon City After 5 presents “Women Taking Charge” at 6:30 p.m. March 31 at Harwood Chapel at 516 N. 10 St. Speaker and singer will be Lisa Edmonds, who tells her journey of survival from domestic violence and homelessness to a path of strength and hope. Special feature will be Kassondra DelVecchio from Damsel in Defense. Dinner and program will be \$13 which is all inclusive. For reservations, call Chris at 429-5321 or Denise at 214-6450 or e-mail cwcafter5@hotmail.com or skyzayzoe@hotmail.com.

Cañon City Workforce Center will host a Job Fair from 9 a.m.-noon April 1 at Fremont Campus of Pueblo Community College at 51320 W. U.S. 50. Participants are asked to register at the center at 3224 Independence Road. No charge to copy resumes, cover letters or applications. For more information, call 275-7408.

Good News Jail & Prison Ministry will present its ninth annual Fremont County Fundraising Banquet at 6:30 p.m. April 8 at the Abbey Event Complex at 2951 E. U.S. 50. Featured speaker will be Good News Jail & Prison Ministry President Jon Evans. Emcee will be Mayor Preston Troutman. For reservations, call 275-8631. For banquet information, contact Ava Burbank at 671-6479 or at 1003@gmail.com or Chaplain Marcus Baird at 269-5623 or marcus.baird@goodnewsjail.org. Please RSVP by March 28 at gn-fremontbanquet@hotmail.com.

5Health Fair will be offered from 7 a.m.-noon April 16 at Evangelical Free Church at 3000 E. Main St. To register online go to www.9HealthFair.org. A plethora of screenings will be available. For more information, call 1-800-332-3078.

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Democrat Presidents, History and Prophecy

A little history lesson: On National Public Radio February 6, 2011, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said, "Today we learned the Muslim Brotherhood decided to participate, which suggests they at least are now involved in the dialogue that we have encouraged." Clinton held strong to the White House line that America is supporting democracy in Egypt. The occupant of the Oval Office said, "Now, it is not the role of any other country to determine Egypt's leaders... Furthermore, the process must include a broad spectrum of Egyptian voices and opposition parties." It did, and thus was birthed a new terrorist sponsor in the Middle East--a Sunni Islamic regime to match the Shiite Islamic regime in Iran. It didn't last long.

Despite warnings from Israel, veteran foreign policy experts and conservatives, the Democrat White House bought the lie that the Muslim Brotherhood would participate in a democratic government. History has repeated itself. In 1979, Democrat President Jimmy Carter's reckless policies resulted in an Islamist-controlled "democracy" in Iran, which birthed and legitimized widespread Shiite terrorism beyond Yassir Arafat's Palestinian Liberation Organization. On June 4, 2009, the "president" set forth a "New Beginning" with Muslims in his Cairo foreign policy speech, resulting in a democratically elected Sunni Islamic state in Egypt controlled by the terrorist sponsoring Muslim Brotherhood.

David Horowitz in the *Jerusalem Post* February 11, 2011 listed several Muslim Brotherhood supported disruptions including Iran in 1979, the

Palestinian territories, Lebanon, and Turkey. There are other reports of the Muslim Brotherhood's involvement in Sudan and Somalia. The Holy Land Foundation trial in Texas revealed a Muslim Brotherhood plan for "civilization Jihad" in the United States. Horowitz said, "Washington's apparent disinclination...to internalize [accept] the dangers highlighted by the Iran, Gaza, Lebanon and Turkey disasters, and thus do everything in its power to prevent the Muslim Brotherhood presiding over a similar process in Egypt, is incomprehensible."

The Bible tells us in many places that Arab nations, which are today Islamic, will come against Jerusalem in the end times. Daniel 2:43 says, "And whereas thou saw iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay." In other words, they will be united for only a short time. Are we witnessing this kingdom arising? We know that the human foundation of Islam is Ishmael and the Lord prophesied of him in Genesis 16:12 "he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him." This is repeated in the end time battle in Ezekiel 38:21, "every man's sword shall be against his brother." Shiite, Sunni, clay and iron; Democrat presidents and Islam; History and prophecy. Is America poised to repeat? Islam is.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
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What The Establishment Fears

by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

(Editor/GG: Below is EXACTLY why patriots are abandoning the establishment republican party for Cruz and Trump. EXACTLY WHY. THIRTY YEARS OF BIPARTISAN TREASON IS ENOUGH. NO MORE. WE WILL NOT COMPLY.)

The plotting -- and abject fear -- continues...

(CNN) Prominent conservatives led by Erick Erickson on Thursday called for a unity ticket and a convention fight to stop Republican front-runner Donald Trump, a sign of the growing desperation in the party establishment to find an alternative to the billionaire businessman.

....

"We intend to keep our options open as to other avenues to oppose Donald Trump," the statement said. "Our multiple decades of work in the conservative movement for free markets, limited government, national defense, religious liberty, life, and marriage are about ideas, not necessarily parties."

Uh huh.

So let me see if I get this right.

The U.S. House went to the Republicans in the 104th Congress in 1995. With the exception of two terms (110th and 111th Congress) since it has been in the hands of the Republican party -- the party of alleged "free markets, limited government, national defense, religious liberty, life and marriage."

I will note for the peanut gallery that **not one dollar** can be spent by the Federal Government on **anything** without the consent of the House. **Therefore, for all but four years in the last 20 the Republican Party has permitted, each year, serially and continually:**

- **Trade "deals" with China, Mexico and others that are one-way, not "free markets."** Ask Fellowes (the shredder company) about how this works, or just look at the myriad restrictions China places on imports while obtaining free access to our markets without any restrictions or tariffs.

- **The size of government has grown from \$2.02 trillion (1995) to \$3.8 trillion (2015), an 88% increase.** If this is "limited government" would you please explain what would not be?

- **National defense has grown from \$326 billion to \$797 billion, or more than a doubling.** That, obviously, is "strong national defense." **How much more do you think we need and why shouldn't those nations that benefit from our military presence help pay for it rateably in accordance with their GDP?**

- **Religious liberty -- Really?** Civil rights prosecutions for wedding cake merchants who happen to be Christians, anyone? **The House could have stripped funding from every agency involved in same, but hasn't. Twenty years of Republican purse strings have not done one d*** thing for religious liberty.**

- **Life and marriage -- Really?** The last 20 years have continued the outrageous abuse of our "family law" courts that routinely strip men of their children and then demand they be absent parents; there has been zero movement to destroy those incentives for bad behavior, and in fact they've increased. The states are actually paid *bounties* by the Federal Government for breaking up homes and creating dependency. **This has all continued apace under the time of the Republican holding of The House.** If you're talking about abortion (and you know they are) you might ask exactly why it is that The House continues to fund programs they claim are abhorrent.

So out of five claims we have exactly one that has been met -- a "strong military" -- but that's been abusively strong in terms of spending. On the other points raised despite 20+ years of holding The House with only four years of interruption around President Obama's election **the Republican Party has done exactly none of what it claims to stand for despite having the absolute power of the purse required to enact and support all of its claimed agenda.**

The reason the Republican Party is

facing open revolt by the voters is **because** it has lied serially, intentionally and wantonly for those 20 years. The Republican party is none of what it claims. It **in fact** exists for the sole purpose of **ripping off** Americans, promoting and exacerbating international theft of intellectual property, passing and promoting half-baked intentionally-abusive trade "deals" that rob the public of the benefits of actual free trade along with ridiculously abusive (and arguably felonious) monopolist practices in the medical field.

These people are protecting not their claimed ideals **but their open theft and scams of their political donors.**

The Republican refusal to pass and enforce a budget that provides for a **surplus** and thus results in the **growth** of consumer purchasing power instead of its destruction, enforcement of **fair** open trade instead of one-sided deals that rip off the public for the benefit of the 0.1% and a medical and insurance industry that has managed to rip off the public to the tune of 19% of GDP and climbing is what The Republican party **actually** stands for and has done over the last two decades.

Indeed, the most-obvious "in your face" example of the Republican party's lie factory is the fact that the House could immediately de-fund all of Obamacare by refusing to fund the IRS, thereby making enforcement **impossible**. They could also **refuse** to pass **any** spending authorizations until their alleged perspective was respected in both Houses of Congress and by the President.

This is within the power of the U.S. House, and as the holder of the Majority the Republicans could have done this at any time in the last 20 years, save four, yet it has refused to do so. In fact Cathy McMorris-Rodgers' office told me **personally** during the last "big" fight over the debt limit that **the Republican majority would not refuse to increase the debt limit as a means of enforcement of a balanced budget -- not then and not ever.**

The people plotting this c**p need to be identified **by name** and deposed from Washington D.C., with **any** candidate or office-holder who so much as meets with them being included.

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University Adopts Tenure Reform Amid Howls From Professors

by Steve Gunn, EAG News

MADISON, Wisconsin – The University of Wisconsin Board of Regents has introduced fiscal sanity and accountability into tenure policy, and university professors are furious.

After a long and angry debate at their meeting on Thursday, the regents adopted a much anticipated new tenure policy for professors in the university system.

“Under the new rules, UW officials will have the authority to discontinue academic programs and lay off tenured faculty for educational or financial reasons,” Madison.com reported. “Professors could also face discipline, including firing, if they are found to be falling short of expectations under a new policy for post-tenure review.”

The new tenure policy was mandated by the state legislature, which recently removed tenure protections from state statute and gave the Board of Regents the authority to adopt and revise tenure rules.

The regents took advantage of that option, despite howls of protest from those who are accustomed to lifetime job security if they make it past six years as professors and are granted tenure status.

The most contentious debate centered around the question of when tenured professors can be laid off.

Under the former policy, that was nearly impossible. If a professor’s program was discontinued, he or she would have to be offered a new position within the university system, according to the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.

The regents voted to allow layoffs if an academic program is discontinued and professors in that field are no longer needed. That’s consistent with just about any other job in the world – if a position is eliminated, so is the employee. Otherwise taxpayers would be left footing the bill for very expensive employees who have no specific purpose.

Keeping highly paid employees on staff unnecessarily would be financially challenging for the university system, which recently lost \$250 million in state funding in the 2015-17 budget process, according to the *Journal Sentinel*.

The regents decided against allowing layoffs if a program is modified, which some had urged, to give chancellors at the various universities flexibility to shape their programs and staffs to meet changing student needs.

“We’re at a point in time where we really have to consider the finances of the institution,” Board of Regents President Regina Miller was quoted as saying by the *Journal Sentinel*.

The Board of Regents also strengthened the post-tenure review policy, to make it more likely that profes-

sors will be held accountable for their performance throughout their careers, and not just skate to retirement with minimal effort after receiving tenure.

Current tenure review policies are reportedly inconsistent from campus to campus. They are also reportedly lax and undefined, and rarely lead to the termination of tenured professors.

The changes in the tenure policy prompted protests from the many professors in attendance, who attended the meeting in caps and gowns and held up a sign saying “Get politics out of education.”

“Tenure has suffered a serious blow in Wisconsin, and I am deeply concerned about our ability to hire and retain the best and brightest faculty in the future,” said James Hartwick, a professor at UW-Whitewater, according to the *Journal Sentinel*.

“Weakening tenure at the University of Wisconsin weakens the University of Wisconsin,” a statement from the American Association of University Professors said, according to the *Journal Sentinel*.

(Editor/GG: Lov’n this. About time. Need this immediately at ALL levels of our education establishment.)

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Crack Dealer Freed Early Under Obama Plan Murders Woman, Two Kids

by Judicial Watch

A convicted crack dealer who left prison early as part of the Obama administration’s mass release of federal inmates has been indicted by a grand jury for fatally stabbing his ex-girlfriend and her two kids in Columbus, Ohio. The gory crime drew national attention because the children, ages 7 and 10, were murdered to eliminate them as witnesses in the brutal massacre of their 32-year-old mother.

This week a grand jury in Franklin County returned a 10-count, death-penalty indictment against the ex-con, 35-year-old Wendell Callahan, for the triple murders. Callahan broke into his ex-girlfriend’s apartment and stabbed the three victims, according

to a statement issued by Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O’Brien announcing the indictment. The bloody crime scene was discovered by the woman’s current boyfriend, who subsequently engaged in a fight with Callahan before he fled. The indictment includes charges of aggravated murder with prior calculation and design and aggravated murder of victims under the age of 13. “There are multiple charges regarding the three victim deaths because there are different methods to commit the crime of murder and the Prosecutor’s Office typically charges all methods”, O’Brien stated. Callahan is in jail on \$3 million bail and is scheduled to be arraigned later this week.

Callahan should have been in jail when the crimes oc-

curred, but he was released four years early because federal sentencing guidelines for crack dealers got reduced. The change is part of President Obama’s effort to reform the nation’s justice system as a way of ending racial discrimination. The initiative was technically launched back in 2010 when the president signed a measure that for the first time in decades relaxed drug-crime sentences he claimed discriminated against poor and minority offenders. This severely weakened a decades-old law enacted during the infamous crack cocaine epidemic that ravaged urban communities nationwide in the 1980s. As part of the movement the U.S. Sen-

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America’s Election in 17 “Black Swan” Words

by Tyler Durden, ZeroHedge.com

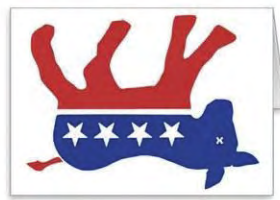
Sometimes, less is more, and in infamous “Black Swan” philosopher Nassim Taleb’s case, summing up the chaos that is enveloping Amer-



ica, and its forthcoming election was as simple as the following:

“The *establishment* composed of journos, BS-Vending talking heads with well-formulated verbs, bureaucratocronies, lobbyists-in training, New Yorker-reading semi-intellectuals, image-conscious empty suits, Washington rent-seekers and other “well thinking” members of the vocal elites are not getting the point about what is happening and the sterility of their arguments.”

To which he appended the following 17 perfect-



ly succinct words: “People are not voting for Trump (or Sanders). **People are just voting, finally, to destroy the establishment.**”

(Editor/GG: Roger that. Let’s git ‘er dun.)

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Sweden Begins 5 Year Countdown Until It Eliminates All Cash

by Tyler Durden, ZeroHedge.com

(Editor/GG: Canary in the coal mine, folks. They (not just Sweden) have run out of money.)

How much louder can the “ban cash” calls get?

Recall it was just last year when we catalogued the growing cacophony of crazies for whom banning physical currency is the only way to ensure that depositors can’t simply reassert their economic autonomy under a low or zero rate regime..

Put simply, if interest rates get too low, depositors will simply take their money out of the bank and put it in the mattress or the safe where, to quote WSJ from last week, “interest rates are always low no matter what central bankers do.

Most recently, Larry Summers called for the abolition of the \$100 bill in the U.S. and in Europe the €500 note is to go the way of the dinosaurs.

Perhaps the most telling sign that citizens are starting to panic is that in **Japan, they’re selling out of safes. Literally.**

“It shows a vague sense of unease,” one Japanese lawmaker who brought up the soaring safe sales in parliament on Monday remarked.

Now, the excuse given for banning big bills is that it combats crime. And maybe it does. But in the end

the rationale is simple: **if there are no more physical banknotes, people have no economic autonomy.** Let’s say consumer spending is stagnating. No problem, take rates to -20%. We bet they’ll start spending then - either that or see their desposits haircut by 20%.

In short, no cash means no effective lower bound and with no lower bound, the economy can be completely centrally planned - for all intents and purposes.

Consumers not spending? No problem. Just tax their excess account balance. Economy overheating? Again, no problem. Raise the interest paid on account holdings to encourage people to stop spending. So with Citi, Harvard, Denmark and Peter Bofinger, member of the German Council Of Economic Experts, all onboard, we’re surprised to hear that Sweden (already one of the leaders in the cashless society movement) is looking to phase out a series of new bank notes it just introduced last year and move ever closer to the cashless utopia.

“Last year Sweden introduced a series of new banknotes replacing its old kronor notes. But figures suggest these too could be gone from circulation in half a decade if the development towards a cashless society continues,” The Local reports,” continuing that **“cash transactions today represent no more than two percent of the value of all payments**

made in Sweden, [and that estimate] will drop to below 0.5 percent within the next five years.

Some welcome the trend - credit card providers, for instances - others have reservations. “It is happening at a furious rate. And it’s important to many older people to be able to use cash. I mean, today it is legal tender and you have to be able to use it **until parliament decides otherwise,**” Christina Tallberg, chairwoman of Swedish pensioners’ organization PRO, told Swedish Radio on Friday.

Well, until parliament or perhaps more appropriately, **until The Riksbank and Sfean Ingves decides it.** Because at -0.55, it’s a “how much lower can you go type scenario.”

Well, if you go kronor-less, that question ceases to make sense. The “problem” simply goes away.

“Sometimes you have to learn new things. It’s a little awkward for a transitional period, **but I think it’s going to be so simple that you pretty soon realize that this is a lot easier and better than having cash,**” said working environment ombudsman Krister Colde of the Commercial Employees’ Union (Handels).

Famous last words Krister. Famous last words.

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More Than 30 Blocks of Fiscal Irresponsibility Part Three

by Jim Quinn,
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It's a perfect storm of governmental incompetence, union greed, political corruption, parental disinterest, societal disintegration, and poor life choices, creating the downfall of Philadelphia and other urban enclaves around the country. The Philadelphia public school system consists of 80% minorities (60% black, 20% hispanic). Over 75% of the population in West Philly is black.

Over 71% of the black kids in West Philly are born out of wedlock. Only 17% of all households are occupied by married couples, while 40% are single mother households. The black men of West Philly are the primary culprits for this ongoing cesspool of ignorance, dependence, crime, and hopelessness. The disregard and scorn for the institution of marriage is a major reason for the median household income wallowing at \$26,000, over 50% below the national average.

You get more of what you incentivize and the warped welfare policies in this country incentivize the people of West Philly to not get married and not work. So they don't. The best method to succeed in life is through higher education. It leads to higher lifetime income. Children from married households do better in school. Married couples also have a much better chance of producing higher household income. Marriage increases the odds of success tremendously for the married couple and their children. The residents of West Philly are caught in an inescapable cycle of poverty, exacerbated by the government welfare policies supposed to help them.

The *Financial Times* article details why spending on essential infrastructure needs has been ignored and why the future is even bleaker. Government worker pension funds across the nation are in deep trouble, with no chance of honoring their promises. Public pension plans have promised to pay out \$4.7 trillion more than they have on hand. Every U.S. citizen would have to pitch in \$15,000 to pay every government worker's promised pension. It's not gonna happen.

Black Rock, the world's largest money manager, expects 85% of U.S. public pensions to fail over the next three decades. Certain state pensions are ridiculously underfunded, with Illinois only able to cover 22% of its promised payments, Connecticut only 23%, and Kentucky only 24%. The Central States Pension Fund,

which manages almost \$18 billion for 400,000 workers in 37 states recently was forced to cut benefit payments by as much as 61%. Retirees currently getting monthly checks for \$3,000 will only get \$1,180 now.

This will happen to every government pension fund in the country because math is hard. Politicians promised government union workers more than they could ever deliver in order to secure their votes. Any government worker counting on these promises from corrupt politicians should acquire a taste for cat food and get used to setting their heat at 55 degrees in the winter. The City of Philadelphia has one of the worst pension schemes in the country. It is mathematically unsustainable, but no politician or union boss would ever utter those words to the citizens of their city. They'll just lie until its too late.

And it's even worse than the published numbers. According to its actuaries, the City pension owes government workers \$10.5 billion, with only \$4.8 billion of assets. The annual return assumption of 7.5% is ridiculously overstated. With bonds and stocks priced to deliver 0% returns over the next ten years, the pension is really underfunded by at least \$8 billion and not the reported \$5.7 billion. The retirement payouts to the 64,000 current and former government employees will eventually be slashed dramatically. It's just a matter of time.

According to FT:

The fund lost almost 20% in 2009 in the midst of the financial crisis. Overall, however, it has performed well, returning 7.4% a year on average since 1995, making its huge deficit all the more surprising. The pension contributions are eating up more and more of the city's budget, leaving less money to spend on services such as the fire brigade, police and recycling. The cost of pension contributions has increased from 6% of the city's budget to 15% over the past decade.

The contractually required pension contributions are on automatic pilot to consume 20% of the city budget over the next five years, and the plan will still be underfunded by 60% to 70%. The average pension plan in the U.S. is "only" underfunded by 25%. Rather than deal with reality, city politicians have funded the pension deficits with higher sales taxes and cigarette taxes, further punishing their poorest citizens. As pensions account for an ever larger share of the city budget, the infrastructure of the city

and schools will continue to crumble. Businesses and the producer class will continue to flee the city as taxes are relentlessly raised to honor union worker contracts. The downward spiral will accelerate.

FT was flabbergasted by the ridiculous nature of a plan created by corrupt politicians and greedy unions:

Despite the strain the pension fund puts on the city's services, the scheme paid out a bonus to its members last year. Under the city's rules, when the fund performs better than its target, some retirees get a bonus. In 2014, the scheme returned 15.7%, double its target. The bonus payout is one of the few topics Mr Dubow seems reluctant to discuss — notably whether it is controversial to pay bonuses to retired members when the scheme has less than half the money it needs for those actively paying into it. He cautiously responds that this is a requirement of the fund and will not discuss the matter further.

Heads the union workers win, tails the taxpayer loses. When the market does well select high level retirees get bonus payments, but when the market performs below expectations there is no penalty for those same retirees. The fiscal debacle destroying Philadelphia was willfully constructed over decades by corrupt politicians, incompetent bureaucrats, greedy government unions, and a foolish citizenry who believed the lies and were too ignorant to do the math. A city run by welfare redistributionists eventually runs out of other people's money. The wisest citizen in Philadelphia history understood the danger of creating a welfare culture 250 years ago. He was a big supporter of education (founded the University of Pennsylvania) and lifting yourself up by your bootstraps to succeed in life. Too bad his wisdom was not heeded.

"I am for doing good to the poor, but...I think the best way of doing good to the poor, is not making them easy in poverty, but leading or driving them out of it. I observed...that the more public provisions were made for the poor, the less they provided for themselves, and of course became poorer. And, on the contrary, the less was done for them, the more they did for themselves, and became richer."

~ Benjamin Franklin

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tencing Commission lowered maximum sentences for drug offenders and made it retroactive, leading to the early release of thousands of violent thugs like Callahan.

In November the administration began releasing 6,000 drug convicts coined "non-violent" offenders whose sentences were too long under the old guidelines. News reports quick-

ly surfaced contradicting the administration's assessment that the newly released convicts were not violent. Among them was the leader of a multi-million dollar operation that smuggled drugs from Canada to Maine. Prosecutors refer to the 29-year-old con as a "drug kingpin" who was one of "America's Most Wanted." Shortly before the administration's mass release of drug convicts, federal prosecutors warned that drug trafficking is inherently violent and therefore the phrase

"non-violent drug offenders" is a misnomer. The nation's prosecutors also cautioned that reducing prison sentences for drug offenders will weaken their ability to bring dangerous drug traffickers to justice.

As if it weren't bad enough that the administration is rewarding thousands of criminals with get-out-of-jail cards, huge amounts of taxpayer dollars are being spent on programs to help them find housing and jobs. In the aftermath of the mass release of federal prisoners Judicial Watch reported on

two "re-entry" programs to ease the transition from jail. One received \$1.7 million and ordered public housing facilities not to reject tenants with criminal records. The other allocated \$20 million to the Department of Labor (DOL) to help ex-cons find work and thus end the "cycle of poverty, criminality and incarceration."

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Captain John Parker, Lexington Gree, April 19, 1775

New Supreme Court Nominee Will Destroy The Second Amendment

by Jeremiah Johnson,
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As with most of Obama's actions, his nomination of Merrick B. Garland as the replacement for recently-deceased Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia is hardly unpredictable. This article will outline Garland's background. Obama will "fast-track" this appointment, as if evidenced by Orrin Hatch already "jumping on the bandwagon" and agreeing with Obama's choice. Right out of the chute, here comes one "RINO" in the rodeo to "rope" in another liberal democrat to follow the herd of Obama-appointees. First Sotomayor, then Kagan, and the third rodeo clown appears to be Garland. Here's the "punch line" for the clowns:

Garland will be fast-tracked in, and the 2nd Amendment under siege before the election.

So, this man grew up in Chicago, Illinois, attended Harvard, then subsequently Garland went to Harvard Law School for his JD. He served under Judge Henry J. Friendly of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (Friendly attended Harvard Law School), and then under William J. Brennan, a leading liberal Supreme Court Justice appointed by Eisenhower. Brennan, let it be noted, also received his JD from Harvard Law School, and was a giant liberal who opposed the death penalty and was a staunch supporter of abortion and Roe vs. Wade.

Just to give you an idea of Brennan's mindset (as he was a mentor to Garland), guess what little gem he helped to set into the crown of our broken American society? He wrote the rulings for Texas v. Johnson, and United States v. Eichman. These rulings enabled the

Court to uphold that desecration of the American Flag is protected under the First Amendment.

In 1993, Garland worked for the Department of Justice under another Clinton appointee, Deputy Attorney General Jamie Gorelick, Garland's mentor there who personally asked for him to serve as her principal deputy. Gorelick, let it be noted, also attended Harvard Law School, picking up her JD there. Gorelick later became Vice Chairman for Fannie Mae, and during her tenure from 1997-2003, Fannie Mae underwent a \$10 billion accounting scandal.

Garland was later appointed under Clinton in 1995 to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. He didn't start until 1997, however, because his initial appointment was turned down, to consider whether or not the court

needed him as a judge. Clinton's reelection in '96 enabled him to slip through in '97. Now Obama is fast-tracking Garland into the Supreme Court. Obama, let it be noted, also attended Harvard Law School.

But wait...there's more. Back when Parker vs. District of Columbia (submitted 2003, the basis for Heller vs. D.C. ruling in 2008) came about, part of D.C.'s restrictive gun law was struck down as unconstitutional under the 2nd Amendment. The mayor at that time for D.C., Adrian Fenty and a squad of his liberal assistants brought a petition in April 2007 to the circuit court of D.C. to hear the case en banc, meaning with all of the justices on the appeals court voting. That petition was struck down and denied on May 8, 2007, at a vote of 6-4. Guess who was one of the dissenting 4 voters? Yep,



you guessed it...Judge Merrick Garland!

This guy supports whatever big government wants. With him in the vacant SCOTUS seat, it will just be a matter of time before the 2nd Amendment comes under attack. We have seen what happened when Obamacare was voted in under the color of law with Roberts leading the way. Now it won't even need a (pseudo)conservative to break the deadlock. Now Roberts can appear to be

the "dissenter" ...while Ginsburg, Sotomayor, Kagan, Kennedy, and (soon) Garland...vote to negate or cripple the 2nd Amendment.

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Anti-Gun D.C. Police Chief Urges Public to "Take Out" Active Gunmen if Possible

by Tyler Durden,
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(Editor/GG: These people are just foul. It is basically impossible to get a carry permit, or even BUY A GUN, in D.C., and this fascist liberal now wants us to save their sorry, collectivist asses. Sorry lady.)

D.C. Police Chief Cathy Lanier is an outspoken proponent of gun control (in a district which already has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation). So, when asked by 60 Minutes how people should respond to being near an active gunman, Lanier's response was bemusing as *The Washington Times* reports, saying that the "best option for

saving lives before police can get there" would be for citizens to try to subdue, or even kill, the gunman.

In an interview Sunday on CBS' "60 Minutes," Chief Lanier was asked what should people do if they are in the vicinity of an active shooter like the those who carried out the recent terrorist attacks in Paris that killed 130 people.

As Townhall.com notes, to anyone paying the slightest attention to the fight over gun laws in the District, Lanier's statement is curious, given that she's been an outspoken proponent of gun control in D.C., which already has some of the strictest gun laws in the country.

"Your options are run, hide

or fight," Chief Lanier said. "I always say if you can get out, getting out is your best option. If you're in a position to try and take the gunman down, to take the gunman out, it's the best option for saving lives before police can get there."

While gun rights supporters have long advocated for the ability to carry firearms so individuals are able to protect themselves and potentially even intervene in such a scenario, the advice rang hollow for those in the District, where firearm ownership is tightly regulated. As *The Washington Times* reports, Lanier's advice is a little confusing...

"This is sound advice," said Alan Gottlieb, chairman of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear

Arms. "But considering the draconian gun laws in the District, it will remain difficult, if not impossible, for most private citizens to do what the chief is suggesting."

"We're glad Chief Lanier departed from the usual narrative and encouraged people to fight back," Mr. Gottlieb said. "But her advice would have more credibility if she were to take a leadership role in reforming the District's gun laws. You can't fight back if you don't have the tools, and the only way to take a gunman out, as the chief suggested, is to shoot back. That's pretty hard if you don't have a gun."

It was unclear whether the police chief's evolving view on how the pub-

lic should engage with an active shooter also might mean a change in her stance on the city's restrictive handgun-carry laws.

Chief Lanier noted during the "60 Minutes" interview that her advice was a departure from prior advice dispensed by police, who typically have encouraged witnesses to report a crime to police rather than to intervene.

"We've never told people take action... This is a different scenario," she said.

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Unaccompanied Alien Children Charged in Execution-Style Murder

by JudicialWatch.Org

It appears that the recent execution-style murder of a Massachusetts man was committed by two Central American teens that came to the U.S. as Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) under President Obama's open border free-for-all. Tens of thousands of illegal immigrant minors—mostly from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras—have entered the country through the Mexican border since the influx began in the summer of 2014 and the administration has relocated them nationwide.

News reports indicate that the 17-year-olds charged in the gruesome Massachusetts killing entered the U.S. recently as UAC's and both have ties to MS-13, according to authorities cited by various outlets. They lived in Everett and one of the teens, Cristian Nunez-Flores, moved to Massachusetts from his native El Salvador a year and a half ago which is when the influx of Central American minors began. His parents remain in El Salvador, according to a local news article. The other gangbanger's name is Jose Vasquez Ardon and he too is a recent arrival from Central America. Prosecutors say the teens, described in a local news article as "baby-faced boys," shot a 19-year-old in the head. Both are being held without bail for obvious reasons.

This week two federal lawmakers—a senator and a congressman—are demanding answers from the administration involving how the teens entered the U.S. Specifically, they want to confirm if the gangbangers came as UACs and when exactly they arrived. The legislators, Senator Chuck Grassley, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and

Congressman Bob Goodlatte, chair of the House Judiciary Committee, also want to know if the administration had knowledge about the suspects' ties with a criminal gang. "Please provide a complete copy of the alien file for Jose Vasquez Ardon and Cristian Nunez-Flores," the lawmakers state in a letter to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Health and Human Services (HHS), the agency that's mostly handled the barrage of UACs and the relocation process. "Please provide any other information collected or maintained by DHS and HHS regarding either Jose Vasquez Ardon or Cristian Nunez-Flores," the request further states.

Shortly after the first batch of UAC's arrived in mid-2014, Judicial Watch reported that many had ties to gang members in the U.S., specifically MS-13. Homeland Security sources directly involved with the UAC crisis told JW that street gangs, including MS-13, went on a recruiting frenzy at U.S. shelters housing the illegal alien minors and they used Red Cross phones to communicate. The MS-13 is a feared street gang of mostly Central American illegal immigrants that's spread throughout the U.S. and is renowned for drug distribution, murder, rape, robbery, home invasions, kidnappings, vandalism and other violent crimes. The Justice Department's National Gang Intelligence Center (NGIC) says criminal street gangs like the MS-13 are responsible for the majority of violent crimes in the U.S. and are the primary distributors of most illicit drugs.

Just a few weeks ago dozens of MS-13 members were indicted in Boston for serious crimes including murder, conspiracy to commit

murder, drug trafficking, firearm violations, federal racketeering and immigration offenses. Several of the defendants are responsible for murdering at least five people since 2014 and the attempted murder of at least 14 in Chelsea and East Boston, according to the federal indictment. MS-13 members also sell cocaine, heroin and marijuana and commit robberies to generate income to pay monthly dues to incarcerated gang leadership in El Salvador, federal prosecutors say. The money is used to pay for weapons, cell phones, shoes, food and other supplies for MS-13 thugs in and out of jail in El Salvador.

The affiliation between gangs and the hordes of illegal immigrant youths that the Obama administration keeps taking in is a story Judicial Watch has been reporting for more than a year. Last fall the Texas Department of Public Safety confirmed that the MS-13 is a top tier gang thanks to the influx of illegal alien gang members that have crossed into the state recently. The number of MS-13 members encountered by U.S. Border Patrol in the Rio Grande Valley sector has increased each year, accelerating in 2014 and coinciding with increased illegal immigration from Central America during the same period, the agency disclosed in a report linked to JW's story. This clearly refers to the UAC crisis that saw over 60,000 illegal immigrants—many with criminal histories—storm into the U.S. in a matter of months.

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"America Has Changed From The Land We Grew Up In"

by Pat Buchanan,
Buchanan.Org via ZeroHedge.com

Friday evening's Donald Trump rally in Chicago was broken up by a foul-mouthed mob that infiltrated the hall and forced the cancellation of the event to prevent violence and bloodshed.

Brownshirt tactics worked. The mob, triumphant, rejoiced.

And the reaction of Marco Rubio, Ted Cruz and John Kasich?

All three Republican rivals blamed — Donald Trump.

With his "dangerous style of leadership," Trump stokes this anger, mewed Rubio, "This is what happens when a leading presidential candidate goes around feeding into a narrative of bitterness and anger and frustration."

Rubio implies that if Trump doesn't tone down his remarks to pacify the rabble, he will be responsible for the violence visited upon him.

Kasich echoed Rubio: "Donald Trump has created a toxic environment (that) has allowed his supporters and those who sometimes seek confrontation to come together in violence."

But were the thousands of Trump supporters who came out to cheer him that night really looking for a fight? Or were they exercising their right of peaceful assembly?

Cruz charged Trump with "creating an environment that only encourages this sort of nasty discord," thus offering absolution to the mob.

Friday night cried out for moral clarity. What we got from Trump's rivals was moral mush that called to mind JFK's favorite quote from Dante: The hottest places in Hell are reserved for those who in time of moral crisis maintain their neutrality.

As news outlets have reported, Friday's disruption at the University of Illinois-Chicago auditorium was a pre-planned assault.

Behind it were the George Soros-funded MoveOn.org, Black Lives Matter, Occupy Wall Street, Hispanics hoisting Mexican flags and cop-haters carrying filthy signs to show their contempt for police.

People for Bernie, a pro-Sanders outfit, tweeted, "[This] wasn't just luck. It took organizers from dozens of organizations and thousands of people to pull off. Great work."

Now, Sanders did not order this assault on the civil rights of Trump supporters. But MoveOn.org has endorsed him and "Bernie" signs and T-shirts were everywhere among the disrupters. Hence, he has a duty to disavow this conduct and those who engaged in it.

If Sanders refuses, he condones it, and is morally complicit.

Can one imagine how the media would pile on Trump if working-class white males in Trump T-shirts invaded a Hillary Clinton rally and shut it down?

Can one imagine how the networks and cable TV channels that host town halls with the candidates would react if hell-raisers snuck into their audiences and shouted obscenities during discussions?

The keening over the First Amendment would not cease for weeks.

Some of us have been here before, and know how this ends.

When the urban riots broke out in the '60s, Hubert Humphrey declared that, if he lived in a ghetto, "I could lead a pretty good riot myself."

At his 1968 convention in Chicago, radicals baited and provoked the cops in the front of the Conrad Hilton, and as this writer watched, their patience exhausted after days of abuse, Chicago's finest tore into the mob and delivered some street justice.

"Richard Nixon," wrote Hunter S. Thompson, "is living in the White House today because of what happened that night in Chicago."

Hunter got that one right.

That fall, Humphrey was daily assailed by the kinds of haters now disrupting Trump rallies. Everywhere he went, they chanted, "Dump the Hump!" At times, Humphrey came close to tears.

That fall, Humphrey realized the monster he helped nurture.

My tormentors, he said, are "not just hecklers, but highly disciplined, well-organized agitators ... some of them are anarchists, and some of these groups are destroying the Democratic Party and destroying this country."

In 1970, when President Nixon sent U.S. troops into Cambodia to clean out Viet Cong sanctuaries, and students rioted, Ronald Reagan called them "cowardly fascists," and declared, "If there's going to be a bloodbath, let it begin here."

Not much Cruz-Rubio-Kasich equivocating there.

When radicals stomped down Wall Street desecrating Old Glory, construction workers came down from the building sites they were working and whaled on them.

Union president Peter J. Brennan was soon in the Oval Office — and in Nixon's Cabinet. "Secretary Bunker," we called him.

Prediction. Given their "victory" in Chicago, MoveOn.org and its allied nasties will try to replicate it, again and again. And as Americans came to despise the '60s radicals, they will come to despise them.

And, as in the 1960s, the country will take a turn — to the right.

America has changed from the land we grew up in. But she is not yet ready to allow ugly mobs screaming obscenities at Trump and his folks inside and outside that hall in Chicago, or their paragons like socialist senator Bernie Sanders, to take over the country.

Those raising hell in the street in Chicago and that convention hall are unfit to be citizens of this democratic republic.

For as Edmund Burke reminded us, "Men of intemperate minds can never be free. Their passions forge their fetters."

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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.

DOES INTEGRITY MATTER?

It is baffling to hear committed Christians discussing their voter preference based upon perceived electability or pork barrel entitlements. It seems that only rarely is a candidate's integrity seriously considered. It's true that Hillary Clinton's apparent lack of honesty has been spotlighted in several polls, but true integrity is much broader in scope. One of my favorite resources is Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary which was produced during the years when the American home, church and school were established upon a Biblical and a patriotic basis. It is not surprising, therefore, that this volume should contain the greatest number of Biblical definitions given in any secular composition. Mr. Webster says that integrity is: "The entire, unimpaired state of any thing, particularly of the mind; moral soundness or purity; incorruptness; uprightness; honesty. Integrity comprehends the whole moral character, but has a special reference to uprightness in mutual dealings, transfers of property, and agencies for others."

God reminded Solomon that the preservation of his kingdom hinged on integrity... "And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments: then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel forever..." (I Kings 9:4,5) In spite of David's moral warts "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) the Lord detected something in the heart of him that He labeled integrity. Solomon was blessed with incredible wisdom but lacked an ingredient that surpasses the highest intelligence. David's own exclamation mark is found in Psalm 25:21: "Let integrity and uprightness preserve me."

Not only does integrity provide preservation, but it also promises protection: "By this I know that thou favourest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me. And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face forever." (Psalm 41:11,12) General Dwight Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in World War II said, "In order to be a leader a man must have followers. And to have followers, a man must have their confidence. Hence, the supreme quality for a leader is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office. If a man's associates find him guilty of phoniness, if they find that he lacks forthright integrity, he will fail. His teachings and actions must square with each other. The first great need, therefore, is integrity and high purpose."

If there is any individual who can actually lead America from the pit of economic, cultural and moral decay into which it has descended, it must be someone who is the recipient of divine guidance. The Scriptures help us understand what the primary attribute will be: "The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them." (Proverbs 11:3) Direction by polls will never solve critical problems. Harry Truman said, "I wonder how far Moses would have gone if he's taken a poll in Egypt? What would Jesus Christ have preached if he'd taken a poll in Israel? Where would the Reformation have gone if Martin Luther had taken a poll? It isn't the polls of public opinion of the moment that counts. It is right and wrong and leadership---men with fortitude, honesty, and a belief in the right---they make epochs in the history of the world."

The correct prayerful plea would not imply that the nation deserves God's preservation, protection or guidance, but rather an appeal to His mercy would be far more appropriate. For those who have retained some degree of integrity (Job 2:9), David gave us an excellent reminder of its benefits. "Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men: In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand full of bribes. But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me." (Psalm 26:9-11)

During the Revolutionary War, accused of intending to join the British army, Richard Jackson admitted the truth of the charge. Committed to a rude jail, from which he could have easily escaped, his sense of duty forbade flight. Asking leave to work by day and return each night, Jackson received consent readily, as his character for simple honesty was well known. For eight months he went out each morning and returned each evening. As the sheriff prepared to take him to be tried, Jackson said this would be needless trouble---he could go alone. Again, his word was taken.

On the way he was overtaken by Edwards of the Massachusetts council. Asked where he was going, Jackson replied, "To Springfield, sir, to be tried for my life." The proof was complete, and Jackson was condemned to death unanimously by the council. When Edwards told them of his meeting with Jackson in the woods, a common consent of pardon was made out. The childlike simplicity and integrity of the man allowed mercy to triumph over the law.

Searching for integrity in those running for national office can be very challenging, but the larger question remains---is there enough integrity left in America to invoke God's mercy?

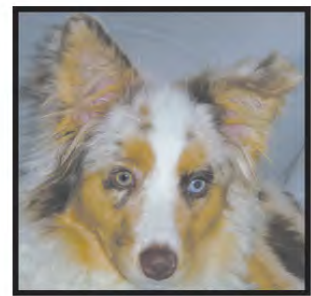
A Sheepdog Barks!

It's Tuesday, March 22 and the ISIS terrorists have struck again. First it was Paris, then it was San Bernadino and now it's Brussels. What do these countries have in common? Open Borders and massive irresponsible immigration. Will the free world ever learn? Muslims are allowed to migrate, legally and illegally, without much scrutiny or concern and then allowed to lives in enclaves. Assimilation doesn't seem to be a very important issue for them or the countries they are invading. Remember there were "no-go" zones in France where the authorities were afraid to go. I believe we have those "zones" in America also. Not sure about Belgium but I wouldn't be surprised. In America we go one better. We have "zones" where the authorities actually protect illegal immigrants. They are called Sanctuary Cities and Towns and there are over 200 of them. Can you imagine that? LPSP logic? WOOF! So let's look at how the liberals and conservatives are looking at this latest Islamic terrorist act. Bernie tweeted his condolences and that is about it. He's utterly clueless about any solution. HilLIARY immediately cautioned us all that the U.S. response "must be consistent with our values." REALLY? Whose values? I have nothing in common with Obama's or Clinton's values. Obama, after failing to do the right thing, is always saying "that's not who we are." He's never speaking for me because that's exactly who I am. The complete opposite of the LPSPs. So HilLIARY's first instinct is to make excuses for the Muslims and caution us not to overreact. This is exactly why America is at great risk and will continue to be under another LPSP president. Obama's response to the attack is just as we have come to expect. He is completely and utterly TONE DEAF! WOOF! He makes a 51 second reference to the heinous act in Brussels during his "American Apology" speech in Cuba, quickly mentioning how we are standing by in solidarity with our Belgium friends, promises to do "everything possible" to bring the culprits to justice and then im-

mediately scurries off to enjoy a baseball game. Once there ESPN showed him smiling and joking with the athletes while basking in the communist sunshine. Not a care in the world about the 30 plus dead and 200 plus wounded in Brussels. But he certainly has "swagga." Keep in mind that at least nine Americans were injured, including a U.S. Air Force officer and his five family members, all severely wounded. But so what? He didn't feel the need to return to Washington D.C. and lead the worldwide response to destroy ISIS. There is popcorn and Crackerjack that needs his attention. Usually it's golf he rushes off to after an American is killed or beheaded but this time it was more important -- baseball with the communists. The man makes me physical sick. I cannot wait for January 2017. This socialist is not worthy of any respect from even one U.S. service member. He is disgusting. WOOF!

At least all of the Republican candidates said the right things about properly identifying our enemies and then killing and destroying them. We must not sit at home and let Bernie, HilLIARY or Joe follow this feckless leader of the free world. He has harmed America enough.

And speaking of Cuba. What the heck is he doing there anyway? Sucking up to communist dictators and "welcoming" their criticism of this country hardly seems presidential. It is in fact un-American. Just another feather in his legacy cap. He rewards our enemies and insults our friends and allies. Cannot the LPSP sheep see that? BAAA! He stands there and smiles while the communist dictator says there are no political prisoners in Cuba. HUH? And then he offers more money to the Castro brothers so they can get even richer at the expense of the Cuban people. Obama says he wants to help the Cuban people but the Cubans who have fled that communist regime say this is exactly the wrong way. And how does any of this help the United States? Is there anything we really need from Cuba? NO,



not even the cigars. WOOF! This is just another bad deal like Obama has made with the Iranians. They get everything, we get nothing. It's all about taking the U.S. down a notch or two as far as Barack goes. He hates America and LPSPs are in denial about that. It may take many years but eventually that fact will come out. Obama's track record is clear. His hatred of American supremacy, uniqueness and goodness is expressed in his book Dreams From My Father. He inherited his anti-colonialist attitude from his socialist father and since he was raised by his liberal grandparents, and tutored by a communist poet, his views are easy to understand. He cannot be trusted. He never has America's interests at heart, whether they are security interests or economic ones. LPSPs that still believe in this guy are stupid and function as Lenin's "useful idiots" for him. WOOF!

I forced myself to watch a little bit of the ESPN coverage. It was astounding. Can you even imagine sportscasters trying to discuss serious politics and kissing Obama's behind at the same time. It was embarrassing to say the least. One said that "even if you don't like the president you can't deny his transformational time in office." That was the only intelligent remark made. A transformational change to a third rate country controlled by a big socialist government. Shameful behavior by Obama when he should have been traveling home to deal with ISIS. He isn't reality based. Cuba is a fantasy world that he lives in while Belgium is the real world he needs to lead in. Another sad day for American leadership, but a great day for baseball; Hey, Let's play two! WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



Angry White Males Behind the Trump/Sanders "Revolution"

by Tyler Durden,
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(Editor/GG: I feel a micro aggression coming on.)

If the establishment had its way, America would be no country for angry white men. As WSJ reports, Tuesday's primary elections underscored an emerging, central reality of the 2016 presidential campaign: This is the year of the dissatisfied white male.

Those white males are the voters who propelled Donald Trump to convincing victories Tuesday in Michigan and Mississippi, as they have elsewhere. And, as *The Wall Street Journal* reports, they may determine whether he can roll on next week in a series of big industrial states.

Here's what is less noticed: Dissatisfied white males also helped propel Sen. Bernie Sanders to a stunning victory over Hillary Clinton in the Democratic contest in Michigan, and may keep him in the game for many weeks to come.

All of this further suggests they may be the swing voters who decide the general

election in November, when the critical question could well be whether Democrats can win enough of them to supplement their big advantages among women and minority voters.

In Michigan, 52% of the Republican primary electorate was male, exit polls indicated. Mr. Trump won them going away, 43% to 23% for Ohio Gov. John Kasich. Meantime, he lost among women, 30% for Sen. Ted Cruz to 28% for Mr. Trump.

The story was similar in Mississippi. **Mr. Trump won men by 20 percentage points, exit polls indicated. There, he won women, but by a mere 9 percentage points.**

So, the more male the Republican electorate, the better for Mr. Trump. Also, the angrier as well.

Perhaps more interesting, angry white males are sustaining the Sanders campaign, not just the Trump campaign.

In Michigan, they kept him nearly even with Mrs. Clinton, offsetting her big ad-

vantage among women and among minorities. Among women, exit polls indicate, he finished just behind Mrs. Clinton. **But among men, he won easily, 54% to 44%.**

Together, in other words, Messrs. Trump and Sanders are collapsing what had become, in the 1990s, something of a bipartisan consensus in favor of free trade. And **angry white males, many of whom feel trade has marginalized their jobs and prospects, are leading the way.**

And perhaps white American men have good reason to be 'angry' after all: [see graph below.]

All of this sets up a fascinating battle in the fall. In a new *Wall Street Journal*/NBC News poll, **Mrs. Clinton beats Mr. Trump in a hypothetical general-election matchup, 51% to 38%. But among white men? He wins comfortably, 53% to 35%.**

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Study Finds Billions in Improper Medicaid Payments

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Despite several reporting protocols designed to prevent fraud, Medicaid has doled out \$161 billion in improper payments since 2008.

Individuals falsifying information to meet qualification requirements, filing false claims and visiting multiple providers for the same condition in addition to fraud committed by providers is creating a huge financial strain on the country, a study given to The Daily Caller News Foundation conducted by American Action Forum (AAF) – a Washington, D.C.-based, center-right think tank — found.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, eliminating all waste, fraud and abuse in the entitlement program, which has seen a 25 percent increase in enrollment since 2013 and a 16 percent rise in federal expenditures in 2015 – would bring down the deficit by around 11.4 percent.

"In 2014, 6.7 percent of all Medicaid payments were improper, causing Medicaid to be responsible for 14 percent (\$17.5 billion) of all federal improper payments, second only to Medicare, which was responsible for 49 percent

of federal improper payments," the study reads. "In 2015, Medicaid's improper payment rate (IPR) increased by nearly half to 9.78 percent or \$29 billion."

The payments – which account for 17 percent of all the federal government's improper payments – were more often provided to those treated through fee-for-service, which was expanded under the Affordable Care Act, with 10.6 percent receiving payments versus the .14 percent of those enrolled in the entitlement program's managed care programs.

The group said the issue is partially due to many of the tools aimed at preventing fraud being optional for states.

"Because reporting information consumes already-limited resources, and states have historically had little incentive to recover improper payments—due to the fact that for each dollar recovered, states may only keep their share of the funding (which is always less than half)—many states choose to not report," the study says.

AAF said a "complete and accurate national Medicaid database" would help eliminate the problem.

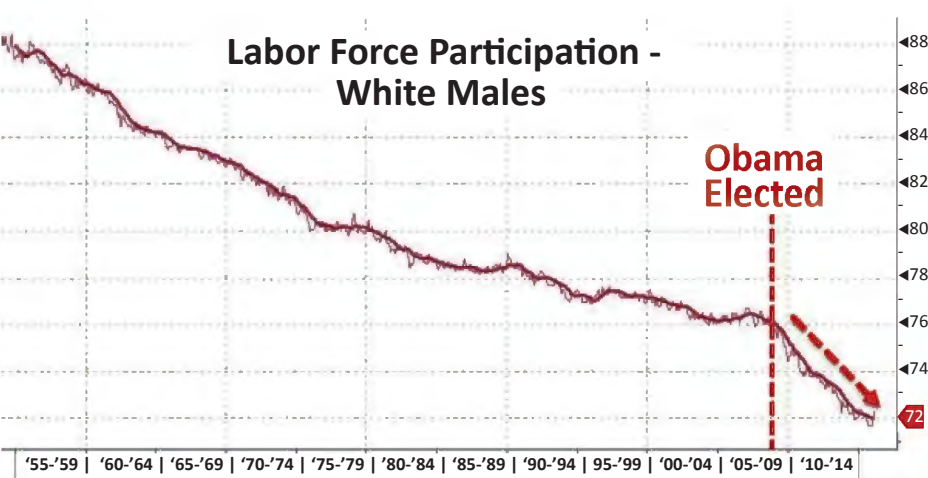
The group also highlight-

ed legislation introduced by Rep. Larry Buschon of Indiana, which passed the House in early-March, aimed at stopping fraud by requiring providers to enroll with states and report any terminated providers to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid and require the states to pay back federal funds used toward improper payments.

Pennsylvania Rep. Joe Pitts also introduced legislation that would allow U.S. territories to exceed the cap placed on federal Medicaid funds when investing in Medicaid Fraud Control Units.

"Given that the Medicaid program consistently has the 2nd highest amount of waste, fraud, and abuse, more can and should be done to combat the occurrence of improper payments within the program," AAF wrote. "While eliminating such payments will not solve the program's long-term budgetary problems alone, the problem is large enough that successfully addressing it would generate substantial savings."

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and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is liberty.*

2 Corinthians 3:17, NKJV

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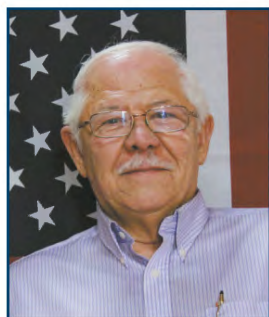
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