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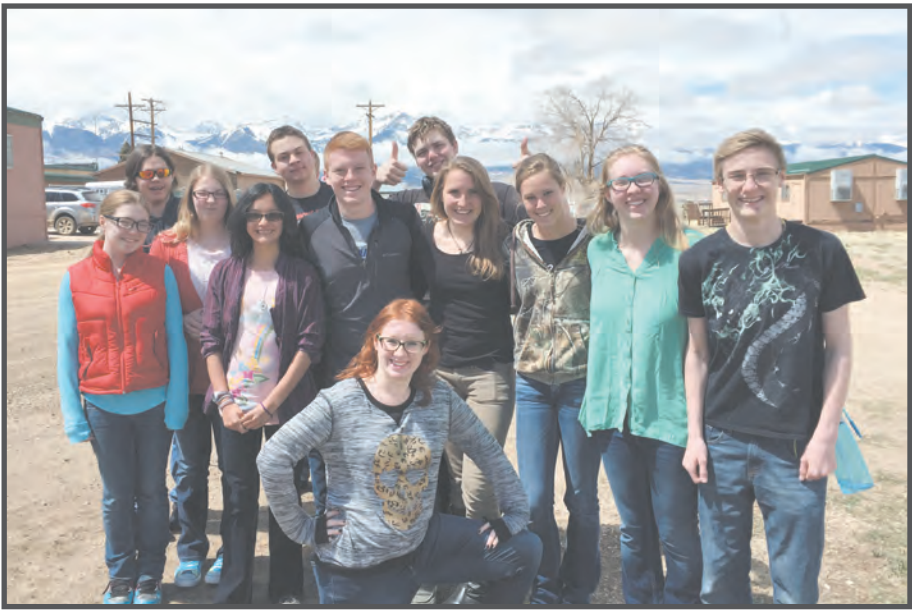
The Custer County Bobcat Band had a great showing at the Pueblo West Large Group Concert & Sight-Reading competition Thursday, April 7th.

"You are everything that is right with music!"

The contest consists of each band performing three pieces of music that they have spent several months preparing and then sight-reading a piece they have never seen before, and a panel of judges gives them a rating (1 = Superior, 2 = Excellent, 3=Good, etc.) based on a rubric of ensemble musical skills (tone, balance, blend, intonation, musicality,

rhythmic accuracy, etc.). Your Custer County High School Band received a 1 in the Concert contest and a 1 in Sight-Reading! The judges had many positive things to say including "You are everything that is right with music!" as well as "One of the most musical performances of the day!" The Pueblo West student volunteers that helped run the contest commented that we were "By far the best band of the day."

These band students have worked incredibly hard and are still in the process of preparing for their Spring Concert and Elitch Gardens Competition. Please congratulate and encourage the high school band members for their hard work, dedication to excellence, and amazing performance!



Marlena Phillips (in red), Dominic Garcia (in sunglasses), Emilee Woolery, Kayla Carter, Tyler Ferron, Michael Batson, Cynthia Corella (kneeling), Thomas Dryer, Kayli Short, Katlyn Freeburg, Jenna Henrich, Aden Hatton

Photo courtesy of Andrew Straight

Darryl Glenn's Surprise Win at Colorado GOP Convention

by Corey Hutchins
The Colorado Independent

COLORADO SPRINGS , Colorado

Darryl Glenn's surprise winner-take-all victory Saturday at Colorado's GOP state convention shocked everyone but Darryl Glenn.

"We expect to win," he said Saturday before the votes were counted in an interview with *The Colorado Independent*. "We want to be the only ones coming out here."

The night before, the Air Force veteran and attorney who is running for U.S. Senate had told the Republican Party's state chairman Steve House that he knew he would best his six rivals at the party's state convention with an outright win.

It's likely no one other than Glenn would have said that before the candidate gave the most rousing speech of the convention Saturday afternoon.

But when the votes came in showing Glenn had taken 70 percent, snagging 2,664 votes and blowing away his closest rival state Sen. Tim Neville,



who took only 696 votes, or 18 percent of the 3,796 votes cast, it was a stunner that couldn't be overstated.

"Shocking results," said Ryan Call, a Denver lawyer and former state chairman of the GOP in an interview on the convention floor. "A huge surprise — and a big upset to Tim Neville and those factions of the party who thought that they owned and controlled these delegations ... they had, frankly, their a** handed to them."

Glenn was one of seven candidates running Saturday through the convention process.

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Ted Cruz Racks Up Colorado's Delegates

by Corey Hutchins
The Colorado Independent

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado

It was here, in a hotel ballroom in this heavily Christian conservative military city, that Colorado's Republican activists continued chipping away at the foundation of Trump Tower.

At the decidedly un-Trump-esque Doubletree Hotel, where the state Republican Party was holding congressional assemblies, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz vacuumed up all the delegates available in four districts, closing in on winning an outright majority of the 37 delegates who will represent Colorado at this summer's Republican National Convention.

During crowded and sometimes chaotic meetings in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains, hundreds of Republican activists gave brief speeches about why their GOP brethren should send them to Cleveland. Some warned of a wild convention where anything could happen. Others said they were trying to get there simply to put the brakes on Donald Trump's rise to a potential nomination.

When the votes came in, it was clear that Colorado's Trump-stoppers were behind Ted Cruz.

The reality had begun sinking in on

Thursday, when the Texas Senator made a clean sweep of three delegates and three alternates from the 7th Congressional District. He'd already won six delegates from districts 1 and 6 the previous weekend. Cruz's steamroll continued Friday when he swept the delegates in Congressional Districts 2, 3, 4 and 5. Trump was only able to get on the board with alternates, who would act in Cleveland like alternate jurors: they can watch but can't play unless something happens to a full-fledged delegate.

Cruz's cleanup of Colorado's delegates is something his supporters particularly treasure because it will give them influence on the rules committee at the national convention by giving them two votes on the panel.

Delegates were being selected here in Colorado Springs as part of the congressional assembly process in which Republicans will choose 21 out of the 37 delegates before tomorrow's state convention when they'll select the rest.

Conservatives swarmed the hotel's lobby and packed its hallways, where activists manned booths selling "Make America Great Again" hats for Donald Trump and scarves

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Philippians 4:6 NKJV



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These were the principles that guided our founding fathers and which we believe are still relevant. These are the principles that will guide our reporting and be the basis of all our views.

We will not be constrained by the illogical, misleading and inaccurate thinking and use of "political correctness" but by truth, facts, logic and common sense.

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

COLORADO: CAUCUSES OR PRIMARIES?



Colorado is getting its fair share of the national news this week as the caucus system has come under attack, especially by Donald Trump. He and his surrogates are claiming "foul" because Ted Cruz garnered all 34 of the Republican Presidential Delegates. Was anything done wrong? No, Cruz played the Colorado caucus game by the rules and played well. Trump didn't play at all and lost. As we have opined before all must play a game by the rules and then play as hard as possible. Why? Because the object of participation in a game for most people is to win. The rules for the Colorado caucuses and delegates haven't changed and were approved and disseminated over a year ago. The rules were submitted to the Republican National Committee, the official arm of the Republican Party,

approved and then distributed to all the campaigns. Learn the game rules and then play the game to win. One can't play "tiddly-winks" in a "jacks" game and expect to win. And for the record America is not a democracy. The majority of the people don't necessarily control things. We elect representatives who then represent and then vote FOR hundreds of thousands of citizens, even millions. And it's not on an equal basis. Take U.S. Senators. The vote of a Wyoming Senator counts as much as the vote of a California Senator. Yet there is a very big difference in the number of citizens they are representing. But we digress.

Back to the caucus system. Colorado toyed with the idea of a Presidential Primary in 2016 but it didn't happen. We believe it

should have. We do believe the voice of more people would be better heard. The caucus system is old, complicated and in many cases not well attended or participated in by the citizens anymore. Only eleven states still use the caucus. The other ten are Alaska, Hawaii, Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota, Wyoming and Iowa. Goodness, everyone knows Iowa, right? The concept of the caucus is that neighbors come together to discuss the issues and the candidates and then elect delegates to represent certain candidates. Caucuses start at local precincts, then districts, then state level. Each time delegates are elected to support certain local, state and federal candidates. We suspect that many years ago this made some sense. Citizens weren't aware of

the nuances of the issues or possibly even who the candidates were. So getting together to talk and share made some sense. This is no longer the case. With the internet, 24/7 Talk Radio & TV news channels, Facebook and the rest of the social media it is almost impossible to be uninformed or unaware, unless one truly wants to be. County caucuses have evolved into pre-organized groups of people that come together already intent on voting for their candidate's approved "list" of delegates. It's not cheating; it's just playing the game well. At the state level each special interest group passes out a "list" of the delegates that support their point of view. About 5,000 delegates from around the state elect the delegates to go to the National Convention. The more lists one can get on the better. Ted Cruz came to the state assembly and worked the crowd personally. He put out a "list" and then helped promote the delegates that would support him. Trump didn't come at all and it was reported that his people put out a "list" encouraging people to vote for some delegates that didn't even support him or were unpledged. Not a good effort. Kasich didn't try to woo Colorado either. Then end result was Ted Cruz garnered all the delegates. Did he do anything wrong? Or did he just play the game

better? You decide.

The caucus system is flawed and outdated. It takes a lot of time, energy and effort if one wants to be involved in Colorado politics. It serves the "political junkie" better. However, your vote did count IF you participated. We believe, for the reasons stated above, that a primary system would be better in these times. We do believe it should be a "closed" system, that is, only registered citizens can vote in their affiliated party's primaries. No crossing over to vote in the other party's primary, which is known as an "open" primary. Enough with the criticism that something was done wrong in Colorado. It wasn't corrupt or "rigged" just against Trump. Ted Cruz won the Republican delegates fair and square. Let's move on.

Don't complain about a game after you play and lose. Play the game by its rules or change the game. If we want more citizens to directly elect our candidates then Colorado needs to change to a primary system which is done early enough to make Colorado relevant and warrant the attention of the candidates. Talk to your elected state representatives. A primary system seems better suited for Colorado voters in the 21st Century. BTW, today is April 15th. The "We Are Overtaxed Day."

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Thank You for Your Support

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Sheriff Byerly, Commissioner Shy, our school board members and concerned citizens for their outspoken support in the recent Silver Cliff election. I'm honored, humbled and very excited to be sworn in and begin my duties as a Trustee for the Township.

I'd be remiss if I didn't thank you and the *Sentinel* for your accurate and unbiased coverage, data and facts of the adverse affects of marijuana. For those concerned readers and subscribers who would like more factual information regarding marijuana, I'd encourage them to visit the Rocky Mountain High In-

tensity Drug Trafficking Area web site at www.rmhidta.org.

Lastly, during the campaign trail someone likened me to Donald Trump for being matter-of-fact and to the point. Please know that I'm not a politician. I'm a good listener, problem solver and I care about the future of our Township.

With that said, I will take my oath of office seriously, be fair and represent the best interests of our citizens and Township.

Sincerely Yours,

H. A. "Buck" Wenzel
Silver Cliff, CO

Everyone Knew About the Changes Except the Voters

With regard to the GOP "primary vote" results, I'm still in shock and I'm more than a little embarrassed. Now, the whole country knows what a sham the Colorado caucus system is. It took my participation in two caucus events to understand the flaws in the caucus system.

Cruz advocates are spending their TV and radio interview time defending the vote results by saying "everyone knew about

the Colorado Republicans' primary changes back in late August." These changes were the most unreported changes in our history. Apparently, everyone knew about the changes except the voters. Well, here is how this fiasco will impact the Cascarellis. We will change our affiliation to "Independent." I will never vote or participate in a Colorado primary again. And, I will not send any money to the Republican cause. In talking to some of my friends, many feel

the same way. There are nearly 1 million registered Republicans who have been told that they are too stupid to vote for a candidate. If the RNC tries this at the convention, they will be lucky to get any votes for Kasich, Bush or whichever looser they select.

We will not forget who handed over the election to the most incompetent woman and the least trustworthy woman in politics.

Joe Cascarelli
Westcliffe CO

Victory Message

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone that has supported me and believed in me throughout this election process! Thank you for choosing me to represent you in the Town of Silver Cliff's government. It is such an honor to be elected as a town trustee. I am humbled that you would place your faith and trust in me. This is a responsibility that I do not take lightly, and I will endeavor to represent you with the utmost transparency and boldness.

I would like to thank all of the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to

help me achieve this accomplishment. I would also like to thank my opponents for running such a fair and competitive campaign. I would like to thank my family and friends for their unending support, for their late-night pep talks, and for their guidance and love throughout this campaign. Lastly, I would like to thank the voters for using your voice, and your vote, to express your confidence in me. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Stacey Schoch
Silver Cliff, CO

Strong Leaders

Dear Editor,

Many thanks and congratulations to the citizens of Silver Cliff! You have taken the moral high ground and demonstrated clearly your concern for the children of your city and Custer County. You have elected strong leaders that will manifest

itself in many ways in the city's future. May God bless the city richly for keeping our children's future at the forefront of decision making.

Semper fi,

Bob Hollingsworth
Rural Custer County

"If My people who are called by My Name will humble themselves and pray..." II Chronicles 4:17

Personally, I believe the victory that was achieved by the county and secured by the good people of Silver Cliff has also produced some resounding lessons for us.

Nearly everyone I know and hundreds or thousands I don't know were praying and many

were fasting for the outcome that was realized.

The authority that we wield when in agreement and accord has heavens power behind it - "thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven..."

My wife and I will stay in prayer for our state elections and the national election in November. The power is with us in answer to the question "what can we

do," we can do a lot - after all we are ones who will be judged for what we did or didn't do.

By the way we are praying daily for the town of Silver Cliff and the good people and families there. I know there is a blessing for them and we pray they receive it.

Hal Crossley
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Thank You Silver Cliff Voters

During the recent debate regarding the marijuana issue in Silver Cliff an important question, answered on the day of the voting, centered on the importance of the voter having correct, informed and unbiased information. Some members of the Silver Cliff Marijuana Study Committee did their best to present a fair and balanced position regarding this issue. Others on the same committee worked hard to promote the positives of marijuana while neglecting the negatives. The impudence displayed by some of the Board members at the marijuana meetings was astonishing, disturbing and very counter-productive.

The voters of Silver Cliff saw through the arrogance and

fortunately the bias concentrating on the central issue of marijuana being a benefit or a hindrance to the Town.

The Founding Fathers in their debates regarding the construction of the Constitution often wondered if giving the ordinary citizen control through the vote was a good idea. Samuel Adams offered a remark in the *Boston Gazette* on April 16, 1781. "Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote he is not making a present or a compliment to please an individual – or least that he ought not so to do; but he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country."

The voters of Silver Cliff chose to vote down the issue of marijuana by a two to one majority. Furthermore, they did not return one of the proponents of marijuana to office, instead, electing three new people to the Town Board and a new Mayor. This demonstrates well - informed common sense after the current Board abdicated their responsibility to the people is an example of the power of "one man and one vote." We congratulate the voters of Silver Cliff on your exceptional display of informed responsibility to your town and at large to the rest of Custer County. Thank you!

Larry and Monica Luikart
Rural Westcliffe

Thank You Silver Cliff Citizens for the Show of Confidence

I would like to thank the residents of the Silver Cliff for their show of confidence in our ability to represent them by their convincing evidence of support in the recently held elections. My work begins with the promise that I will endeavor diligently for the common good of our town, our neighborhood and our county. If nothing else, you can count on integrity and strong effort at all times.

Thank you all for your trust.

Fred Hernandez
Silver Cliff, CO

Thank You to Ladies of "All Aboard Westcliffe"

Dear Editor,

How many of the citizens of Custer County are familiar with the names of these women???

Abigail Adams... Molly Pitcher... Lucretia Mott... Harriet Beecher Stowe... Harriet Tubman... Clara Barton... Nellie Bly and on and on.

We have recently had occasion to bring attention to a group of citizens of Custer County who reflect the beliefs and actions of the above mentioned females. Our misfortunes have brought out the very best of, not only neighbors, but organizations. We have two of the very best neighbors, both females.....we could never have moved forward with our lives

without their concern and volunteer help. Thank you Patti and Selleana!!!!!!

Now to a great big "THANK YOU" to the ladies of "ALL ABOARD WESTCLIFFE"... for all the wonderful food, encouragement, cards, and today.... The COMFORT QUILT. That quilt is the most comforting labor of love

and concern. How very SPECIAL it makes you feel! We must also say a large THANK YOU to our friends and neighbors (you know who you are) for the beautiful cards, phone calls, visits and I believe, the many PRAYERS for us. A special and large "Thank You" to the Sheriff, his wife and the entire Sheriff's Office. Their personal concern has been comforting.

How fortunate can one community be? Custer County gets our vote!!!!

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Shoemakers Retiring From Eagles Summit Ranch

by George Gramlich

After much prayer and thought, Jerry and Beverly Shoemaker, the Directors of Dave Roever's Eagles Summit Ranch (ESR) have announced they are

Eagles Summit Ranch two years ago. Their stay at ESR has been very productive with them hosting a variety of group sessions in addition to the regular Operation Warrior Reconnect reha-

bilitation weeks.

They feel exceptionally blessed to be a big part of the community while serving at the ranch. Beverly credits Dave Roever and the others at the ranch for providing a great healing in her own personal life. She has been privileged to attend the program as a civilian and to



Retiring Directors of Eagles Summit Ranch, Jerry and Beverly Shoemaker

Photo by George Gramlich

retiring from their position to focus on other ministerial projects as God directs.

have been a part of something so wonderful.

The Shoemakers joined the Dave Roever Foundation three years ago and started working in California. They then were chosen to be the Directors of

We will miss them greatly. The first Operation Warrior Reconnect session and graduation dinner is scheduled for this coming June.

Congratulations to the New Silver Cliff Trustees

The Sentinel wishes to congratulate Silver Cliff's newly elected trustees, Buck Wenzel, Stacey Schoch and Fred Hernandez.

(L to R) Buck Wenzel, Stacey Schoch and Fred Hernandez

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Freeburg and Taylor Continue to be Work Horses for Track Team, Ham Gets into the Mix

By Jack Swartz
Assistant Coach -High School Track and Field

A 4 a.m. bus ride did not slow down the efforts of the Custer County Track and Field team. This past Saturday they were in Limon, Colorado, for a signature 2A track meet. "Seeing teams from the Eastern Plains is why we come to this meet," said Coach Bruce May. Coach Joy Parrish adds, "We need to know what the rest of the state is doing and this give us that chance to see teams from the east."

Senior Katlyn Freeburg continues to do what she is asked by the coaches competing in the 100 meter

hurdles, long jump, triple-jump, and the 300 meter hurdles. Freeburg would place in three of the four events, taking 6th in the 100 hurdles (18.39), 5th in the triple jump (28'-08) and 4th in the long jump (14'-01). Helping Freeburg out was Junior Serenity Ham. Ham would also compete in four events taking 4th in the 100 meter dash (13.93), 2nd in the 100 meter hurdles (17.22) as well as the 200 meter dash (28.24). Ham would finish 1st in the 300 meter hurdles, running an impressive opening time of 48.41. Freshman Kayla Carter continues her hot streak of scoring for the girls team as well, taking 2nd in both the mile

(5:57) and the two mile (13:37). Both times are personal bests for Carter. Running with Carter was Senior Kayli Short, placing 4th in the two mile. As for the throws, Senior Emily Crossley would place 8th in the discus (91'-05) and 6th in the javelin (59'-02).

The girls team would place 4th out of 20 competing teams present. This is back to back meets the girls have placed in the top five against 2A competition.

Junior Jerald Taylor continues to sit in the top five for the 800 meter, the mile, and the two mile for 2A state. Taylor got a chance to lower his time in Limon with an impressive solo effort in

the mile, taking 1st in 4:36 and 3rd in the two mile (10:11). Taylor was also the anchor of the 5th place

3200 meter relay team that consisted of Chad Lewenkamp, Dylan Schoch, and David Kinsey. The boys re-

lay improved their time to 9:20. Michael Batson had a banner day, setting personal bests in the shot Put (33'-05), discus (101'-06) and javelin (76-04). Batson would place 8th in the javelin while Billy Berry took 2nd with a throw of 105' - 01". This is the only meet the team attends that throws the javelin since it is not an event contested at the Colorado State Championships.

The boys team would place 8th out of 22 competing teams.

Both teams are off the weekend of the 15th and 16th but will be at CSU - Pueblo on the 23rd of this month.



The Lady Bobcats Kayla Carter tough's it out down the stretch with an opponent from Limon

Photo courtesy of Jim Silver

Cotopaxi Pirates; The Baseball Team to Watch!

by Jim Silver

The photo feature in this issue of the *Sentinel* is action on the field as the Pirates defeated the Sargent Farmers 17-7 on Tuesday, March 29th. This win brought the season which kicked off on March 11th to 5 and 1. Wins were a pair of double-headers against Cripple Creek-Victor and South Park. The only loss was to Manzanola on March 15th, sandwiched between those double-headers.

Since the Sargent win, the

Pirates have gone on to defeat Primero on April 8th, once again a double-header day of baseball. Levi Barr pitched the first game for a 14-4 win in 5 innings, with eight of those runs scored in the first inning. Justin Walden stepped up to the mound in the second game and pitched the Pirates to a 12-2 win. Doing the math, that makes it 7 and 1, with a 5-win streak!

Head Coach Ryan Christensen sums up the team's performance at this point:

"The season, so far, has been very rewarding. The team has buckled down, they listen and want to get better each time on the field. Our fundamentals have come a long way in a year! The team can be very special if they continue to grow as a unit and continue to be disciplined! We are having fun in practice, still remaining focused, and that carries over to the games. Our hitting has been very good! We will continue to get better in the field, running bases, and pitch-

ing! Our pitching is fun to watch. The kids are throwing strikes and letting the defense play behind them. We have a long way to go, but the direction we have set for ourselves will allow us to reach our goals. It is so great to see both schools do so well together! It is extremely fun, and I truly appreciate the efforts of all of those who have decided to go down this journey together."

CCHS Coach Ernest Bain sees to the routine of just

one day each week practicing at home with mostly batting cage work, and then driving his players down to join with the Cotopaxi players the other four days. At practice, he coaches the outfielders and is bench coach for games, being an "extra set of eyes for 'Coach C.'" Driving to Cotopaxi isn't an issue, as his goal is to make sure that the players have the opportunity to play. He credits the senior leadership of "The Big Four:" Walden, Dunlap, Tillotson, and Lind to be a

key point in the success of the team.

Cotopaxi again faces Cripple Creek-Victor in a home game on Tuesday, April 12th. On Friday, Sierra Grande comes to Cotopaxi for a pair of games, the first at 10:00 a.m. Rounding out the regular season prior to the District Tournament are a home double-header on Friday, April 22, 11:00 am against Antonito, followed by a final away match-up against Cripple Creek-Victor on Tuesday, April 26th.



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General Douglas MacArthur

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for my power
is made perfect in weakness."*

II Corinthians 12:9a NIV

Local Mountain News & Notices

Talent Show a Sold Out Act

by Troy Bomgardner
Counselor/Head Football Coach
Custer County High School

The CCHS STUCO sponsored Talent Show did not disappoint in 2016. The sell-out crowd packed the West Gym on Thursday night watching 17 acts ranging from a jump rope routine to a glow-in-the-dark dancer. The annual talent show is one of the main fundraisers for After Prom and also one of the most enjoyable events for students.

Students and community members are encouraged to come showcase their talents with the chance to win cash prizes. Their is a fan vote category, a community cate-

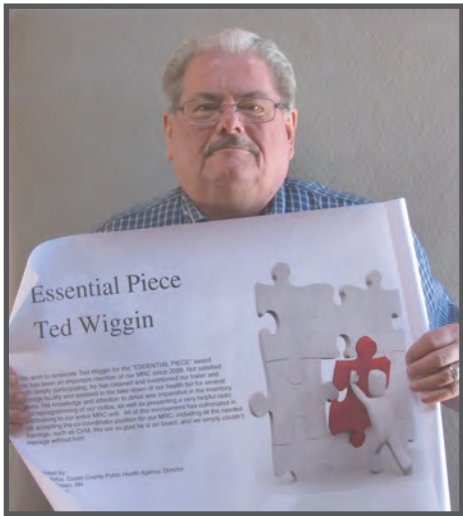
gory, and a judge's category. The fan vote winner this year was Dominic Garcia with a solo act and winning the community category was Mark Slawski with a solo act. The judges' winner was the senior class with a rendition from Disney's "High School Musical". Showing a bit of class, the seniors donated their winnings back to the After Prom fund.

Fundraising will continue through next week as the After Prom committee attempts to raise over \$4,000 for After Prom prizes. Donations can be dropped at the high school office Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Contact Troy Bomgardner for more information at 783-4927.

Medical Reserve Corps Honors Ted Wiggins

by George Gramlich

Custer County's Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) recently honored local resident Ted Wiggins, with its "Essential Piece Award" for his dedicated service in the organization. The award was presented by Koral O'Brien, the Colorado Department of Health's state coordinator for MRC. The Custer County MRC operates in partnership with the Custer County Public Health Agency. Volunteers are always welcome. Contact Gail Stultzhus at the Custer County Public Health Agency, 719-783-3369 for more information. (We would also like to thank Mr. Wiggins for his service to our country. He did two combat tours in Vietnam and served a long stint as a helicopter pilot in the Colorado National Guard.)



Ted Wiggins

Courtesy photo

FREE BOOK For Four Year Olds

Press Release

One Book 4 Colorado, the popular reading program that puts books in the hands of young children and encourages families to read together is back. West Custer County Library joined libraries throughout the state, giving out one free book to every 4 year old in Custer County starting April 11th. **Books will be distributed at Camp Happiness on April 15th as well as in the Custer County Preschool. Any family with a 4 year old who does not attend Camp Happiness or Custer County Preschool is encouraged to drop by the library to pick up their free book at the front desk.**

One Book 4 Colorado gives away 75,000 copies of the same book to every 4 year old

"In the Event Of" by Local Author Harvey Goodman

Author Press Release

WESTCLIFFE, Colorado

Jupiter Sky Publishing announces the release of Harvey Goodman's taut, new political thrill ride, 'In the Event Of', a novel that exploits the growing American divide with the realm of new possibility.

The book's back-cover synopsis reads: *Fourteen years into the new millennium finds America in decline. The once supreme republic has slipped from the throne of world's greatest nation to a precarious 'also ran' as the liberal agenda has spawned an ever-expansive and intrusive federal government. But America's richest citizen, Landon Lassiter, has a plan to*

reestablish America's preeminence by restoring the founding tenets of inalienable rights and limited government. With the help of a four-star general and a network of others in the cause, Landon Lassiter seeks to return the great American experiment to the will of the people.

Mr. Goodman's first two award-winning novels, both westerns, were followed by a gold-medal memoir recounting the early challenges for himself and his eventual wife, as well as his navigation of a brief NFL career.

<https://www.prlog.org/12546251-author-harvey-goodmans-new-novel-in-the-event-of-is-timely-and-prescient-political-barnburner.html>

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, " says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:8 NKJV

Bobcats & Pirates Sports Schedule

BobcatsTrack

Saturday April 9: Warren Mitchell Invitational, Limon 6:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Saturday April 23: Thunder-Storm, Pueblo 6:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Thursday, April 28: Primero Invitational Track Meet, Weston 12:30p.m.

Pirates Baseball

Friday April 15: Sierra Grande Home, 10 a.m.

Friday April 22: Antonito Home, 11 a.m.

Tuesday April 26: CCV Away, 4 p.m.



Bobcat Menu • April 18-21, 2016

Monday Breakfast
Choice of Cereal
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Chicken Taco
Rice
Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Tuesday Breakfast
Choice of Cereal
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Chili
Corn Bread
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
Chicken & Noodles
W.G. Roll
Fruit
Milk

Elementary: Main Dish, Grain Product, Veg., Fruit, and Milk

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

KIDS

Friday, April 15, 2016

The Titanic

The Royal Mail Ship (RMS) Titanic made her entry into service on April 2, 1912. At that time the Titanic was the second of three Olympic-class ocean liner sister ships, and was the largest ship in the world. The Titanic could carry 3,547 people in speed and comfort. Her passenger accommodation was said to be "of unrivaled extent and magnificence", which was indicated by the ticket prices that First Class accommodations commanded. Promenade suites cost \$4,350 (equivalent to \$106,660 today) for a one-way passage.

The Titanic's maiden voyage was set to leave on April 10th from Southampton, on the first leg of her journey to New York City. A few hours later she reached Cherbourg in France, a journey of 80 nautical miles, where she took on passengers. Her next port of call was Queenstown (now Cobh) in Ireland, which she reached around midday on April 11th. She left in the afternoon after taking on more passengers and stores. By the time she departed westwards across the Atlantic she was carrying 892 crew members and 1,320 passengers.

During April 14, 1912, Titanic's radio operators received six messages from other ships warning of drifting ice. It is now known that in January 1912, the moon came closer to the earth than at any time in the previous 1,400 years, at the same time as the earth made its closest annual approach to the sun. This caused exceptionally high tides that may have resulted in a larger number of icebergs than usual.

At 11:39 p.m., on April 14, 1912, lookout Frederick Fleet spotted an iceberg in Titanic's path. He rang the lookout bell three times and telephoned the bridge to inform Sixth Officer James Moody. Titanic's heading was changed just in time to avoid a head-on collision, but the change in direction caused the ship to strike the iceberg with a glancing blow. The ship began to flood immediately, with water pouring in fifteen times faster than it could be pumped out. The aftermath of the sinking of the believed to be "Unsinkable Titanic" left between 1,490 and 1,635 people dead.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: Wikipedia.com

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Trip to Republican State Assembly and Convention

by Candi Sage

Custer County was well represented by the attendance of ten designated county delegates (Sheron Berry, Donna Hood, Bob Senderhauf, Dave and Virginia Trujillo, Lynn and Sandra Attebery, Chuck and Susan



Ted Cruz at the convention.

Photo by Candi Sage

Steigerwalt, and Cal Leslie) and accompanied by four of the designated alternate delegates over the two day assembly and convention held in Colorado Springs, April 8th and 9th. Over the course of the district assemblies, alternates Roberta Dial, Robert Larsen and Candi Sage joined the delegates in various meetings of the Judicial, House, Congress, and Senate districts, hearing of the political battles to keep conservative values in all areas, including budget, and accountability to the people as priority from all levels of State government.

The delegates and alternates present also heard from Congressmen in four districts; Scott Tipton, Ken Buck, Doug Lamborn and Mike Coffman, Republicans at the state level; Secretary of State - Wayne Williams, State Treasurer - Walker Stapleton, and

Attorney General - Cynthia Coffman. U.S. Senator Cory Gardner presented remarks at the convention as well as Colorado Republican State Chairman, Steve House, allied Republican organizations including a spokeswoman from Colorado Jewish Republicans. Custer County delegates voted for one candidate for National Committeewoman, one for National Committeeman, one candidate for U.S. Senate, 26 delegates to attend the Republican National Convention, one candidate for CU Regent, and yes or no to the 50 Colorado Republican Committee 2016 resolutions. Overall common threads heard by attendees were that “all lives matter”, standing firm on the Constitution of the United States that includes a godly foundation and belief, conservative values, keeping Americans safe within borders, budgetary accountability and no support for entitlement beliefs. On the national level, representatives for presidential candidates Kasich and Trump spoke on their behalf. Presidential candidate Ted Cruz’s speech brought the overwhelming majority of convention attendees to their feet.



Delegates pictured from front to back: Donna Hood, Cal Leslie, Bob Senderhauf, Sheron Berry, Susan & Chuck Steigerwalt, Sandra & Lynn Attebery, and fourth alternate Carole Custer. Not present during the lunch-time picture are delegates: Dave and Virginia Trujillo.

Photo by Candi Sage

Court Report...

Whitock, Heather Ann-cart: Plead guilty to theft of less than \$50. Placed on unsupervised probation. Useful Public Service to be completed within six months. Assessed \$36.

Harson, Nichols Cory: Had plead guilty on 10/13/15 to Class 3 misdemeanor charge of child abuse and menacing. Found guilty of harassment on 3/10/16. Sentenced on 4/7/15 to 18 months probation. No jail time. Assessed \$1,164.50.

Shumake, Keith D.: A MOTION TO DISMISS was granted on a careless driving charge.

Baturin, Joshua David: **A MOTION TO DISMISS** was granted on two possession/consumption of alcohol by a person under the age of 21 charges. Must complete 23.5 hours of useful public service.

Perschbacher, Charity Ela: A felony charge of ID theft was **DISMISSED BY THE DA**. Subject plead guilty a misdemeanor

charge of fraudulent financial transfer/ unauthorized use under \$300. Assessed \$2,625.50. Must complete inpatient rehabilitation program.

Sellers, Loren James: A MOTION TO DISMISS was granted for a charge of possession/consumption of alcohol by a person under 21. Must complete 8 hours of useful public service.

Sellers, Barbara Ann: A MOTION TO DISMISS was granted for a charge

of possession/consumption of alcohol by a person under 21. Must complete 8 hours of useful public service.

Potter, Desting Elise: A MOTION TO DISMISS was granted for a charge of possession/consumption of alcohol by a person under 21. Must complete 8 hours of useful public service.

Howdeshell, Tylor William: A MOTION TO DISMISS was granted for a charge of theft under

\$50. Must complete 14 hours of useful public service. Not allowed on the premises of Family Dollar for one year.

Hurst, Trenton James: A MOTION TO DISMISS was granted for a charge of possession/consumption of alcohol by a person under 21. Must complete 8 hours of useful public service.

Stepanich, Sierra Louis: A MOTION TO DISMISS was granted for a charge of possession/consumption

of alcohol by a person under 21. Must complete 8 hours of useful public service.

Parker, Carolyn Wanik: Pled guilty to a charge of careless driving. Assessed \$100 restitution and fined \$166.50.

Baturin, Joshua David Jr.: A MOTION TO DISMISS was granted for a charge of possession/ consumption of alcohol by a person under 21. Must complete 8 hours of useful public service.



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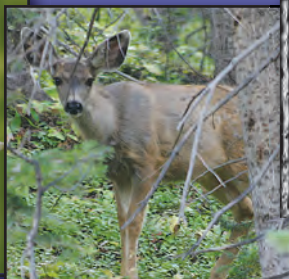
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April 15 and 16, at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 17, at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday April 19

9:00 a.m. Wetmore
Custer County Commissioners
Meeting/Boardroom

Saturday April 23 9 a.m. - 4 p.m
WMVSC Vet Clinic and Tack Sale

Friday April 29

9:00 a.m. Custer County Commissioners
Meeting Boardroom

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.

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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

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

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

7 p.m.-8 p.m. Bible Talks with Domenic Enrietta and John Hartig at the Library Community Room. All Welcome No charge.

Saturday

10 a.m. Wet Mountain Al-Anon Family Group meets at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Call Dee (719) 404-1851 or Jean (719) 371-1229.

10 a.m.-2 p.m. West Custer County Library in Westcliffe is open. 783-9138.

2 p.m. Laughter Yoga at the West Custer County Library open to the public.

3 p.m. Open Drum Circle at the West Custer County Library. All ages welcome! If you have a drum, please bring it. We will have a few spares

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

3rd Saturday of Month

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

*"Or do you not know that your body is
the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom
you have from God, and you are not your own."*

1 Corinthians 6:19 NKJV

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*There is but one straight course,
and that is to seek truth and pursue it steadily.*

George Washington - First President of the United States

Local Mountain News & Notices

Outdoor Buddies to Hold Annual Banquet

Press Release

Outdoor Buddies will hold its annual fundraiser banquet for 2016 at the Omni Interlocken Hotel on Saturday, April 23, 2016. The Omni Interlocken Hotel is located at 500 Interlocken Boulevard, Broomfield, Colorado.

This year's banquet celebrates thirty-two years of community service by Outdoor Buddies. Everyone is invited!

Outdoor Buddies, based in Westcliffe, is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing outdoor adventure opportunities to mobility-disabled persons and youth groups.

The \$50 ticket for this fun-filled event includes admission starting at 4:00 p.m. and an elegant dinner of your choice. Menu choices include chicken, beef, salmon, or vegetarian entrees. A child's meal is also available at a cost of \$15 per ticket. A cash bar will be available.

There will be a social period beginning at 4:00 p.m. with dinner being served

at approximately 6:00 p.m. Business casual attire is suggested.

The evening's agenda includes a short presentation about Outdoor Buddies



"Hunting bull elk has been my dream for over 40 years. I have done small game hunting and even deer and wild pig hunting ever since I as in high school, but I considered elk hunting out of my reach. Not with Outdoor Buddies." Sam Lomen—Alta Loma California

Courtesy Photo

programs as well as door prizes, raffles, games, silent and live auctions, and much more.

Hotel accommodations at a reduced rate are available for those who would like to spend the night in the Denver area after the banquet. To order your banquet

tickets and, if you wish, make hotel reservations for this great Outdoor Buddies event go to www.outdoor-buddies.org.

Outdoor Buddies helps

youth, wounded warriors and others disabled sports persons enjoy outdoor adventure opportunities.

For more information or to order tickets by telephone contact Dwaine Robey, Outdoor Buddies Executive Director, at 783-9044.

Fatality on Hwy 96

Press Release from the Custer County Sheriff's Office

On April 12th, 2016 at approximately 3:45 p.m., the Custer County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call reporting a rollover accident with serious injuries at the 14 Mile marker on Hwy 96 east of Westcliffe. EMS personnel and fire responded in coordination with Sheriff's deputies. Upon arrival it was determined a 2010 Ford F-350, pulling a flatbed trailer, was being driven by 47-year-old Derek Pierre of Westcliffe.

The vehicle was westbound on Colorado Highway 96 when the driver encountered slush on the roadway. The trailer jack-knifed, causing the pickup truck to rotate counter-clockwise. Both the truck and trailer crossed the eastbound lane and traveled off the south side of the roadway and down a grassy embankment. The truck rolled over one-half of a time and came to rest on its top. One of the occupants, 19-year-old David Miller of Westcliffe, was ejected during the rollover and sustained moderate to

serious injuries. He was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo where he was in stable condition. The driver was unrestrained and was killed in the crash. Three other occupants, including a 17-year-old boy, were treated on scene for minor injuries. The next of kin for Mr. Pierre has been notified.

Neither alcohol nor excessive speed are suspected in this crash. Colorado State Patrol is investigating the crash and it is still under investigation.

Custer County Candidate Forums Announcement

Press Release

Custer County Republican Central Committee is sponsoring two Custer County Commissioner Candidate Forums. Everyone is Welcome!

The first Forum will be held Tuesday, April 19, 2016, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Custer County School Multi-purpose Room, 709 Main Street, Westcliffe CO.

The second Forum will be held Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Lange Hall, north of

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 312 3rd St, Westcliffe, CO.

At each Forum there will be an explanation of the Primary Voting Process in Custer County as well as an explanation of the rules and time for questions and answers.

The public is invited to ask questions of the candidates. However, to respect your time and to ensure the event flows smoothly and timely, it is requested that if you have questions for the candidates, please email them with your

name, subject and question to Bob Hollingsworth at mgenhawk@yahoo.com. To ensure your question is considered please have it emailed to Bob by 1600 (4 p.m.) on Monday, April 18th for the first forum and by Monday, May 16th for the second forum.

All the republican commissioner candidates, either elected through the caucus process, or approved through the petition process have been invited to attend. They are, in alphabetical order: Sandra Attebery, Dale Falske, Donna Hood, Jay Prince and Kit Shy.

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 179 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 6 to EMS, and 4 to the Fire Department. As of April 11, there were 4 males and no females in the county jail.

4/6/15: A deputy was dispatched to CR 291 in Trinity Ranch for a domestic dispute in progress.

4/7/15: **Traffic Summons:** A deputy was dispatched to Main Street in Silver Cliff for a hit and run accident. Colin Burress of Silver Cliff was issued a summons for following too closely.

Golden Eagle: A deputy was dispatched to Highway 69 S, mile marker 53, for a vehicle versus wildlife accident. A car had hit and killed a golden eagle. The local Department of Parks and Wildlife was dispatched to the scene to take possession of the animal's remains.

4/8/15: **Traffic Summons:** Swawn Winters of Silver Cliff for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Fire: The Wet Mountain Fire Department, EMS and Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to Rito

Alto Avenue in Centennial Ranch for a structure fire.

4/9/15: A deputy was dispatched to South 6th Street in Westcliffe in response to a report of a suspicious vehicle. Marius Nunn, a transient with no known address, was arrested on an active warrant out of New Mexico, with nationwide extradition. The subject was booked on various motor vehicle charges, possessing a schedule 1 narcotic (heroin), and for possessing drug paraphernalia.

4/10/15: EMS was dispatched to Second Street for an unresponsive female. The Wet Mountain Fire Department and a Sheriff's deputy were dispatched to set up a landing zone for Flight for Life. The patient was transported to a hospital in Pueblo.

Disturbance: Deputies were dispatched to Butler Street in Silver Cliff for a report of a disturbance.

Theft: A deputy took a report from a merchant on Main Street in Silver Cliff regarding a theft valued at less than \$50.

A deputy took a report regarding a theft of property

valued between \$300 and \$750 on CR 125.

Lost Hiker: Search and Rescue assisted a lost hiker who became lost after summiting Humboldt Peak.

Stuck Hiker: A Sheriff's deputy and Search and Rescue were dispatched to assist a hiker who was stuck in the snow after climbing Humboldt Peak.

4/11/16: **Accident:** A Sheriff's deputy, EMS and the Wet Mountain Fire Department were dispatched to Highway 69 North, mile marker 68, in response to a single vehicle accident with a report of the victim in the roadway. Party was transported to a hospital in Pueblo.

Suspicious People: A deputy was dispatched to CR 386 to investigate a report of suspicious individuals going door-to-door asking for a ride.

Possible Theft: A deputy was dispatched to CR 125 to investigate a report of an individual removing property from a rental. The subject purportedly was not the party renting the house.

Invitation from the Westcliffe Board of Trustees

Main Street Construction 2016 Transportation Alternative Project

Want to know more?

Please attend the public meeting:

Where: Cliff Lanes Conference Room
When: Wednesday, April 20th
Time: 6:00 p.m.

- Project:**
- Certain areas of Main from 7th Street to the Westcliffe Supermarket
 - Tentative schedule: Mid July to the end of September
 - Handicapped accessibility upgrades
 - Sidewalk consistency
 - Pedestrian lighting
 - Drainage
 - Paving

All residents and business owners are encouraged to attend.

Thank you,

Board of Trustees
Alan Clark - Project Manager



Local Mountain News & Notices

CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



PUBLIC NOTICE

Custer County

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tentative Agenda

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016

9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Wetmore Fire Station

Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Audience introduction
Approval of minutes
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
Staff Reports:

- Wetmore Community Center/Library Project
- Open Sealed Bids for the Wetmore Community Center/Library Project
- US Forest Service – Gravel Pit update
- Useful Public Service - County Appointment

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

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

Polling Place

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District, Custer County, Colorado:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 3rd day of May, 2016, between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM. The Designated Election Official has designated the following polling place:

Custer County Courthouse

205 S. 6th Street

Westcliffe, CO 81252

At said election, the electors of the District shall vote for not more than three (3) Directors to serve the following term of office on the Board of Directors of the District:

The names of persons nominated as Director for a FOUR-Year Term are as follows:

Christopher James LeCuyer
Gerald Lee Livengood
Ron Beckner
John G. Decker
Michael R. Kienbusch
Jeffery Allen Thomas
Roger Allen Camper
Stephen Yackley
Jim L. Shapland
Eric J. Foster

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that an eligible elector of said district for the purpose of said election is a person registered to vote pursuant to the "Colorado Uniform Election Code of 1992"; and who is a resident of the District, or who, or whose spouse or civil union partner, owns taxable real or personal property within the District, whether said person resides within the District or not, or a person who is obligated to pay taxes under a contract to purchase taxable property within the District shall be considered an owner of taxable property for the purpose of qualifying as an eligible elector.

NOTICED IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for and return of absentee voter ballots may be filed with, and replacement ballots may be received from:

Kelley S. Camper, Designated Election Official of the WetMountain Fire Protection District at the Custer County Courthouse, 205 S. 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM until the close of business on Friday, April 29, 2016.

Wet Mountain Fire Protection District

Kelley S. Camper,
Designated Election Official

Date Published 04/15/16

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CREATE BINDING USE RESTRICTIONS ON THE OLD CUSTER COUNTY LANDFILL (A/K/A WESTCLIFFE LANDFILL) LOCATED APPROXIMATELY ½ MILE NORTH OF WESTCLIFFE, CO. ON THE EAST SIDE OF COUNTY RD 241, #515, PARCEL NO. 10229200

Custer County and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (DCPHE) provide notice of their intention to impose binding environmental use restrictions (EURs) located approximately one-half mile north of Westcliffe, Colorado on the east side of County Road 241, #515, parcel number 1029200. The EURs ensure continued protection of human health and the environment due to the land's former use as a landfill. The restrictions prohibit any activity on the land that may damage the landfill cover, and prohibit access to the landfill cover and irrigation on the landfill cover. Pursuant to §25-15-318.5, C.R.S., once the EURs have been finalized, they are binding on all current and future owners of the land and any persons possessing an interest in the land. CDOHE is accepting public comments on the draft EURs. A copy of the proposed EURs and a legal description of the affected property is available online at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/solid-waste-public-notice>. All comments must be submitted to eric.jacobs@state.co.us by May 16, 2016.

Date to Publish 04/15/16, 04/22/16, 04/29/16

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Silver Cliff Property Owners, Renters and Realtors!

Reminder: Silver Cliff Pride Code 302.2 requires that weeds and tall grasses in excess of 6" on all properties located within the town limits be mowed or removed.

(Allowable grass/weed length for property zoned A1 Agriculture is 12")

Excessive Weeds Contribute to Fire Hazards!

First mowing deadline is: May 15, 2016

Fines as set forth in the Pride Code will start as of May 16, 2016.

All properties must be kept groomed throughout the year.

Fire danger is an everyday threat.

Please help us keep our town safe!

Thank you!

CONSTRUCTION/MODEL/RENOVATION SPACE ASSESSMENT BIDS

Custer County Courthouse
205 South Sixth Street
Westcliffe, Colorado 81252

The Custer County Commissioners will receive sealed bids up to the hour of 1:00 p.m. on the 13th day of May, 2016 at the office of the Board of County Commissioners, 205 South 6th Street, P.O. Box 150, Westcliffe, Colorado 81252, Attention: Courthouse Facility Needs Assessment for the following:

- Identify the current facility conditions and deficiencies to include an assessment of the existing utilities.
- Interview personnel and incorporate their comments into the planning process.
- Identify space needs assessment for the judicial facility
- Identify space needs assessment for a holding facility
- Identify space needs assessment for the courthouse facilities
- Analyze ADA compliant (restroom, common areas)
- Analyze placement of an ADA elevator to access the three floors of the building
- Address the security measures of a multi-functional facility
- Prepare options (drawings, reports, etc.) for future facility needs and potential expansion.
- Needs assessment and planning deadline September 6, 2016.

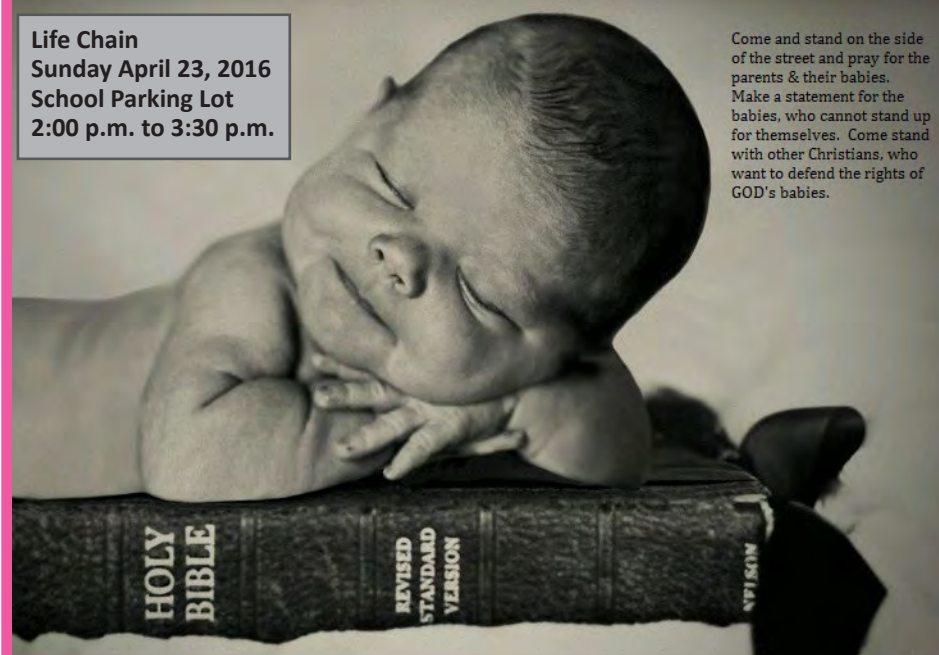
The bids will be opened at the Board of Custer County Commissioners meeting on May 17, 2016. The meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. at the Wetmore Volunteer Fire Station, 200 CR 290, Wetmore, Colorado 81253.

Life Chain

Come and stand on the side of the street and pray for the parents and their babies. Make a statement for the babies who cannot stand up for themselves. Come stand with other Christians who want to defend the rights of GOD's babies.

Life Chain

**Sunday April 23, 2016
School Parking Lot
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**



Come and stand on the side of the street and pray for the parents & their babies. Make a statement for the babies, who cannot stand up for themselves. Come stand with other Christians, who want to defend the rights of GOD's babies.

*Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

Psalms 51:10 NIV

Cotopaxi Pirates Leading Class 1A Standings!



Back row from left: Coach Ernie Bain, Andy Bode, Tyler Howdeshell, Justin Walden, Noah Tillotson, Ethan Cauthron, Kyle Buss, Colten Lind, Coach Terry Hiebert, and Coach Calvin Troutman.
Middle row from left: Head Coach Ryan Christensen, Collin Whipple, Dalton Lewis, Michael Thornsley, Frank Ogden, Emily Cauthron, Danne Ogden, J.P. Thornsley, and Charles Stone.
Front row from left: Chance Gulliford, Bridgette Leatherbery, Sam Dunlap, Levi Barr, Issac Richards, and Aubrey Whipple.
Not available for picture: Kobe Lewsader.



Pirate Team Members from Custer County:
Back row from left: Coach Ernie Bain, Colten Lind, Justin Walden, and Noah Tillotson.
Front row from left: Tyler Howdeshell and Sam Dunlap.





Colorado State News

“Takin’ It To The House...” A Calendar And Commentary From The Golden Dome

April 10, 2016

It will be awhile before the 4th of July, but if you were watching the eastern horizon last Friday and Saturday, you might have seen some fireworks coming from the annual Republican State Assembly. Thousands of delegates, alternates and guests flooded into the World Arena in Colorado Springs where candidates were selected for the 2016 primary ballots. Candidates for Presidential Convention, the U.S. House & Senate and the Colorado House & Senate were all pitching their reasons why they should be on the June 28th Colorado Primary Ballot.

Right in the midst of the “rocket’s red glare” was the battle to secure committed delegates for the Republican National Convention. Sen. Cruz made an appear-

ance at the Assembly, attesting to the fact that his campaign had received a lot of pre-Assembly support. Trump and Kasich both had representatives speak on their behalf, but support for them was limited at best.

The seven challengers for the U.S. Senate seat, currently held by Dem. Michael Bennet, presented their cases to the delegates on Saturday. When the smoke cleared, and the votes were cast, it was not even close. Darryl Glenn, an El Paso County Commissioner, gave a tremendous speech that totally “wowed” the crowd and swayed the ballot box. Glenn walked away with 68% (2,364 votes) of the total votes cast. Finishing a distant second with 696 votes was State Sen. Tim Neville. Sen. Neville

had the “Understatement Quote of the Day” when he said, “Speeches can always change things...” Well, I guess they can!

You would think that the Primary race would be over, but wait, there is more! In Colorado, you can petition onto the ballot. So far, the candidates officially petitioning on the ballot are Robert Blaha, Jack Graham, Jon Keyser, Ryan Frazier and Don Rosier. Candidates going the petition route have to collect at least 1,500 signatures from registered Republicans in each of Colorado’s seven congressional districts. There was a fleeting moment during the State Assembly that the storm clouds surrounding the U.S. Senate race were clearing, but with the petition process, there is another “front” coming...

The preliminary fireworks display for the presidential and U.S. Senate “shows” lit up the skies on Friday. Lighting the fuse in the 5th District congressional assembly was a relatively unknown 32-year-old legislative staffer named Calandra Vargas. Vargas gave a passionate speech of her own about why she should replace incumbent Republican Rep. Doug Lamborn. Vargas collected the majority of the delegate votes, coming just 18 votes short of eliminating a sitting congressman who has been in Washington for 5 terms. Lamborn was runner-up for the “Understatement Quote of the Day” saying, “This is an unusual election year.” Well, I would say so...

Fireworks took place on the House floor on Friday as well. Several of us Republicans were excused

by the Democrat Leadership to attend our District Assemblies. We had been assured that no significant legislation would be considered during our absence – Wrong! Contentious bills were brought up on 3rd reading in spite of Leadership’s assurances. Do not get too close – there is still smoke rising...

The good news – HD 60’s Assembly went very well. I was honored to be nominated and elected by acclamation to be the HD 60 Republican candidate for the 2016 elections! It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to serve the friendly folks in Park, Chaffee, Custer and Fremont counties for



two more years.

As we go into the final month 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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Because of Colorado’s byzantine rules, candidates for U.S. Senate can only make it on the primary ballot in June if they crack 30 percent of support among Republican delegates to the state convention, or if they gather enough signatures to petition directly onto the ballot.

This big U.S. Senate race is unusual in Colorado because four candidates are trying to petition onto the ballot, and seven tried to run through the convention process. In the most balanced scenario, only three would have survived the state convention.

But that didn’t happen. Glenn won the contest outright. Hence, the shocker.

In the minutes after Chairman House announced

Glenn’s victory from the convention stage, the candidate was already being mobbed by fans and asked when he was going to run for president. Standing in a crisp suit and shiny black-and-white shoes near the soundboard on the convention floor, the bald-headed Glenn shook hands will supporters.

Laurel Imer, who had come from Wheatridge, asked him to sign one of his campaign fliers for her.

“I want it on my wall when you run for president,” she told him. “Eight years, all right? Eight years.”

Glenn told her he had to focus on the race in front him, one he’ll battle out again in another GOP primary, this time against a likely field of four others in a statewide primary election before Republican voters in June.

Glenn told *The Colorado*

Independent he owed a lot to his campaign team and said he was looking ahead.

“This is just one battle and we need to continue on,” he said. “We’re going to

*“He was the one...who brought
the house down.
And he brought the house together...”*

continue to stand for the solid core principles of being a Christian constitutional conservative. This is a grassroots, people campaign. And we believe we’re going to win.”

Dan Allis, one of Glenn’s campaign volunteers from El Paso County, stood nearby telling those around him that he was still pinching himself after the results.

“I had a good hunch he was going to win,” he

said. “I think we’re all sitting here in awe.”

Allis said he believes it was Glenn’s focus on being a Christian first and a conservative constitutionalist second, and his rous-

ing speech that brought home the 70-percent win among the grassroots base of Republicans who showed up to this year’s state convention.

“There were a lot of people who didn’t know him, and when they heard him today you saw the reaction, Allis said. “He was the one ... who brought the house down. And he brought the house together, and that’s what it’s going to take for us to defeat

Michael Bennet is to have someone with that kind of support behind him at this stage of the game.”

Saturday’s convention capped a somewhat chaotic weekend that saw more Republicans in Colorado showing up to congressional assemblies and the state convention than ever before. The 2016 presidential race — and sprawling U.S. Senate primary — brought new activists out to participate in the unique caucus-assembly system Colorado uses to nominate candidates and select national delegates to the Republican National Convention in Cleveland.

When it came to the seven-candidate U.S. Senate race at the state convention, state GOP Chair House says he figured two or three people that were fairly close would meet the 30-percent requirement to make it out alive.

“So the biggest surprise of course is you have one guy, Darryl Glenn, who dominated it with a large, large percentage of the vote, and that was a big surprise to me,” House said.

“Darryl Glenn has been working at running for Senate for a year,” House continued. “And unlike anybody else, he’s been to almost every single county in the state, and he’s generated name ID, and people actually like him very much. He’s a very likable guy. So if you do the work and you’ve got low name ID and there’s a lot of people in the race, and when it comes down to ‘Who do I want?’ — they pick the guy they know and they like.”

Please see: <http://www.coloradoindependent.com/158739/darryl-glenns-surprise-win-surprised-everyone-but-glenn>

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Colorado State News

EPA Advisor Wrote “Independent” Review of Gold King Mine Spill

by Michael Bastasch,
Ethan Barton Daily Caller
News Foundation

An independent investigation was formed to determine how the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) caused the Gold King Mine spill, but a Daily Caller News Foundation investigation found the federal department con-

DOI was involved with numerous aspects of the work going on at Gold King Mine before and after the spill, and the mine engineering expert tasked with reviewing the department’s report had serious misgivings about the integrity of the investigation.

A Peer Reviewer Was Furious With DOI’s Report

“The actual cause of failure is some combination of issues related to EPA internal communications, administrative authorities, and/or a break in the decision path,” Olsen wrote in his official comments on the DOI’s

technical report on the spill.

Olsen also criticized DOI for failing to investigate the EPA’s negligence and decision-making process surrounding the agency’s Gold King Mine work and spill.

“The report discusses field observations by EPA (and why they continued digging), but does not describe why a change in EPA field coordinators caused the urgency to start digging out the plug rather than wait for [Bureau of Reclamation] technical input as prescribed by the EPA project leader,” Olsen wrote.

Outside of Olsen’s comments, “the scope of the Technical Evaluation appears to have been carefully crafted to avoid asking the most important questions about EPA’s decision and actions,” the House Committee on Natural Resources

wrote in a recent report that detailed the “shifting accounts” offered by government officials about the cause of the mine blowout.

Likewise, internal emails reviewed by The DCNF show DOI likely only included Olsen’s comments out of fear he would withhold his signature from the review were the comments omitted.

The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) – the DOI agency commissioned for the Gold King Mine report – was secretly ordered to “stay clear” of such aspects in its investigation, internal emails reveal.

Olsen’s questions on who issued that command were ignored by DOI officials looking to get him to sign off on their technical review of the spill. Those emails were only disclosed after DOI withheld them for months.

Yet, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy told the Natural Resources committee that DOI would, in fact, investigate her agency for negligence and that the EPA wasn’t “defining the scope of work.”

DOI Secretary Sally Jewell told the committee the report “did exactly what the agreement with the EPA was,” after the review was released.

Why Did the EPA Select DOI?

EPA selected DOI to conduct an independent review of the blowout, even though it was involved with numerous aspects of the Gold King Mine project, both before and after the spill.

DOI “never should have been selected to conduct an independent review of the disaster, because nearly every branch of DOI was either involved in the Gold King Mine project or affected by the blowout, or both,” the Natural Resources committee report said.

DOI branches involved include BOR, which “received thousands of dollars from EPA” for projects related to Gold King Mine, and later released water from a dam to dilute contamination from the blowout, according to the committee report.

The DOI review’s lead

author, Michael Gobla, “had conflicts of interest that should have precluded [his] participation in any ‘independent’ review of the spill,” the committee added.

Gobla even described his own involvement with the Gold King Mine project within the independent report he was writing. He was also at the site just days after the blowout, but before being selected to lead the review.

“His involvement in EPA’s Gold King Mine project prior to the disaster and his on-site role assisting EPA with its response to the disaster ... unquestionably should have disqualified him from participating in DOI’s Technical Evaluation,” the Natural Resources committee report said.

This is the fourth in TheDCNF’s investigation of the Gold King Mine disaster.

<http://dailycaller.com/2016/03/18/epa-advisor-wrote-independent-review-of-gold-king-mine-spill/#ixzz43GDEONym>

“...Richard Olsen – the only peer-reviewer employed outside DOI – had serious problems with the scope of the department’s report.”

ducting the examination may not have been so independent.

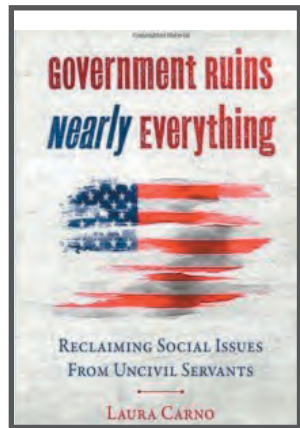
The Department of the Interior (DOI) released its Technical Evaluation report in October, which outlined how the EPA spilled three million gallons of wastewater into crucial western rivers. But the report omitted critical details, possibly due to conflicts of interest.

Army Corps of Engineers peer reviewer Richard Olsen – the only peer-reviewer employed outside DOI – had serious problems with the scope of the department’s report. Olsen also pressed DOI on possible political machinations aimed at keeping federal investigators from digging too deep into the EPA-caused mine blowout.

Why “Government Ruins Nearly Everything”

by Colorado Peak Politics

Laura Carno is a Republican activist in Colorado who has long fought for individual rights. She is a strong advocate for Second Amendment rights and was a key part of the 2013 recall effort that flipped the Colorado State Senate. Recently, she wrote a book called “Government Ruins Nearly Everything”. Below is a quick Q &A with Carno about her book, which is the number one seller in its category on Amazon.



What made you pick the title “Government Ruins Nearly Everything”?

Each side of the political

aisle has issues where it wants the government to stay out of our lives, and issues where it wants the government to intervene in our lives. The message of Government Ruins Nearly Everything is that the government almost never improves big societal problems.

This sounds like a pretty big topic. What issues do you tackle in “Government Ruins Nearly Everything”?

I focused on what I call the four “Fireworks Issues”, those issues that are the subject of intense political focus. They are also the issues that are very personal, heart-felt, and often faith-based. Those issues (each with their own chapter) are Reducing Abortions, Less Gun Violence, Schools That Work, and Strong Marriages. The central question is: If these issues are so important to us, why would we turn them over to the government to fix? The government ruins nearly everything it touches.

What do you expect readers to learn from your book?

I want readers to read this book with an open mind about each of the “Fireworks Issues” and how they believe those issues can be improved. Many people aren’t aware of those individuals and organizations that work quietly every day — outside of government—to make improvements. I tell their stories in my book.

Why do you think your book has done so well, so early?

It echoes what many people have already been thinking. Not that we should stop talking about social issues, but that we should do things that work. And that government isn’t the place for that.

And finally, how can Peak Nation™ buy your book?

It is available through Amazon.com.

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Fremont County Leads in Prison List for Gitmo Terrorists

by Colorado Peak Politics

U.S. Sen. Cory Gardner and other members of Congress are preparing to take President Obama to court for a “constitutional fight” if he insists on shutting down Guantanamo Bay and shipping detainees stateside.

Gardner delivered his threat during a town hall meeting in Florence Monday, where he also informed the crowd that seven of the 13 locations scouted by the Pentagon for the detainee’s future home are in Fremont County.

“I will do everything I can do to prevent Guantanamo Bay detainees from being brought to Florence, to Fremont [County], to Colorado and to the United States of America,” Gardner said, who

received a round of applause.

Gardner’s threat comes on the heels of testimony last week in Congress that 30 percent of detainees turned loose revert to their old ways of terrorism.

We expect Obama won’t waver, now that he’s proclaimed that terrorism is the new normal and we should all just get over it.

We also expect that Gardner will keep his promise and take the president to court, because that seems to be the only way to stop Obama from breaking the law just to keep a campaign promise he should never have made in the first place.

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***So shall My word be
that goes forth from My mouth;
It shall not return to Me void,
But is shall accomplish what I please,
And it shall prosper in the thing
for which I sent it.***

Isaiah 55:11, NKJV

IMPORTANT DATES IN FREMONT School Board Meetings:
Cañon City Fremont RE-1
2nd and 4th Mon 5:30 p.m.
101 N. 14th St, Cañon City

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

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

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

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

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

Southern Colorado Survivors
1st Sat at 10 a.m.
El Alazan Mexican Restaurant
1925 Fremont Dr. Cañon City

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

By Charlotte Burrous

In Monday’s meeting, the Florence City Council approved an ordinance banning the sale, purchase and consumption of tobacco and tobacco related products by and to minors or anybody under the age of 18.

According to the ordinance, the city council considered the adverse-effects of tobacco and tobacco products because it has become a city wide problem.

“The ordinance mirrors the state policy,” said City Attorney Bryan Fredrickson. “We’re making it a misdemeanor. I used the same definitions of tobacco products that’s in the state’s statutes.”

Minors caught in possession or consumption of tobacco or tobacco products could be charged with a misdemeanor. Fines for first offense are \$25 plus surcharge and court costs; \$50 plus surcharge and court costs for a second offense and \$100 for a third time plus surcharge and court costs. It also is prohibited for adults to provide tobacco to minors and will be fined \$200 for those who do. The only exception would be if it’s in conjunction with their religious beliefs.

In an unrelated matter, Aspen Peak Cellars owner Marcel Flukiger, requested a liquor sales room license for the purpose of wine tasting and sales at 115-117 W. Main St. in Florence.

“We established Aspen Peak Cellars, which is a winery in 2009 in Conifer, Colorado,” he said. “We moved to Bailey in 2011. We have a tasting room in Conifer and a tasting room at the winery in Bailey itself. We are allowed to have up to five tasting rooms with a winery license.”

While at a festival in Woodland Park, he met Florence residents, who invited him to establish a tasting room in their location in Florence. He jumped at the opportunity to bring his tasting room to a local antique store.

“The way we applied for it, the whole store is licensed,” Flukiger said. “There will be a room in one area of the store to sell wine by the glass or bottles to go. (Shoppers) can (browse) the store with a glass of wine.”

After answering several more questions, the council unanimously approved the license for the wine tasting room.

“It’s such a wonderful idea,” said Mayor Keith Ore. “We welcome you to Florence.”

In a separate matter, Edwin Hill requested the use of Pioneer Park for the Music at the Park during the summer months.

“I’m speaking on behalf of the Florence Senior Center,” he said. “What we’re asking is to continue with Music at the Park the same way as it was done last year. Other-

wise the chamber would book the first week of June, July and August. The Senior Center would book the rest. We would like to continue that this year with the council’s approval.”

After discussion, the council approved the use of the park for Music in the Park to begin June 1st at Pioneer Park.

In other business, the council made the following decisions:

--Renewed a club liquor license for Florence Elks Lodge No. 611.

--Approved a liquor sales room license for wine tasting and sales at Aspen Peak Cellars at 115-117 W. Main St.

--Approved an ordinance, designating the Fremont/Rice hotels/ BPOE No. 611 at 127-131 E. Front St.

--Approved an ordinance for annexation of Florence River Park.

--Approved a license agreement for Florence Huskies Youth Baseball League.

--Approved an ordinance, increasing the amount of the licensing fee for dogs and renaming sections of the code from \$5 and \$10 to \$25 and \$50.

--Approved an ordinance, governing the accumulation of weeds and other growth of undesirable plants.

-- Approved an amendment to park fee schedule.

Upcoming Events for April 15-30

Buy Sell Trade Mart’s ribbon cutting will take place at 1:30 p.m. April 15 at 1717 E. Main St. in Cañon City.

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.

Fremont County Schools Art Show grades first through fifth opening reception will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 16 at Fremont Center for the Arts at 505 Macon Ave.

Legislative Hour will be held at 11 a.m. April 16 in the Fremont Administration building at 615 Macon Ave.

Common Cents for Colorado Workshop will be offered at 2 p.m. April 16 in the Cañon City Public Library at 516 Macon Ave.

First United Methodist Church will sponsor a historic March on Main Street. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. April 17, starting at Second and Main streets.

Family Crisis Services will hold “Take Back the Night” at noon April 23.

Cañon City High School Vocal Music Department and the Pueblo Symphony Orchestra will present a concert at 7 p.m. April 23 at 1313 College Ave. Tickets are available at the CCHS Activities Office.

The Winery at Holy Cross Abbey will host its annual Spring Wine ExtraViganza from 1-4 p.m. April 23 at 3011 E. U.S. 50. Activities include special pricing for new releases, barrel tastings and futures of 2015 sauvignon blanc reserve, wine and cheese pairings, live music by Blue Pepper. Tickets are \$25 per person and are limited. For more information, call 877-422-9463 or go to www.abbeywinery.com.

The Resource Connection Tour of Denominations will continue from 7-8:30 p.m. April 28 in Suite 222 of the Sunflower Bank at Ninth and Royal Gorge Boulevard.

Orchard of Hope will host its annual Fire Truck Pull at 9 a.m. April 30 at Fourth and Main streets.

Common Cents for Colorado Workshop will be offered at 2 p.m. April 30 in the Cañon City Public Library at 516 Macon Ave.

Disaster Strikes Again

by Charlotte Burrous

It’s been said you never know how a day will turn out. Everything may be going along all right then the world turns upside down.

This week, we had another taste of disaster when the shop caught on fire. It was totally unexpected. Sometimes I feel like Job with all the troubles he had and what we’ve had to face in the last seven or eight years.

But I’ve also learned to hang on to his promises because I know I can trust him when he said in II Corinthians 4:7-9, “But we have this treasure in

earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.”

I also know things could be so much worse. There could have been loss of life or painful suffering. None of that happened and everyone made it out alive, almost without a scratch.

In comparison, Job lost his ten children, all of his structures and even his health. When his so called friends came by to “con-

sole” him, they tried to blame him for all of his problems. His wife even told him to curse God, but Job remained steadfast.

“Though he slay me, yet will I hope in Him; I will surely defend my ways to His face.” Job 13:15.

In the end, Job gained everything he had lost. It wasn’t just the same amount either; it was two-fold or as Joyce Meyer likes to say, “double for your trouble.”

When things look the worst, I know we can trust Him because He said He would never leave nor forsake us. What a wonderful God He is.

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The Grim Threat Ahead

With all the presidential debates, issues, charges, counter-charges, sizes of body parts, and other base comments have arisen. It seems more of a freak show than anything presidential. Candidates are hardly respectful of one another, showing little statesmanship and a lot of showmanship. But when someone finally gets the chance to occupy the office, grim realities should set in. This government is a mess. The world is a mess. Leadership and character are lacking throughout the world, especially in the United States, which has traditionally held the "character" card. On inauguration day, there is an issue on which very few are focused, but one the next President and Congress must address.

The *Washington Free Beacon* reports that Gene Dodaro, the comptroller general for the Government Accountability Office (GAO), testified at the Senate Budget Committee about its audit on the government's financial books. Dodaro's findings were an indicator of how big government has grown, how out of control it is, and the massive undertaking it will take to get things under control. Dodaro told the senators that the U.S. debt to gross national product ratio was 74%. To put that number in perspective, the average ratio has been 43% since immediately after WWII. He said that in 15-20 years, the U.S. will owe more than it can produce, which means that our nation is not sustainable.

The audit found, accord-

ing to Dodaro, that in just 2015 alone, some \$136.7 BILLION of improper payments were made. Additionally, the audit found that the government books showed "hundreds of billions of dollars" in differences between government transactions. Dodaro told the senators, "GAO's audit calls into question the reliability of the underlying financial data. The sketchiness is such that GAO remains unable to even issue an audit opinion on the government's books." This is how the "president" is running our country, and how the Congress is holding him accountable. Imagine if the IRS audited your personal finances and found such discrepancies. It would seize your assets and you would be in jail.

This malfeasance leads to tyranny. Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 3:13, "... every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labor, it is the gift of God." Even after the Lord returns, people will, as shown in Isaiah 65:21-23, "They shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain."

As long as our government and leaders are not held accountable, our citizenship is cheapened, and our general welfare, family security and property are threatened.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

by The Z Man

For as long as most people reading this have been alive, the cult in charge of America has preached the need for full integration. This has led to endless campaigns to "desegregate" the schools, housing, jobs, sports clubs, etc. These campaigns are often insanely self-contradictory. Fire departments are sued for discriminating against whites, while also being sued for not discriminating against whites. The inherent truth revealed in these contradictions is ignored.

Domesticated conservatives put on their serious face and point out the hypocrisy and idiocy of these efforts. The habit of blacks, for instance, of creating domains exclusively for blacks is politely ignored, while the similar habit among whites is attacked with the fury of the state and state run media. Imagine trying to get White Entertainment Television on basic cable. Remember the horror when kids pretended to create white student unions? The folks out on the fringe, the people who refuse to be house broken by the Left, make sport of this stuff. There's little point in taking it seriously as the people promoting **Magic Dirt Theory** (see <http://thezman.com/wordpress/?p=5746>, Impractical Magic reprinted on page 19.) are incapable of rational thought. After all, if you think putting D'Shawn and his half dozen baby mommas out in the suburbs will magically transform them into middle-class burghers, you're immune to reason. It's better to leave the pointless debating to the kept men of Buckley Conservatism and have fun making sport of the them.

In fairness, the people promoting Magic Dirt Theory will say they are operating from reason. Humans are a blank slate and if trained properly, by growing up in a properly structured environment, they will turn out properly structured. If D'Shawn happens to murder a nice white girl out in the suburbs, it is the price that you must pay so that D'Shawn's eight kids will turn out better than their parents.

This is where the "appeal to reason" by the Cult is just a way of deflecting the unwanted gaze from what they believe onto other topics. After all, if they really thought they could mold

these people, they would be in favor of building black-only towns in which to provide the proper structure and training to D'Shawn and his cohort of b*****ds. That way they would avoid the problem of hate thinkers and bad whites screwing up the project. It is the logical end point of their blank slate arguments.

"This is the Magic Honky Theory. Stand close enough to the white guys and you start to act white."

The way around this has been to argue that "diversity" makes everyone better somehow. This proximity effect only works in your neighborhood, of course. The bunkered enclaves where our betters live are almost all white. Like so much of what these people say in public, it is intended to obscure, not explain. Ask these people why diversity is good and they start mumbling about their favorite Ethiopian restaurant. Western civilization did OK without having a single Ethiopian restaurant for a few millennia, but we're to believe it is now a necessity.

Anyway, this story from the state controlled media gets to one root explanation for the Cult's integration fanaticism.

"The Department of Housing and Urban Development is making it easier for people with criminal records to find housing."

In new guidance, released Monday, HUD tells landlords and home sellers that turning down tenants or buyers based on their criminal records may violate the Fair Housing Act.

Because of widespread racial and ethnic disparities in the U.S. criminal justice system, criminal history-based restrictions on access to housing are likely disproportionately to burden African Americans and Hispanics.

New HUD guidance on criminal records and the Fair Housing Act

People with criminal records aren't a protected class under the Fair Housing Act, and the guidance from HUD's general counsel says that in some cases, turning down an individual tenant because of his or her record can be legally justified.

But blanket policies of refusing to rent to anybody with a criminal record are de facto discrimination, the department says — because of the systemic disparities of the American criminal justice system."

What's going on here is pretty simple. In the suburbs, landlords use credit and criminal records to keep out people who don't fit the neighborhood profile. They don't want their property values collapsing anymore than the local homeowners. A bad tenant can consume the profits of a rental property before you can evict them so the landlords try to use good judgment when screening their tenants.

The Cult hates this because they are convinced that if they can situate non-whites within close proximity of whites, the special magic that allows whites to run civilized communities will transmit to the non-Asian minority and transform them into good citizens. In the case of ex-cons, putting them in with the law-abiding will magically rehabilitate them. This is the **Magic Honky Theory**. Stand close enough to the white guys and you start to act white.

As is the case with everything the Cult says, it is riddled with contradictions. If whites are the racists monsters they claim, then why in the world would anyone want to send blacks to live with whites? That's like sending Jews out to Idaho to live with skinheads. Of course, there's no explaining how it is the honky got this magic stuff that lets him dominate the non-honky, but also oppress the non-honky. What if the non-honky gets this magic and begins oppressing the honky?

Of course, we all know the answer to that question and ultimately, that's the whole point.

Please see: <http://thezman.com/wordpress/?p=7056>

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1 Corinthians 6:12 NKJV

Supreme Court's Decision on Counting Illegals: Betrayal of Government's Purpose

by David Codrea
Oath Keepers

“A unanimous Supreme Court ruled Monday [April 4, 2016] that illegal immigrants and other non-citizens can be counted when states draw their legislative districts, shooting down a challenge by Texas residents who said their own voting power was being diluted,” *The Washington Times* reported.

Counted? Do we use 11 million or 30?

And unanimous? So much for “originalists” on the court. So naturally, the most “progressive” of the eight left standing – the one who views the Second Amendment as “obsolete,” was the one entrusted to explain founding intent.

“As the Framers of the Constitution and the Fourteenth Amendment comprehended, representatives serve all residents, not just those eligible or registered to vote,” Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote for the court. “Non-voters have an important stake in many policy debates — children,

their parents, even their grandparents, for example, have a stake in a strong public-education system — and in receiving constituent services, such as help navigating public-benefits bureaucracies.”

Welcome to the great giveaway – not just in terms of wealth transfers and utilization of infrastructure and resources, but in terms of power through apportionment. Here’s the political danger:

As the number of U.S. House seats is fixed at 435, reapportionment means that if a given state gains a House district, another state must lose one. If (illegal alien non-citizens are counted in the decennial Census upon which districts are apportioned, then states with larger illegal alien populations are likely to end up with more districts and therefore more representation in the House. This effectively dilutes the votes of citizens in states having relatively low populations of illegal aliens.

True, non-citizens and illegal aliens can’t (legally) vote yet, but subversives intent on the funda-

mental transformation of America that Obama threatened us with are working on that.

The question before the court was a distraction anyway, from government not just failing, but actively subverting the whole purpose behind its existence, and the whole reason “consent of the governed” has been presumed. The real question, and one that must be answered before the cultural terraforming is complete, is “Who should be admitted into the Republic in the first place?” The follow-up is “What criteria determine citizenship eligibility?”

Such talk is a surefire way to invite charges of being a hater, a racist, intolerant, a religious bigot and a xenophobe. Yet ignoring standards is a surefire way to invite destroyers into our midst, those who will simply leech and subvert, and those intent on more destructive goals.

How do you go about developing standards?

The Framers Ginsburg falsely name-dropped (in a pretty trans-

parent ploy to claim legitimacy,) already defined them. We know it as the preamble to the Constitution:

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Every power enumerated and delegated thereafter is required to facilitate those purposes and objectives, even if feet are rarely held to the fire any more. Any act that works against them is illegitimate, even if violations and usurpation have become a way of life. So the question for those enacting, administering, enforcing and adjudicating admissions standards is, or should be: Do they enhance domestic Tranquility, strengthen common defense, advance general Welfare, and enhance Liberty, including for our Posterity?

How, specifically? Anything that can be evaluated, and readily corrected if need be? We need more than weasel words.

Do we just forget that some, now represented though apportionment deemed A-OK by SCOTUS, ignored U.S. laws to come here, and continue to ignore it by staying, many thumbing their noses, getting bolder and more aggressive in their demands? Is it really in the interests of ourselves and our Posterity to take in tens or hundreds of thousands and more “refugees” from populations harboring an existential threat, especially when government assurances of “rigorous security screenings” are demonstrably hollow and fraudulent?

Do we just shut up about it and gradually die out, until such time as pretenses no longer need to be maintained?

Please see: <https://www.oathkeepers.org/scotus-decision-on-counting-illegals-highlights-betrayal-of-governments-purpose/>

California Governor Admits \$15 Minimum Wage Makes NO Sense, Signs Bill Anyway

by Eric Boehm
CaliforniaWatchDog.Org

Economically, a \$15 minimum wage doesn't make much sense for many parts of California.

Even Gov. Jerry Brown, who on Monday signed a bill to increase California's minimum wage to that level, knows that.

In what could go down as one of the most honest moments in political history, Brown told reporters that raising the minimum wage was more about culture and politics than about economics.

“Economically, minimum wages may not make sense,” Brown says in a video posted online by the *Sacramento Bee* newspaper. “But morally, and socially and politically, they make every sense because it binds the community together.”

The bill Brown signed into law Monday will raise the state's minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2022, with a series of annual increases beginning next year. The passage of the minimum wage bill through the state legislature means Californians won't get to vote on the idea this November.

But Brown is right about the economic logic of a \$15 minimum wage. As Watchdog reported last week, it makes little sense for a state as large and

diverse as California to have a minimum wage set that high.

Even in parts of the state with more jobs and a higher cost of living, like San Jose or Los Angeles, recent increases to the minimum wage have caused employers to cut jobs or avoid hiring.

A survey of San Jose businesses in 2013 found that 42 percent had cut staff in the months after the city's minimum wage increase to \$10 per hour, while 45 percent reported cutting back hours and 66 percent said they raised prices.

In Los Angeles, which last year raised its minimum wage to \$15 per hour, officials surveyed 1,000 businesses and found 96 percent of them planned to raise their prices to make up for increased labor costs.

“Many prices will increase, including those that lower-income households commonly face,” concluded the economists who did the survey of L.A. businesses last year. “Wages will rise for those in minimum wage jobs that remain employed; employment opportunities for those at the bottom of the skills ladder will be diminished.”

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on page 23

Iceland's Kviabryggja Prison: The One Place Where Criminal Bankers Face Consequences

by Tyler Durden
ZeroHedge.com

What do Lloyd Blankfein, Jamie Dimon, James Gorman, John Thain, Jimmy Cayne, and any of the revolving door of AIG CEO's have in common? Three things come to mind rather quickly: 1) All were financial executives during the 2008 global financial crisis. 2) All of their firms received massive public bailouts. 3) None of them went to jail for their firm's involvement in said crisis. As a matter of fact, most are still plugged in somewhere on Wall Street, presumably helping to facilitate the next great financial crisis.

While everyday Americans were (and still are) quite disgusted with the fact that absolutely nobody was actually held accountable for the creation of the financial crisis, it's safe to say that most have given up hope that anyone will be convicted. As a matter of fact, US Attorney General Eric Holder, once said that banks are so large that it would be difficult to prosecute anyone.

That's nice.

Enter Iceland, a small country of roughly 330,000 residents, where as Bloomberg reports, bank executives are actively being prosecuted and sent to jail for their negligent actions.

Unlike the jellyfish in the U.S., Iceland appointed Olafur Hauksson as special prosecutor to investigate bankers and their roles in the financial crisis. The result? 26 convictions of bankers and financiers since 2010. In up-

holding the convictions, Iceland's Supreme Court said that actions were “thoroughly planned”, and “committed with concentrated intent” – refreshingly different than Holder's let's just let them get away with it because it's hard to figure out verbiage.

As Bloomberg writes, in contrast to the Icelandic saga, no bank CEOs in the U.S. or the U.K. have been convicted for their roles in the subprime mortgage crackup and related disasters. Bringing white-collar criminal cases may be easier in Iceland because courts don't use juries. Rather, they employ neutral experts to help judges understand the intricacies of finance.

Hauksson, a bear of man with a fighter's jaw, is pressing ahead with a half-dozen more cases related to the crash. The former top lawman in Akranes, a port town up the coast from Reykjavik, Hauksson, was one of only two applicants for the job of special prosecutor—and the only lawyer. “It was important for the country to look carefully at what happened in the months that led up to the banking collapse,” he says. Few expected him to succeed in untangling the web of self-dealing that stretched from Reykjavik to Luxembourg to London. “He was used to issuing parking fines and breaking up drunken brawls,” says Sigrun Davidsdottir, a journalist who writes about the bank cases on her website, Icelog. “It's earth-shattering what he's accomplished.”

What he has accomplished is to do the unthinkable: send criminal bankers to prison.

The result: Iceland's economy is vibrant and growing: **“It's a rebound other European nations would envy. Iceland's gross domestic product is set to expand almost 4 percent this year, according to forecasts compiled by Bloomberg.** The unemployment rate of 2.8 percent is about one-third the average of the European Union. As the state prepares to lift capital controls later this year, the banking sector continues to strengthen: **State-owned Islandsbanki, the nation's No.2 lender with \$8.4 billion in assets, boasts a common equity Tier 1 ratio of 28.3 percent.** That's more than twice the 12.7 percent average recorded by Europe's 25 largest banks as of December 31st, according to Bloomberg data. “Before the crisis, the banks grew too fast and too much,” says Unnur Gunnarsdottir, director general of the Financial Supervisory Authority, which oversees the lenders. **“That will not happen again.”**

Despite Hauksson's success in ensuring criminal bankers pay for their actions, Hauksson isn't letting up. He still has half a dozen more cases relating to the 2008 crash. Those on the receiving end of his convictions get to visit the beautiful Kviabryggja Prison, an old farmhouse turned prison, located in a remote area bordered by the North Atlantic.

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Former Radical Black Panther Gets Candid on Obama, Race Relations

by Ginni Thomas
Daily Caller News
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Clarence Mason Weaver was once so filled with hatred towards white people in America, that he broke up with a girlfriend who had a white dog, the now-conservative told The Daily Caller New Foundation in this exclusive video interview.

A formerly hate-filled, Berkeley Black Panther liberal, Weaver is a black conservative who now holds strong views on Black Lives Matter, the first black president and how America can heal its racial divide.

From humble beginnings, Weaver served his country in Vietnam working as a pipe fitter in the Navy. It was an incident on August 11, 1971 that changed his life forever: A white racist tried to kill him just because of his skin color.

Retelling a riveting transformational story, Weaver explains how even in the midst of running with radical U.S. haters, he realized “he loved America” and only wanted a chance to compete fairly in the country.

Today, when asked what he thinks of the emergence of Black Lives Matter, he passionately says “it really means black lies matter.” He explains that this group believes in white superiority since they demand white society give them concessions out of guilt. Mason says, “What happened to you white folks? Where are the Vikings? You guys are cowards!”

As to his views on the first black president, Weaver continues his bold, unique tirade with “Barack Obama hates America.”

“His job is to divide by differences and manage our

differences,” he says. “He has done nothing but drive us apart. [He] hates America.” Weaver then adds, “It doesn’t matter what color the pimp, the drug dealer, the con artist is.”

In this 31-minute video interview, Weaver explains that God helped him realize that “anger was much heavier than a ton and a half of steel,” which altered his physical and emotional life in 1971.

“What would happen in black America if we forgave, real or imagined, the wrongs that we have?” he asks. “As a Swahili-speaking, black history-studying, militant, Black Panther-hanging out man. As a black man, wearing my dashiki and my black beret,” he notes. “What would happen is healing, progress and success with family reunification.”

Since he left liberalism and

became so vocal, Weaver has been called all the epithets that black conservatives incur. Weaver explains why black conservatives are so maligned and hated by those he says are “running today’s plantations” with destructive liberal policies. Liberalism, he says, “destroys people, like a drug dealer, a pimp who manages you and wants to keep you down. Liberalism is slavery, always has been and always will be.”

As for how to change other people’s minds, he warns, “some have a vested interest in staying stupid.” Those who won’t hear or listen “have the right to be stupid.”

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by Zman
November 1, 2015

Gun grabbers and their enablers in the social sciences are fond of cranking out studies that show high gun ownership correlates to high suicide rates or high murder rates. They collect up some statistics from crime reports and then try to match that up to gun ownership rates or gun laws. Usually there will be some sort of scary heat map showing the bad places in bright red and the good places in a nice color like green or blue. The point of the exercise is to claim that science! is against guns.

One of my favorite gags is to point out to these very serious people posting these claims that their “reasoning” is based on magic. After all, the underlying premise is that the mere presence of a gun causes someone to kill or commit suicide. It’s as if they think people see a gun and are suddenly compelled to shoot themselves or someone else. The shaping of metal and plastic into a gun imbues it with magical powers that seizes the minds of normal men, causing them to go violently crazy.

This sort of magical thinking is so common in the education rackets that no one bothers to notice. The chant, “Diversity is our strength” is just assumed to be true so no one thinks about it. If a school does not have black kids in it, then it is assumed to be an incubator for the Klan. If a school has no white kids in

it, the assumption is that the school is a plantation. Only through the right mix of hues can a child magically absorb knowledge.

No one bothers to explain why diversity is good or beneficial. The reason for that is there is no explanation. The “experts” look at numbers on a page and say, “these school have good results while these schools have bad results. The solution is to send the kids from the bad schools to the good schools!” The magic lies in the building as that can be the only explanation, other than racism, of course. Racism is always a good fallback if magic is not a good answer.

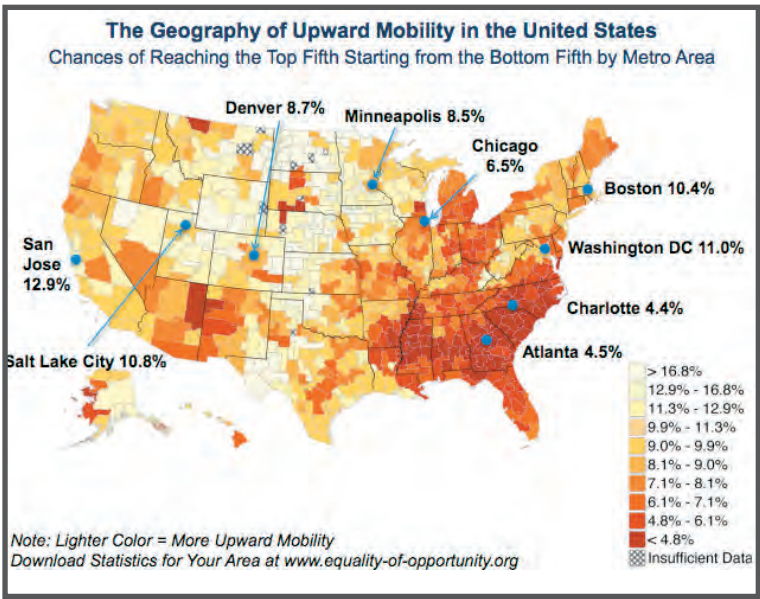
Nowhere is magic more obvious than in the topic of race. The other day I did a few riffs on this story about how the sandman is a racist. When considering physical phenomena, the logical place to start is with biology, if it involves living creatures. Otherwise, physics is the place to start. That’s entry level reasoning. Yet, in matters of race, biology is immediately ruled out in favor of mysterious forces that can be quantified with statistics, but only explained with the Ouija Board.

Steve Sailer has been having a lot of fun with the

cooing over Raj Chetty’s big project, pointing out the many methodological flaws. In John Derbyshire’s latest transmission from the bunker, he introduces us to a new term that describes what Sailer has been discussing. It is called “Magic Dirt Theory.” The dirt in places like Utah where children do very well possesses special qualities that are lacking in the dirt of places where children do poorly. After all, what other explanation can one draw

transform into highly productive, self-actualizing citizens, contributing to the wonderfulness of suburban life.

The beauty of Magic Dirt Theory is it reinforces the magic of race. If the whites raise an objection to having their neighbors owning pit-bulls or having loud parties on week nights, it is just proof that the horrible bad whites are trying to deny blacks access to the magic dirt. The only solution is to redouble efforts to trans-



from this map produced by Raj Chetty?

Magic Dirt Theory is what’s behind the push to export troublesome populations out to the suburbs. Through the use of Section 8 housing vouchers, the oppressed can be sent out into the burbs to live in apartments built on the magic dirt that makes the suburbs so attractive to white people. In no time, those troublesome populations will magically

plant more blacks into places like Ferguson Missouri. If the magic dirt does not take, then it just shows how powerful the magic of racism really is and why the good thinkers must never quit trying to beat back the bad thinkers.

Magic Dirt Theory. The cause of and cure for all that ails the Progressive mind.

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Captain John Parker, Lexington Gree, April 19, 1775

The Messy Reality of Self-Defense

by Rob Morse
SlowFacts.WordPress.Com

This is an adult discussion. It's neither fit for college students who major in the art of being perpetually offended, nor other sensitive children. I report on self-defense – the good and the bad. I talk about the messy reality when we defend ourselves from criminal attack. I mean real physical harm, not the emotional "trauma" of seeing the name of a Presidential Candidate written in chalk. This is what I've noticed as I studied civilian self-defense. First, thousands of ordinary people defend themselves with a firearm every day. These people are our friends, neighbors, and relatives,

who were simply going about their lives when they had to defend themselves. Second, successful self-defense isn't magic. The people who studied and practiced seemed to do a better job at it. Third, the reality of self-defense is very different from what we see from Hollywood. That means we are carrying around some bad ideas unless we've taken enough training to replace Hollywood fiction with fact. Here are some simple facts that leave this student of self-defense wanting to learn more.

If we study self-defense for very long, we'll see that robbers practice and plan ahead. The sooner we interrupt their plans the bet-

ter. Right there is where training and practice can give us an advantage. It is too late to start your home study course in self-defense once you're being attacked. The people who trained for self-defense chose better options than those who had to learn through on-the-spot, in-the-moment, on-the-job training. Good training before the fact can help us avoid being attacked in the first place. I like that.. a lot!

We are most likely to be attacked when we are away from home. That means the arsenal in our gun safe is useless most of the time. Think about that for a minute. **What we have on our body right now is what we will use to win or lose a self-defense encounter.** It is unlikely that we will have time to go to our car or safe room and get our gun, cell phone, flashlight, and trauma kit. That is why criminals attack people who are, for example, on jogging trails.

Sorry, but there are no magic tokens to save you. This is reality as opposed to a role-player video

game.

Our options are limited. Sometimes you can run away and escape. Sometimes you can't. You will have to stand and fight if you are with your spouse, your children or your friends because you won't leave them behind to face the attackers alone. That leaves us to defend ourselves from the threat, summon help, and provide aid to the injured.. with what we have in our pockets and in our minds. The thing we need most of all is a plan, and training lets us make good choices on the spot.

It isn't a fair fight. Criminals want to outnumber us and they come prepared to overpower us with knives and guns. Unless we train, we suffer a huge disadvantage because we won't believe this is happening when we're attacked. Precious seconds pass as we process the situation and which options are available to us. The criminals have already practiced and rehearsed for this moment with the intent to win at any cost.. while we are try-

ing to mentally catch up to this violent and shocking encounter.

Let's say that we've thought about protecting our self and our family, and we decided to buy a gun. That helps a little. Suppose we've even gone to the local shooting range and practiced a few times. That is better. Unfortunately, in a real attack we will not get the sort of shot we practiced. The criminal will be moving. We should be moving too. Innocent people will be moving everywhere. In reality, the situation is a chaotic mess, but it will feel like less of a mess with training and practice.

Lots of people defend themselves every day, but here is the bad news. You and I perform at the ability we demonstrated on our bad training days. Fortunately, that seems to be good enough most of the time. An attack is a chaotic situation for both the defender AND the attacker.

There is a lot to learn from the messy realities of self-defense. Of course

there are the techniques and mechanics of self-defense. We should also learn how to talk to the police, and how to have a legal plan in place after we've been attacked. You don't want to face that alone.

You are not alone. There are almost a million new gun owners every month. The number of defenseless victims is shrinking as more of us become well-trained and responsible gun owners. Training classes with skilled instructors are a Google-search away.

Our neighbors have done it, and we can do it too. We can learn to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe until help arrives. The urge to defend yourself is both urgent today.. and it is timeless.

Remember: "You will not rise to the occasion; you will fall back on your level of training."
-Archilochus,
Greek Soldier, 650 B.C.

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Designated Marksman Rifle: Army Ditches M110 for Compact H&K

by Bob Owens
BearingArms.com

The U.S. Army is replacing the Knight's Armament Semi-Auto Sniper System (SASS) .308 rifle with a more compact rifle developed by Heckler & Koch (H&K).

"The service on Friday announced that it awarded a contract to Heckler & Koch to supply a precision rifle to replace the M110 made by Knight's Armament.

The Army wanted to acquire a shorter, lighter, more accurate, more ergonomic and more reliable gun for marksmen, according to Program Executive Office Soldier's product portfolio. The new Compact Semi-Automatic Sniper System should be easier to carry and use in close quarters than the M110 without sacrificing performance or accuracy, PEO said.

The FedBizOpps.gov award notice

said H&K will produce a maximum of 3,643 rifles over 24 months, as well as spare parts and depot support, at a max contract value of \$44.5 million. There's a minimum purchase of 30 rifles for quality assurance testing."

This isn't so much a critique of the Knight's M110, which was a very respectable system, as it was an acknowledgment that doctrine and situ-

which replaced the .308-chambered M24.

Scout/sniper teams sometimes have to perform room-clearing tasks or fight their way in and out of buildings in urban combat, the Army wanted a shorter and more compact support rifle that could double as a counter-assault weapon (my words, not theirs) to give teams a better chance of survival in urban environments where front lines don't exist.

While the contract doesn't mention which H&K rifle won the CSASS competition, it seems probable that it is the G28A2. The G28 is an accurized, designated marksman's variant of the HK417 battle rifle first deployed with the German Bundeswehr in Afghanistan.

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Heckler & Koch G28A2

ational use of the system has changed in our most recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The M110 was used as the spotter's rifle in a sniper/spotter pair, with the sniper using the bolt-action .300 Winchester Magnum-chambered M2010,

Deeply Stupid: Left Wing Nutters Think Court “Expanded” Second Amendment

by Bob Owen,
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The political left is up in arms (as it were) because the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously slapped down a very poorly-reasoned Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruling that stun guns were not covered under the Second Amendment.

For those of you who don’t want to read the rather dry language of the courts, we can sum it up fairly easily.

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court attempted to make a three-part claim in *Caetano v. Massachusetts* that stun guns aren’t covered under the right to bear arms, because:

1. stun guns were not “in common use” in the 1790s when the Second Amendment was written
2. stun guns are “dangerous and unusual”
3. stun guns are not readily adaptable to military service use

It was nothing more or less than a high school sophomore’s poorly reasoned, “the Second Amendment only applies to muskets”

argument, dressed up in legal terminology.

The unanimous decision of the U.S. Supreme Court to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court was, essentially, “you guys are idiots,” as they slapped down each point as being absurd.

This has caused no small degree of consternation for an anti-gun left, which is grounded in the exact same sophomoric argument:

“When Justice Antonin Scalia died, court-watchers on the left and right assumed that, once a new liberal took his seat, the court would move quickly to reverse or limit Scalia’s most important decision—District of Columbia v. Heller, which reinterpreted the Second Amendment to provide an individual right to bear arms.

On Monday, however, the Supreme Court issued a brief, unsigned opinion simultaneously reaffirming Heller—and, arguably, even expanding it. Most surprisingly, the decision noted no dissents, meaning the liberal justices presumably endorsed it. This silence from the left doesn’t necessarily mean that the court’s progressive bloc is now embracing an absolutist Second Amend-

ment jurisprudence. But it does suggest, at the very least, that the liberals are waiting for a sympathetic colleague before chipping away at Heller—and may indicate that the progressive justices are hesitant to move against Heller at all.”

Mark Joseph Stern of *Slate* shows the same historical and legal ignorance as most progressives in arguing that Heller “reinterpreted” or “expanded” the Second Amendment. That claim is self-evidently and patently false, as anyone with even a passing familiarity with the speeches, letters, and broadsheets authored by the Founding Fathers would be able to tell you.

The Second Amendment did not create a right to bear arms, nor did Heller manufacture such a right through “reinterpretation” or “expansion.” When John Adams and his contemporaries wrote and then ratified the Second Amendment they were recognizing a pre-existing natural right of all people to be armed for their self defense.

That natural right to arms pre-dates the Constitution and Bill of Rights, and was provided by our Creator. It cannot be issued or taken away by man, and laws

that disarm people to tip the balance of power to the government over the people—in effect, every federal gun law, without exception—are therefore blatantly unconstitutional.

Is this a “radical” viewpoint? In a modern context perhaps it is, but the Founding Fathers were, as a matter of history, right wing extremists.

Tenche Cox, Pennsylvania delegate to the Continental Congress, explained the purpose of the Second Amendment to his fellow citizens in *The Pennsylvania Gazette*, on February 20, 1788.

“The militia of these free commonwealths, entitled and accustomed to their arms, when compared with any possible army, must be tremendous and irresistible. Who are the militia? Are they not ourselves? Is it feared, then, that we shall turn our arms each man against his own bosom. Congress have no power to disarm the militia. Their swords, and every other terrible implement of the soldier, are the birth-right of an American ... the unlimited power of the sword is not in the hands of either the federal or state governments, but, where I trust in God it will ever remain, in the hands of the people.”

We are the militia.

We have always been the militia.

We have the constitutional right to whatever “terrible implement of the soldier” we desire to carry as militiamen, up to an including, in a contemporary context, real assault rifles and fully-automatic machine guns.

Do stun guns have a militia use? Are stun guns covered under the Second Amendment?

Without a doubt.

It’s time that the Courts stop attempting to “reinterpret” the Constitution and Bill of Rights, and simply except them for precisely what the Founding Fathers meant those documents to be.

If modern Americans are too spinelessly weak to accept the Constitution as it is written, the correct remedy is the amendment process, not the craven “living document” sophistry so often voiced by those who would make this a lesser nation.

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71-Year-Old Man Fights Back Against Armed Robbers

by Jenn Jacques
Bearing Arms

Some men (and women, don’t go there) aren’t willing to go down without a fight. From 1 to 101, if we’re alive – we all have a little fight in us. Although the fight may wax and wane with age, the will to fight is always there.

That’s how it was with a 71-year-old man in Hampton, VA. When confronted with a threat while out for a walk in the 2100 block of Kecoughtan Road Sunday, he wasn’t content with becoming a victim. He refused to be a statistic, but knew he needed help to fight back.

So, when 18-year-old Jafari Mitchell and a 15-year-old male approached the man and pulled a gun, demanding all his money, the 71-year-old drew his own gun and shot first.

Fearing for his life, he shot the man who had a gun pointed at him right there on Kecoughtan Road. The elderly man did the right thing and stayed there with Mitchell, calling 911 and cooperating with authorities in the ongoing investigation.

The 18-year-old was transported to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The 15-year-old was later apprehended and arrest-

ed. He has been charged with one count of attempted robbery and one count of use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Self defense is a right. This man shows us yet again how important it is to be prepared. The more stories we can put out there about law-abiding citizens fighting back against their attackers, the more we’ll send a message to would-be offenders: we have the will to fight and we are not afraid to shoot first.

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Psalms 33:18 NKJV

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.

VICTORY OVER VICE

A recent article in *The Weekly Standard* titled "Opiates of the Masses" was authored by John P. Walters, David W. Murray and Brian Blake who are all considered to be experts on substance abuse. The first paragraph reads "...Nearly 50,000 Americans died of drug overdoses in 2014, the latest year for which there are statistics, with heroin overdose deaths alone increasing 440 percent over the previous seven years. On March 29th at an Atlanta summit on drug overdose deaths, President Barack Obama acknowledged that more people now die of drug overdoses than die in traffic accidents. In the eighth year of his presidency, we are now in one of the most lethal drug epidemics our nation has ever endured."

Mr. Obama offered a list of solutions about as lame as a three-legged donkey. The policy possibilities included more training for physicians, insurance "parity" for drug treatment, expanded access to opioid-overdose antidote medication, and (get this) the expansion of "syringe services" that give the addicted needles with which to continue the pursuit of their deadly habit. Actually, the jackass has a better chance. One conclusion by the authors was: "Abstinence is dismissed as the wrong goal entirely; instead, the addicted are offered a lifetime of dependence on opioid substitutes." Methamphetamine, marijuana, and cocaine addiction was simply ignored by the president.

As one might expect, God addresses a problem of this magnitude with explanations and solutions that exceed all of the world's psycho and political babble. Revelation, the last book in the Bible, is a projection into the future which is fast approaching. In the midst of this period of Tribulation the Lord declares: "And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts." (Revelation 9:20,21)

The Greek word for sorceries is "pharmacia" which is the root source of our word "pharmacies" or drugs. The translators utilized "sorceries" to alert us to a number of things with which drugs are associated. The Lord instructed Jeremiah the prophet to deliver a very negative message not only to Israel but also to its neighboring nations. A stern warning is given which accompanies the memo: "Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to you diviners, nor to your dreamers, not to your enchanters, not to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, ye shall not serve the king of Babylon: for they prophesy a lie unto you..." (Jeremiah

27:9,10) In spite of the lies smothered in "the power of positive thinking," all of the prophecies of doom came to pass. Drugs and all of the evil connected to them perpetuates lies to spouses, families, friends, employers, police, and worst of all, the addicted lie to themselves. The evolution of these falsehoods is a society that prefers fiction over facts. The formula is simple...keep them drugged up, and they will believe anything. Example: socialism will work to your benefit.

God, always willing to violate political correctness, continues with an adverse address to Babylon: "But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments." (Isaiah 47) The drug induced enchantments lead only to sorrow, grief and death which calls to mind the real purveyor of this activity. Jesus summarized it all when he said to the Pharisees: "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." (John 8:44)

Shortly after the martyrdom of Stephen, "Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them." (Acts 8:5) The result was a great revival that loosed multitudes from the shackles of sin, sickness and stupidity. "And there was great joy in that city." (Acts 8:8) The next verse begins with "But there was a certain man." Isn't there always a "certain man" from the government, news media, the ACLU or academia that is mysteriously available to protest the work of God? Simon the sorcerer was held in high esteem by the local population "because that of a long time he had bewitched them with sorceries." "Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John." Upon their arrival some positive things continued to transpire which motivated Simon's desire to get in on the act. By then he had made a profession of faith and was baptized...only God knows how genuine it was. He approached the apostles with a financial offer for the same power they possessed. Peter told him to "hit the road" with his illicit proposal reminding him "...for thy heart is not right in the sight of God."

The world spends billions attempting to duplicate what only God can do. Their failures result in anger directed toward the real remedy. Millions have found victory over vice through the power of Jesus Christ, but His solution is frequently rejected because it's free!

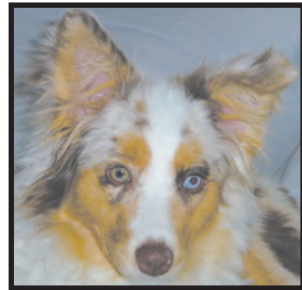
A Sheepdog Barks!

Unbelievable! Take note of the fact that last Monday, 11 April the U.S. Postal rate for a 1st Class, 1 ounce letter went DOWN 2¢ to 47¢. Good news? NOPE! First of all the 2¢ increase was done because the United States Postal Service (USPS) was losing \$5 Billion a year. Not sure why the politicians would let that increase expire. That's a very, very rare thing. It was probably a mistake. And don't forget that many of us paid 49¢ for the "Forever" stamps, which for the time being are only worth 47¢ if you use them; not a good deal. And the loss of the 2¢ will probably cause the USPS to lose even more money in the coming year. Then the politicians will wake up (they must have been asleep at the wheel) and increase the postage rate to 50¢ or 55¢. They will have to do this to make up for the shortfall accrued during the decreased rate time. Eventually we always pay. There is no free lunch and there is no USPS doing business cheaper or more efficiently. So hold on to your "Forever" stamps and buy 47¢ ones. When the rate shoots up (and it will) as I predict, then your "Forever" stamps will be a bargain. The big government incompetence never ends. WOOF!

Here's another stupid LPSD politically correct (but really incorrect) thing going on here in Colorado. The State House (controlled by the Democrats) passed a bill that would change the term "illegal alien" to "undocumented worker" or "foreign National" in all state laws. Representative Steve Lebsock (another dumb a** LPSD) called the term "outdated" and "hurtful language." He actually said "Aliens are from other planets. We should not be referring to human beings as aliens." He is so uneducated and stupid that it gives this sheepdog a headache. I also apologize as saying an LPSD is stupid is redundant. The first definition in Webster's is 1) belonging to another country or foreign people or a foreign born resident in a country who has not become a naturalized citizen. Way down the list is this definition. 4) In science fiction, a being

in or from outer space and not natural to the earth, extraterrestrial. Yes ET was an alien. And so are all the "illegals" that break the law when they sneak across our borders, no matter what country they are from (or planet for that matter). The terms alien and illegal alien are used throughout the federal government's regulations, policies and laws. It is a proper term. Rep Lebsock is absolutely wrong as political correctness and emotions rule his life. He is a moron. WOOF! We can only hope the State Senate, controlled by Republicans, will deep six this stupid and unnecessary bill.

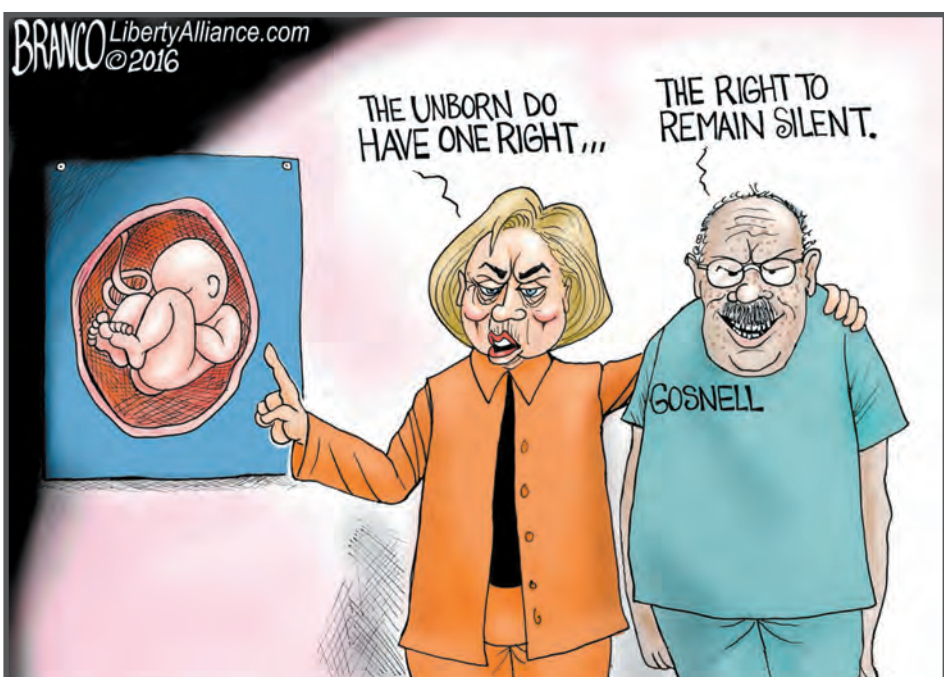
Bruce Springsteen has proven himself to be just another stupid LPSD. Let's analyze this latest situation. The New York Governor recently banned travel to Mississippi allegedly because of a gay discrimination law. Bruce says he won't sing in North Carolina for a similar reason. They are both wrong. The new laws prevent discrimination, not create it. In Mississippi the legislature passed a law that "prohibits" discrimination of faith-based organizations. It prevents the state from attacking organizations like adoption agencies that will only put children in heterosexual homes. Most of us think that's a good idea. This prevents the state from punishing those with religious beliefs by tax policy or failing to work with them. A GOOD law to protect religious freedom. In North Carolina it's a different situation. The City of Charlotte passed a mandatory ordinance that allowed "self-identified" transgenders to use any bathroom. The state said "not so fast." It overrode the mandate and said companies can allow that if they want but other companies cannot be forced to open the woman's bathroom up to anybody. It's a public safety issue. This sheepdog doesn't want males who might think they are females in a bathroom that my wife, daughter or granddaughters use. That's insane. Only an LPSD would think that makes any sense. Therefore Bruce can go to you know where. I couldn't care less if I can't attend one of his concerts. He's uninformed



and doesn't even know what he is really protesting. He thinks he is supporting gays. He's actually discriminating against all real men and women. This "gender identity" crisis in America is sick and needs stopped. WOOF!

HillLIARy Clinton never ceases to amaze. These are some of her latest ideas. She told Matt Lauer of NBC that there was no chance she was going to have any "email problems." Has Obama called her and told her the "fix" is in. It sure seems that way. Obama did tell Fox News that she did nothing wrong "intentionally" and that the Top Secret stuff wasn't really all that "secret." Sorry Barack, she intentionally set up a private server and intentionally sent and received classified messages. That was WRONG! He followed that comment with a remark that the decision will be based on the law, not politics. Do you smell it too? WOOF! Last month in Detroit Clinton said she wanted to create Department of Education "Swat Teams." I'm not making this up. HillLIARy's Educational "Swat Teams" would swoop into underperforming schools and "fix" them. REALLY? More federal help in education? She then mentioned "Swat Teams" for the VA and more "Swat Teams" to help the community when companies close. WOW! More Government help. Just what we need. She began this month telling us that the unborn have no Constitutional rights. Illegals have 'em, terrorists have 'em, even animals have 'em according to some LPSDs. But not a human baby. No sir, no right to life exists there. Sound like the kind of president we want? NOPE! HillLIARy for Prison 2016. That's my wish. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



My Non-Negotiable Political Position

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.Org

So there are those who say that my *Trump is Dead To Me* ticker is “over the top” or “ill-thought out.” Sorry folks, but it is neither.

This nation is *factually* on the verge of failure to a degree, and with a potential outcome, that is *literally* in the “Rome is Burning” category and *all* of it is due to one, and only one, fact.

That fact is a willful refusal to enforce The Rule of Law.

Monopoly behavior is illegal. So says the body of 15 USC, *but* without the government standing as an enforcer, that is, *actively enabling* monopoly behavior, they are almost impossible to keep together. Why? Because any cartel with more than two or three members *eventually* has someone cheat for the simple reason that he or she can make more money by cheating than cooperating.

The medical monopolies would not exist, especially in the pharmaceutical business, without active

government involvement. If you could get on a plane, fly to India, pack a suitcase full of *Sovaldi* and come back here to sell it, *the price of \$90,000 here would collapse to some small increment over the \$1,000 price there* plus, of course, enough to make the flight worth it. **It is only the government literally threatening to throw you in prison if you try it** that makes that \$90,000 price possible.

There are existing anti-gouging laws in the states that *forbid* charging someone *in extremis* an

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unconscionable price that is greatly in excess of what someone *else* pays. If you try to charge someone \$10/gallon for gas when there is a hurricane coming in Florida, for example, **you go to prison.** The same law, were it to be applied to an *air ambulance* where I can charter the **same**

type of helicopter for the same flight for 1/10th of the price would **instantly** resolve the practice of charging someone \$30,000 for a flight that I can buy on the open market **when not in extremis** for \$3,000.

The same is true of medical practice generally. **The entire reason you are likely to be bankrupted by an “uninsured” medical emergency** is that **you are charged 5 or even 10x what the same procedure is billed out at** for someone who can and does negotiate; *Surgery Center of Oklahoma* anyone? This practice is **broadly unlawful** yet it is not prosecuted.

Our entire federal budget deficit and all of the federal debt since roughly 1980 exist as a direct consequence of this unpunished and unlawful behavior, as do virtually all of the state and local budgetary disasters including Detroit, Chicago, California and elsewhere. The amount of theft enabled by such behavior is **literally** in the tens of trillions of dollars over that period of time *and every penny of it has come out of your pocket.*

The entire 2008 debacle in

the financial markets *and the crash of 2000* were both caused by banksters selling things they knew were trash (evidenced by *their own email in which*

“...it is not acceptable ever, under any circumstance, to decide that this person goes to prison and that one does not, simply based on one of them being a ‘special snowflake’ when both have violated the statute.”

*they called said securities “dog****” and “vomit”*) to people **while claiming they were good investments.** This is *fraud* and yet it was not prosecuted -- not in 2000, nor in 2008. *That’s a few trillion more along with, I remind you, a few million Americans who were dispossessed of their homes* -- some of whom were *intentional* co-conspirators (and thus deserved not only that but also prosecution which they all escaped from), but not all.

Hillary Clinton is walking around as a free woman

right now for this same reason -- the Rule of Law is being blatantly ignored. Anyone who has ever worked on a classified project or handled classified material of *any* sort knows d**n well what the law is in this regard; any intentional act that results in the transport or storage of such material in an *unauthorized* fashion is a **federal offense.** Others *have* been prosecuted for the same crime (and justly so) *but she has not, thus far.*

I will not support any candidate for office, and especially not one for an Executive office, which I remind you is the branch of government charged with enforcing the law, who declares that there are ‘special people’ who are exempt from said law.

It is perfectly fine to say that we need to change the law. That’s a proper exercise.

It is also acceptable for the Executive, should it find a particular law odious and offensive to the Constitution or for that matter offensive to conscience **to refuse to enforce a law on a blanket basis** and dare Congress to impeach in re-

sponse. That too is within the Constitution and comports with the *Rule of Law* in that a law must apply to either *everyone or nobody at all.*

However, it is not acceptable ever, under **any circumstance**, to decide that this person goes to prison and that one does not simply based on one of them being a “special snowflake” *when both have violated the statute.*

I will not vote for the lesser of evils.

I will not vote for or support any candidate who refuses to stand on the Rule of Law.

This is a non-negotiable position, it is a large and in fact the primary reason why I left the Libertarian Party during the last election cycle and it is why I am forced to withdraw my support not only of Donald Trump but also, as a result of their stated positions, I cannot support any of the other remaining candidates on the Republican or Democrat side EITHER.

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In the more rural, economically struggling parts of the state — like the 13 counties where unemployment rates are already north of 10 percent — a \$15 minimum wage is only going to make things worse.

“Fifteen dollars an hour may work in places like San Francisco or Los Angeles, but it could have very different economic effects in some of the very rural areas in the state,” said Gabe Horwitz, vice president

of economic policy for Third Way, of California’s proposal.

Brown’s comments make it clear his administration is aware of those potential costs, which fall more heavily on anyone who is already struggling to find a job in California’s poorest counties.

The governor says the minimum wage is not just about economics, but also about morality and politics.

“Work is not just an economic equation,” Brown said. “Work is part of living in a moral community and a worker is worthy is his or her

hire and to be worthy means they can support a family.”

Just like how there are no “moral victories” in sports, there’s little to be said for “moral communities” Brown intends to create with a higher minimum wage that will make it harder for people to find work.

The only conclusion, then, is that Brown is putting politics first.

Please see: watchdog.org/261422/brown-minimum-wage-makes-no-sense/

The Illusion of Freedom

“The illusion of freedom will continue as long as it’s profitable to continue the illusion. At the point where the illusion becomes too expensive to maintain, they will just take down the scenery, they will pull back the curtains, they will move the tables and chairs out of the way and you will see the brick wall at the back of the theater.”
-Frank Zappa

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for Cruz. Gun rights groups offered gun giveaways among tables sprawled with swag for the dozen-or-so Republicans running for U.S. Senate. One Cruz supporter sported a T-shirt reading "Hillary for Prison 2016," and men dressed in colonial-area garb strolled along the grounds with women in dangly elephant-themed accessories and American flag cowboy hats.

The crowd was made up largely of hardcore movement conservative activists — the types who pull up to the hotel doors in a Jeep outfitted with gun turrets, then hold court about the Constitution and obscure Supreme Court decisions to anyone who will listen.

Also tilting the Republican base to the activist right is this year's unusually large GOP field of U.S. Senate primary candidates. That there's a Senate candidate for pretty much every stripe of Republican likely galvanized all factions of registered Republicans across the state to show up to this year's congressional assemblies and the state convention.

In fact, so many Republicans showed up to participate in these four congressional assemblies in the Springs that at least one

delegate-selecting assembly had to be held outside in the Doubletree's courtyard.

The Republican Party in August decided to cancel its March 1 presidential straw poll because new national rules would have bound Colorado's delegates to whichever candidate won it. Doing so has now given Colorado's potential delegates increased influence as players in the presidential race, especially as uncertainty abounds about what might happen this summer in Cleveland.

This context made for a chaotic scene during Friday's delegate-selection

quantity of new people," he told The Colorado Independent. "So when you have 30 to 40 percent of the crowd never having done this before, they're not used to it, they don't know what the rules are inherently, they're trying to learn and figure out where they're supposed to go and what they're supposed to do. That's made it longer and more intense."

In recent weeks, the importance of who these delegates turn out to be — and who they support for president — has come into sharper focus as the national convention appears more and more likely to become a contested, chaotic affair.

official with the National Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee and a well-known Republican political consultant, was at the hotel campaigning as a

thinks if enough support doesn't coalesce around either Trump or Cruz in the first rounds of balloting during what could be a brokered convention in Cleve-

seen his campaign stumble in recent weeks and lose momentum in the race for the 1,237 delegates he'll need to win the nomination before the Cleveland convention.

Regina Thomson, the grassroots director for Cruz in Colorado, credited the campaign's early play here for his overwhelming support at the assemblies.

"It's simple grassroots organizing," she said.

Please see: <http://www.coloradoindependent.com/158715/ted-cruz-delegates-national-convention-colorado>

"One Cruz supporter sported a t-shirt reading 'Hillary for Prison 2016'"

process where some who thought they would be on printed ballots couldn't find their names, or some who are pledged for Trump or Ohio Gov. John Kasich gave speeches to boos.

Two factors made this year's topsy-turvy congressional assembly process different from years past, said Colorado Republican Party Chairman Steve House.

"One is the quantity of people, and the other is the

If Trump doesn't show up to Cleveland with enough delegates to win the nomination, Colorado's crew of 37 delegates could help swing the party's pick toward Cruz.

While Cruz has blotted out the support among delegates for Trump and Kasich, backers of those two candidates still made their case at the assemblies Friday, sometimes to heckles from the crowd.

Patrick Davis, a former

"Colorado establishing itself as Cruz Country..."

delegate for Trump. (He's currently running a Super PAC in support of Robert Blaha for U.S. Senate, a candidate who supports Cruz.) After having made plenty of phone calls, taking over as Trump's Colorado state director just days before, and running a campaign to help a slate of Trump supporters get chosen as delegates, Davis lost out to the Cruz backers in the 5th District.

Perhaps an indication that the writing was on the wall: Trump has decided not to show up to Colorado's GOP state convention Saturday where Cruz is scheduled to speak.

Outside in the courtyard, standing in front of a crowd of 2nd Congressional District Republicans, Dale Bugby of Eagle County said he'd vote for Kasich on the first ballot in Cleveland but promised to vote for anyone but Trump after that. Bugby acknowledged support for his candidate is low in Colorado. But he

land, Kasich could end up a "logical midpoint."

Colorado establishing itself as Cruz country is not a good look for Trump, the GOP frontrunner who has



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