

God Bless America

In With the New....  
Long Time Residents Lose to Relative Newcomers  
in Commissioner Primary Races

by George Gramlich

It seems Custer County was looking for a change in direction this June primary election. Custer County “newcomers” (you know how it is in rural areas....) Donna Hood and Jay Printz defeated long-time county residents Kit Shy and Sandra Attebery in the Republican primary. Mrs. Hood just barely beat Commissioner Shy by 18 votes with a count of 751 to 733. While local attorney and shop owner, Mr Printz, buried long-term resident Mrs. Attebery and Wetmore resident Dale Falske totaling a whopping 820 votes to Attebery’s 409

and Falske’s 270.

Also in the Republican Primary, Kelly Camper ran unopposed for Custer County Clerk and Recorder. Regionally, Molly Chilson was the sole candidate for the 11th Judicial District District Attorney. Jim Wilson (State Representative - District 60) and Larry Crowder (State Senator - District 35) were unopposed.

On the federal side of the Republican Primary, U.S. House Representative (District 3) Scott Tipton’s relatively unknown opponent, Alexander Beinstein got a surprising number of votes

(339) to Tipton’s winning count (970). Custer County voters also liked the statewide winner of the Republican U.S. Senator primary contest supporting Darryl Glenn of Colorado Springs with a total of 48% of the vote over four other candidates. Mr. Glenn is the first African-American to be chosen to run for U.S. Senate in Colorado. He is a staunch Christian conservative and a steadfast supporter of the 2nd Amendment contrasting sharply to his November democrat opponent, the left-leaning incumbent U.S. Senator Michael Bennet. It will be a pivotal race not only for Colorado, but nationally.

All of the slots in the Democrat Primary were unopposed: Michael Bennet for U.S. Senator, Gail Schwartz for U.S. Representative (District 3), James Casisas for State Senator (District 35), and David Higginbotham for State Representative (District 60).

Looking at the number of voters on a republican versus democrat basis in Custer County: for the republicans the largest number of votes for one district, District 2, was 1499 versus the largest number of votes cast in the democrat primary, 170 for U.S. Senator - shows a huge registration

difference. Custer County Clerk Kelly Camper has told the *Sentinel* that between November 1, 2015, and June 27, 2016, that a 114 democrats changed their affiliation to republican as well as 12 independents. During this same time period, 67 republicans changed their registration to democrat and 64 unaffiliated also did. There are 3263 total registered voters in the county with 2183 being republican, 619 unaffiliated and 461 democrat.

The *Sentinel* requested

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Three Years and Counting:  
Thanks Again From the Sentinel

This July 1st issue is our third anniversary. All due to you folks. Thank you, thank you, thank you from all of us here at *The Sentinel*. It’s been a wild ride for a bunch of patriots with no newspaper or even publishing experience competing against the local newspaper that’s been here forever. And we thank our county’s liberal paper also. Without their biased reporting motivating us to find a vehicle to publish the truth, *The Sentinel* wouldn’t have happened.

Thank you to our readers. Thank you to our advertisers.

We’ve grown from just a local readership base to having subscribers in over 30 states. Our combination of the good and the bad local news, hard hitting commentary and analysis pieces, unprecedented and unequalled coverage of our school system highlighting academics, extra-curricular activities as well as sports, investigative reporting (e.g., the county judge selection process,)

and the finest overview of our political, social, and religious world printed in our back section, has shown to everyone that a realistic conservative viewpoint is wanted (and needed) in our community and in our country.

We would also like to thank the patriots who last year started a “sister” newspaper in Cañon City, *The Crusader*. Some of them were reporters for us almost from our inception, and with encouragement from us, took the bold step of starting a new conservative paper in Fremont County. Heck of a job guys. Hopefully, this will spur further efforts by conservatives in Colorado and elsewhere to start more newspapers that tell the truth.

Thanks also to the CCCS staff for all their help in allowing us to give our chil-

dren some positive exposure in their academic and sporting arenas. We LOVE our kids.

And thanks to our staff: Laura Vass (our new Assistant Editor), Barbara (Baracuda) Napolitan, Audrey Slater, Jim Silver, Yvonne (Princess) Phillips, Fred (PDawg) Hernandez, Larry (Lockdown) Luikart, Carol (Scoop) Clemenson, Lisa Frank, Mike Kienbusch, Monte Hess, Paul Sage, Jennifer Huffman, and Dan and Jackie Bubis. Thanks also to Anne Crewdson, Katherine (AK) Brenchley and Mary Seifert who have moved on.

God Bless you all, and stand strong in the coming storm.

Most importantly, our thanks to our Lord for his blessings and guidance.

For He has told us we will be victorious in the end.

(Please see our Editorial on page 2 for more anniversary comments.)

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# Our Opinion...

## From the Editorial Board

# THREE YEARS OLD!



Monday is July 4, 2016. America will be 240 years old. *The Sentinel* will be three years old. When we announced we would start a new newspaper in Custer County the reaction varied widely. Some were happy, some were ambivalent and some were downright angry and mean-spirited. We were copied on one email that said we wouldn't last six weeks. One email said it was a stupid idea and would cause people to lose their jobs. Some emails said we weren't necessary because Custer County already had a newspaper that had been around a long time and another one was unnecessary.

We started the "new" newspaper precisely because the "old" newspaper didn't print all that needed to be printed. Many of you agreed that another point of view, mainly a conservative one, was needed indeed. The truth in many

cases was missing. The truth is not always easy to read or accept. It's very easy to only print the rosy side of everything. When one prints the truth it will always make someone angry. This "Different View From The Same Mountains" has not been easy. It has cost us friends and supporters. However, it has also created knowledge and awareness and brought us new friends and supporters. One reason a newspaper, especially in a small rural town and county, won't print the news, the whole news and nothing but the news is because it loses advertising. Advertising is the life blood of a newspaper. Without it there is no survival. Every one of us has our oxen. When someone or something gores one of our oxen we naturally turn against that someone or something. We have suffered and will continue to suffer because we decided to tell the news

like it is. Not everything in Custer County was as good as it could be. As we began to expose the "whole" story there was some angry reaction. One had only to read the letters to the editor of the other paper in town to understand the depth of that anger. There were dozens and dozens of hateful letters claiming *The Sentinel* was nothing but a "hate speech newsletter" from the local Tea Party radicals. Catch the hypocrisy? The intolerance was overwhelming, but not surprising. However, most of our readers know the truth. The truth is difficult to accept sometimes but it is still the truth. America is struggling with this problem right now and is the reason we are so divided. So, we look forward to our third birthday on Monday. We will hopefully continue the struggle to provide the "different view" for many more years. We are grateful to our readers, our sub-

scribers and our advertisers. They make it possible to bring all the news to this community and beyond. We believe we have influenced some good things locally. We are especially proud of our efforts in covering the local school and the youth in Custer County. We are proud of our coverage of the churches. We are proud that we helped defeat the marijuana efforts in Silver Cliff. We are proud that we have survived against a strong tide of resistance and aggressive efforts to shut us down. And our efforts were instrumental in a state law being passed that reformed the county judicial selection process. Yes we have made mistakes and learned from them. We have improved a lot in the last three years due to a dedicated staff who really make it all happen. Stop by *The Sentinel* and meet them. They are all good and concerned citizens that want to make a difference

in this community, this state and America. We thank them all.

So, as we begin our fourth year of operation we ask for your continued support of our efforts. We can always use more subscribers and advertisers. The owners take no profits from this business. It is an ongoing struggle to keep this conservative voice alive. Ask your friends, family, neighbors and the businesses you frequent to support us. The "different view" will only be available if we continue to grow. Thank you all and please let us know your thoughts and suggestions. Our main purpose is to promote our liberties and freedoms granted to us by God and protected by the U.S. Constitution. Please take a minute and read our masthead on the left side of this page. Join us, we need your help.

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## Obama: “America and American Citizens Are the Cause of the World’s Problems.”

When we begin with his pathological premise — everything that President Obama says and does makes absolute sense!

That’s what Obama’s apology tour to the Muslim world was about.

That’s why he works so hard to make Americans the cause of global warming - then the “culprits” can be taxed and controlled.

That’s why he obsesses about confiscating citizens’ guns - it feeds his delusion that evil-doers will not harm helpless people.

That’s what the flooding of illegal invaders is about - blanket amnesty will provide generations of Democrat voters.

That’s what squandering the \$900 billion “stimulus” that led to more debt (presently \$19 trillion) was about.

That is why President Obama is the only president in history to have NEVER presided over a full year of GDP (economic growth) averaging over 2.8%.

That is why American

businesses have been strangled with \$100 billion regulatory costs per year and investment income raised by nearly 60%.

That is why our free speech has been shut down with political correctness.

That is why Obamacare (not one Republican voted for it) increased health costs by 30%, decreased coverage and quality, killed jobs by millions and promoted hate for Christians of moral conscience.

That is why President Obama ignores our safe-

ty by admitting 10,000 un-vetted, unknown Syrian refugees at the cost of \$100,000 each over ten years.

That is why Obama’s administration scrubbed the words “jihad”, “sharia” and “Islamic Extremism” out of FBI and military training.

WITH THIS PHILOSOPHY THAT AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IS THE CAUSE OF MOST OF THE WORLD’S PROBLEMS -- THEN AMERICANS DON’T DESERVE TO HAVE A THRIVING

ECONOMY, TO BE SAFE FROM JIHAD MURDERERS, TO HAVE GOOD JOBS, TO MANAGE THEIR OWN LIVES, TO HAVE A STRONG MILITARY AND TO HAVE GUNS WITH WHICH TO PROTECT THEMSELVES.

AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE POWERLESSNESS, DISORDER, DESPAIR AND DECEIT.

And worst of all — we must endure BHO’S following deranged belief: “IF I MAKE AMERICA WEAK

AT HOME AND IN THE WORLD — GLOBAL PEACE WILL FOLLOW”

ISIS has metastasized into 21 countries. It has four armies that grow daily. It is menacing five continents. President Obama’s and Secretary Clinton’s naive fantasy about the world has hurled us into an existence without virtue, prosperity, freedom and safety.

Donna Sweere

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## A Very Important Presidential Election Year

We are in the middle of a very important Presidential Election Year. We are finishing up eight years under a Muslim president who has done everything in his power to ruin our nation.

So what do we do now? What can we do? Does our vote really count?

You can go into coffee shops around this nation and there will be a table full of people discussing and arguing politics. I believe discussion is important but if that is all you do, it won't change anything.

We need to educate ourselves about the candidates that are running. Not just listen to what they are saying, but what have they said or done in the past. As George Gramlich said a few weeks ago, don't just watch the mainstream media because they have sold out to the establishment. You need to research online about the candidates and the amendments that are on the ballot. Get involved. Go to town hall meetings, listen, and ask questions. Vet the candidates to hear what they say about the things that are important to you. See if what they say matches up with what they have done in the past.

Most importantly, make sure and vote. My grandfather came to this country in 1917 from Poznan, Poland, at the tender age of 15 with his younger brother and sister. They had no family or friends here and did not speak the language. But somehow they made it. My grandfather became a successful business man and raised 12 children. He told me once, when I was nearing the voting age, that he came to America so his grandchildren could be American and have the right to vote for the government that rules over them. He said if I chose not to vote then someday we could lose that right. So whenever there is an election, I vote and I study to make the right decision when voting.

Lastly, we need to pray for wisdom in voting and for our country as a whole. During this election year and every day, we as Christians need to pray for our country and for wisdom for our leaders to guide our country in the right direction. On Sunday mornings Christians around this nation gather in the church of their choice to worship. Most services have a time to bring forth prayer requests. Every Sunday, every church should have our nation and our leaders at the top of that prayer request list. Let's gather together and pray that God guide us in this upcoming election to vote for the man who can take our country in the right direction.

Audrey Slater

**Next Week's Sentinel:** We will have an interesting letter from Ron Thomason on the Tea Party movement in next week's edition.

## RINO Hunting in Colorado: Update

by George Gramlich

Last week, our sister paper in Cañon City, *The Crusader*, published our RINO Hunting article that we ran in our 6/17/16 issue. (The article was a review of State Senators' Larry Crowder and Kevin Grantham (Cañon City), and State Representative Jim Wilson's voting records in Denver. They were ALL rated "F" by two prominent Colorado based conservative organizations that monitor voting records based on well-accepted conservative principles.) *The Crusader* even emailed the article to them a week before requesting a response so they could print those alongside RINO. A week went by and NO response from any of them.

*The Sentinel* also requested responses from all them at the end of our article on 6/17/16. We have received ZERO responses from all concerning their voting records.

But guess what patriots? I did receive an email from one of them. And if this doesn't sum up the situation; Kevin Grantham sent me an email asking for a political donation. Something about maintaining a Republican majority in the Colorado Senate. You can't make this up. They want money but no accountability to us peasants. We won't let this go.





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# Local Mountain News & Notices

## Traffic Stoppers

by Fred Hernandez

Traffic practically came to a halt on Friday, June 24th at the corner of Third and Main when a pair of strange looking vehicles parked across the street from the Westcliffe Town Hall. One was pulling a trailer which had an older Mercedes Benz on it that had been bedecked with every manner of trinket, bead,

bauble, junk, contraption and other stuff imaginable, welded, pasted, attached somehow on every square inch of surface on that vehicle. The crowd that assembled to eyeball this display, was later told that it had taken twenty-five high school kids three months to do the job of decorating the car. The vehicle pulling the trailer was no less decorated. This van had every kind of eye or eyeball

attached all over. The gentleman driving the EYE VAN, Mr. Rodney Wood, AKA Mr. Art CARFUN, turned out to be Director of Artocade, an organization of like-minded fun seekers who love to decorate cars (and other vehicles) and display them for all to enjoy this very unique art form. Mr. Wood invites everyone to come to Trinidad, Colorado on September 9 and 10, 2016 to witness the spectacle of a Big Parade

and CARDANGO DAY. At that time, all their brilliantly decorated vehicles will be on full display for the viewing pleasure of everyone. In fact, in 2015, Artocade was chosen to receive the Governor's Award for "Best Festival". Visit the website to get a foretaste of the unique event. Go to [www.autocade.com](http://www.autocade.com) or email Mr. Wood at [artcarfun@hotmail.com](mailto:artcarfun@hotmail.com). In the meantime, enjoy these pictures taken on the corner of

Third and Main when traffic backed up and a crowd gathered to ogle the pecu-

liar but eye-catching creations. After all, a picture is worth a thousand words.



Below, Mr. Rodney Wood, AKA Mr. Art CARFUN with his eye-full van.

Photo by Carol Clemenson



Decked out and bedazzled Mercedes Benz on a flatbed.

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Above, Close up detail of Jeweled Mannequin atop the Mercedes. Below, the "Eye" van.

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# Local Mountain News & Notices

## BOCC Supports First Responders In Challenging Miserable AT&T Service

by Paul Sage,  
Commentary

On June 22nd at their mid-month meeting at the San Isabel Lodge, the Custer County Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to send a letter of objection to the poor and unreliable service provided to the county by AT&T, the primary wireless carrier in the county. After initial resistance to sending the letter in hopes that system problems would be addressed, even Commissioner Katnig realized that nothing had changed since the last meeting on the subject and voted to proceed to a higher level.

The continual problem of unreliable and sub-standard service by AT&T Came to a head among county officials when a nearly week-

long outage of emergency 911 service – which AT&T representatives challenge really occurred – spurred local law enforcement and emergency service providers to move forward with challenging the company to fix their service problems here. The county commissioners held two public meetings to offer AT&T representatives an opportunity to explain the problems and offer solutions with no resulting satisfactory plan to resolve the issue, and a general refusal to discuss anything but what they claim was a 15 hour system outage caused by an outside contractor.

With no results forthcoming, the commissioners decided to move forward with the letter of objection. It will be delivered to a whole

array of hopefully interested parties varying from the FCC to national and state political representatives carrying the signatures of all levels of emergency service providers and other leadership in the county. Possibly the only thing people of all persuasions in this county agree on is that the AT&T experiment is a failure.

A little background on AT&T may be helpful in understanding just how unacceptable their failure to provide reliable wireless service in rural areas like ours is. The communications giant can fix the problem. The choice not to is a financial one.

The newly released issue of Fortune 500 discloses that AT&T is the 13th most profitable company in America

with a \$13,345,000,000.00 profit in 2015 on revenues of \$146,801,000,000.00 – a 10.8% increase over 2014.

According to a 2011 report titled “AT&T Inc.: Totals” from The Center For Responsive Politics, over the previous decade AT&T was the second largest donor to United States political campaigns, and the largest corporate donor. During that time the company donated over 47.7 million to politicians of both parties (almost equally). During the same period of time AT&T also spent over \$130 million on political lobbying. Those would be expenses like paying Ms. Price a salary to come to Westcliffe to convince locals here that a phone service that barely works at all works fine.

In spite of being broken up

as a monopoly and having engaged in numerous questionable corporate ventures like warrantless wiretapping for the NSA, and maintaining records of all your AT&T device traffic for use by government agencies, AT&T remains a company with the financial and technical capability to provide excellent service in all areas of Custer County. While citizens continue to pay 100% for the service, the company has made decisions which result in providing a fraction of the service based on their unwillingness to dip into their billions in profits to make it happen.

Bear in mind as you reflect on AT&T service that this is the company that invented the first version of mobile telephone service way

back in 1946. It provided a single antenna serving a region (sound familiar?) so no more than 12 to 20 simultaneous calls could be made in an entire area. This is also the company that introduced 911 as a nationwide emergency number in 1968.

In 2016 we are advised by AT&T representatives that we can't count on it here and need to have a back-up plan. Meanwhile the multi-billion dollar company continues to charge customers here full price for very limited and unreliable service. They can and must to better. The commissioners were correct to move forward in attempting to persuade AT&T to resolve this safety issue for the citizens here.

## Grant Funds Awarded for Children's Health Projects

Press Release

The Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation (WMVCF) is pleased to announce grant awards from the High Mountain Hay Fever Children's Health Fund for 2016. Awards are going to Club America (\$7,000) for the children's swim program and to Excellence in Educa-

tion to fund the Sources of Strength (\$6,250) and Summer Fun (\$2,817) programs for the C-1 School District.

The High Mountain Hay Fever Festival Association has worked with the WMVCF to establish a designated fund to improve children's health in Custer County. The Festival Association has donated \$30,000 to create the HMFH

Children's Health Fund, and the WMVCF is managing the distribution of the gift to the community based on a grant application and review process. For more information please visit the High Mountain Hay Fever Bluegrass Children's Health Fund web page on the Community Foundation website at [www.wmvcf.org](http://www.wmvcf.org). About the organizations

*The spirit of resistance to government is so valuable on certain occasions, that I wish it to be always kept alive. It will often be exercised when wrong, but better so than not to be exercised at all. I like a little rebellion now and then. It is like a storm in the atmosphere.*

-Thomas Jefferson, 1787

## Flags Up for Independence Day

Press Release

Bob Dreher,  
American Legion, Post 170

July 4, 1776 is the day the Continental Congress approved and signed our Declaration of Independence from the tyranny of the British Empire and King George III.

This day is revered in the history of our Country and is cause for great celebration and patriotic displays.

On July 1, flags will be put up from the east side of Silver Cliff west to the Bluffs in Westcliffe. These flags are installed by members of The American Legion

Post 170 as part of the Post Americanism programs.

The team installing flags this year are all Veterans and include Larry Lowe, Joy Lowe and Earl Fox.

We encourage all businesses and Custer County residents to fly their flags proudly for Independence Day.



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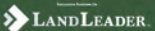


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# Local Mountain News & Notices

## New Date For Kids’ Bear Hunt

Thursday, July 7  
1 to 2 p.m. Ages 0-10

Press Release

“We’re Going on a Bear Hunt” for children ages 0-10 was previously postponed due to lightning, and the library is excited to announce that a new date has been set. The free event is based on the popular children’s book of the same name and features a series of obstacle courses, some involving water. Kids are encouraged to come

in their “play clothes” and be prepared to get wet. The bear hunt will be on Thursday, July 7th from 1 to 2 p.m. in Hermit Park on the corner of Hermit Road and Fourth Street in Westcliffe. This is the final event for children as part of the West Custer County Library’s Summer Reading Program. However, the reading challenge for both children and teens will continue until

July 29th. New prizes are available each week as a reward for kids and teens learning and reading during their summer break. Youth can register for Summer Reading at the library during its regular hours throughout July. For more information about the Summer Reading Program, stop by the library or call 719-783-9138.

## Wet Mountain Rotary Calendar

This is a great time in our valley for all of its summer activities! Your Rotary activities that are about to take place are as follows:

- Participate in the Independence Day Parade, July 4th at 10 a.m.
- Help folks find their parking place at the Hay Fever Festival July 7-10.
- **Pancake Breakfast** on July 16th in the school parking lot at 7 a.m. This event is to benefit the Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Scholarship

- Fund. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Purchase tickets from a rotary member or at the event itself. So come on out and enjoy the spirit of this great event!
- Painted View Ranch Dinner, July 22nd, 6-10 p.m.
- Youth Jazz BBQ, July 29th,
- August 5th, Our Rotary exchange student “Alexia-Ioana Stanciu arrives from Romania!
- August 20th, Annual Golf Tournament

Please keep in mind that we also have our tents for rent which is a major fund raising contributor. Our Rotary Van Service is a great way to help folks out who can’t drive. It is our honor and joy to help out in this manner! Please don’t hesitate to call for help for yourself or someone you know that is in need of this very valuable service. Did I mention that it is FREE with a smile?

## THE CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS OPENINGS FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS AT ALL LEVELS

Applications are available at the administration office Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. or please visit the district’s webpage at <http://www.custercountyschools.org/#!employment/c17c>; scroll down to the section marked “Applications” to download and complete the “Substitute Application”. Applicants will need to be licensed through the Colorado Department of Education. For more information, please contact Kathy Schickling at (719)783-4950.

In compliance with Titles VI & VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, and Colorado law, Custer County School District C-1 does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, age, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, disability or need for special education services in admissions, access to, treatment or employment in educational programs or activities which it operates. Complaint procedures have been established for students, parents, employees and members of the public. The following person(s) have been identified as the compliance officer for the district: Secondary Principal, 709 Main Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252. (719)783-2291

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## KIDS

Friday, July 1, 2016

## July 2, 1937 Amelia Earhart Disappears

Amelia Earhart is remembered as one of the world’s most celebrated aviators. She remains a symbol of the power, perseverance, and an adventurous spirit of American women.

Amelia Earhart was born July 24, 1897, in Atchison, Kansas, to Edwin and Amy Earhart.

Amelia’s father was a lawyer who struggled to hold down a job and battled with alcohol. Because of this, the family was forced to move around a lot and Amelia attended many different schools. Her father’s inability to provide a stable home life led Amelia to become very independent and not rely on anyone to provide for her.

In December 1920, Amelia attended an air show in Long Beach, California. She took a ten-minute flight that would change her life. “By the time I had got two or three hundred feet off the ground, I knew I had to fly,” she said.

Learning to fly in California, she took up aviation as a hobby, taking odd jobs to pay for her flying lessons. In 1922, she purchased her first airplane, a Kinner Airster, and painted it yellow, calling it “The Canary”. In 1923, she became the 16th woman to be issued a pilot’s license.

Following her parent’s divorce, she moved back east to Boston, Massachusetts.

In 1928 she received a call from George Palmer Putnam, her future husband, and was selected to be the first female passenger on a transatlantic flight. Amelia made great strides in opening the new field of aviation to women. In 1935, she became the first person to fly from Hawaii to the American mainland. Because of this, she became not only the first person to solo anywhere in the Pacific, but also the first person to solo both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

In June 1937, at the age of 40, Amelia embarked upon the first around-the-world flight at the equator. On July 2nd, after completing nearly two-thirds of her historic flight -- over 22,000 miles -- Amelia vanished along with her navigator, Frederick Noonan.

An interesting biography to read would be “*Soaring Wings*” authored by her husband George in 1939, as a tribute to his beloved wife.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: [biography.com](http://biography.com), [livescience.com](http://livescience.com), [ameliaearhart-museum.org](http://ameliaearhart-museum.org)

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*For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.*

# Local Mountain News & Notices

## Events Calendar

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| <b>Friday, July 1, 3:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.</b><br><b>Rolland Fiddle Camp Concert and Camp/Community Jam Session</b> at Wild West Cowboy Church, <b>FREE</b> 60260 Highway 69, Westcliffe | Fremont County Historian at West Custer Library Community Room.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Friday, July 1, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.</b><br>Feed Store Amphitheater<br><b>SHAKESPEARE IN THE SANGRES</b><br>“ <b>Loves Labor Lost</b> ” Feed Store Amphitheater \$\$            | <b>Friday &amp; Saturday July 8 &amp; 9, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.</b><br><b>Hope Lutheran Garage Sale</b> at Lange Building next door to the church.                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Tuesday July 5 and Wednesday July 6, 9 a.m.</b><br><b>Commissioners Meetings</b><br>In the Boardroom                                                                             | <b>Friday July 8, 9 p.m.</b> Main St. Westcliffe<br><b>Dark Skies Star Party</b> at Smokey Jack Observatory                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Wednesday, July 6, 2016 7:30 p.m.</b><br><b>Juni Fisher in Concert</b> - WCPA Fundraiser (719) 783-3004, <a href="http://www.jonestheater.com">http://www.jonestheater.com</a>   | <b>Saturday July 9</b><br><b>Westgrass 5K Fun Run</b><br>Time TBA@ Club America, (719) 783-0750                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday July 7, 8, 9, 10</b><br><b>High Mountain Hay Fever Bluegrass Festival</b> At the Bluff at the west end of Main St Westcliffe, Co              | <b>Saturday July 9 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.</b><br><b>Vintage Airstream Rally Open House</b><br>Rocky Mountain Vintage Airstream Club<br>A Painted View Ranch, 3115 Co Rd 160, Westcliffe                                                                             |
| <b>Friday July 8, 7 p.m.</b><br>“ <b>Aunt Helen Told Me</b> ” About Helen Montgomery Presented By Shirley Carey, Custer and                                                         | <b>Saturday July 9, Sunday 10 , Salida Fine Arts Festival</b> Fine arts and Crafts.<br>Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Park next to the Hot Springs Pool <a href="http://www.salidaartsfestival.com">www.salidaartsfestival.com</a> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Monday, July 11, 2016 - All Day</b> to Sunday, July 17, 2016 - All Day <b>Custer County Fair</b><br>90 CR 241 Westcliffe, CO 81252                                                                                                                            |



## 4th of July Weekend

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| <b>July 1st to July 4th, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.</b><br><b>American Legion Yard Sale</b><br>@ 90 CR 241, Saddle Club Building<br>Contact: Steve Case, (719) 783-0973<br>All Aboard Westcliffe Yard Sale                 | <b>Saturday, July 2, 2016, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.</b><br><b>Sangres Art Guild - Summer Show Reception &amp; Ice Cream Social</b> 59000 N. Highway 69, Westcliffe, Co 81252                                                              |
| <b>July 2nd, 3rd &amp; 4th – 9am – 3pm</b><br><b>All Aboard Westcliffe Yard Sale,</b> 110 Rosita Ave. in Westcliffe<br>719-371-7660                                                                              | <b>Saturday, July 2, 6:30 p.m.</b><br>Feed Store Amphitheater<br><b>SHAKESPEARE IN THE SANGRES:</b><br>“ <b>King Lear</b> ” Feed Store Amphitheater \$\$                                                                         |
| <b>Saturday July 2, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and July 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m..</b> Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources Annual 4th of July <b>Indoor Yard Sale</b> at the Lighthouse, 417 Cliff Street, Silver Cliff.              | <b>Saturday, Sunday, Monday, July 2- 4 at 9 a.m.</b><br>Vendors at parking lot south of the Engine House on Rosita Ave. For more info go to: <a href="http://www.allaboardwestcliffe.org">http://www.allaboardwestcliffe.org</a> |
| <b>July 2, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.</b><br><b>All Day Car Show</b> with additional activities until 6 p.m. Main St.                                                                                                       | <b>Saturday, Sunday, Monday, July 2 – 4,</b> July 2nd, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., July 3rd and July 4th, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. <b>Deer Mountain Red White &amp; Blue Weekend Sale</b> at the Deer Mt. Fire Station, 6181 CR 28, Copper Gulch Rd. |
| <b>Saturday, July 2, 7 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. and Monday, July 4, 7 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.</b><br><b>Pancake Breakfast</b><br>Under the tent at the Depot, 102 Main St. Westcliffe \$\$                                       | <b>Monday, July 4, 10:00 a.m.</b><br><b>Independence Day Parade</b><br>Starting at Mining Company in Silver Cliff Proceeding west on Main Street.                                                                                |
| <b>Saturday, July 2, 7:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.</b> <b>Deer Mt. Red Suspenders Annual Benefit Breakfast</b> Sausage, pancakes, eggs, juice and coffee for only \$6. Deer Mt. Fire Station, 6181 CR 28, Copper Gulch Rd. | <b>Monday, July 4, Fire Works</b> at dusk (around 9 p.m.), at Lake DeWeese. Sponsored by All Aboard Westcliffe and Wet Mountain Valley Fire District.                                                                            |

## Recurring Events

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| <b>Monday</b><br><b>Club America</b> — 7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training; 9 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<br><b>6 p.m.</b> Closed Step Study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Westcliffe.<br>Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emilie at (719) 371-5974.                                                                                                                        | Emilie at (719) 371-5974<br><b>6:30 p.m.</b> Men’s and Women’s Bible Study. First Baptist Church of Westcliffe Call 719-783-2498.<br><b>6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.</b> Custer County Community Band practice in the band room at the high school.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>1st and 3rd Mondays</b><br><b>4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.</b> 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Last Wednesday of the Month</b><br><b>11 a.m.</b> Book Club meeting at the West Custer County Library. Open to the public.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><b>Club America</b> — 9:15 a.m. Stretch; 10:30 a.m. Zumba; 10:30 a.m. Chair Strength; 4 p.m. Kids Zone; 4 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Core Conditioning.<br><b>12 – 4:30 p.m.</b> Bridge Club meets in the Library Community Room in downtown Westcliffe.<br><b>6 p.m.</b> Bible Study at Wild West Cowboy Church. Call 719-783-2676                                                                                                                                               | <b>Thursday</b><br><b>Club America</b> — 9 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; 4:00 p.m. – 6 p.m. Core Conditioning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>1st Tuesday of the Month</b><br><b>6:30 p.m.</b> at Cliff Lanes<br>American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting.<br><b>6:45 p.m.</b> Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (March – October) at the Saddle Club.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Second Thursday of the Month</b><br><b>10 a.m. – 11 a.m.</b> “Ask a Nurse” at the library.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><b>Club America</b> — 7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training; 8:00 a.m. Kids Zone; 10:00 a.m. Low Impact; 5:15 p.m. Step Aerobics.<br><b>9 a.m. - 1 p.m.</b> Farmers Market. Jess Price Park, Westcliffe.<br><b>9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.</b> Line dancers meet at the Methodist Church. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370.<br><b>6 p.m.</b> Closed Big Book Study Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or | <b>Friday</b><br><b>Club America</b> — 7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training; 9:00 a.m. Water Aerobics; 9:15 a.m. Stretch; 10:30 a.m. Muscles.<br><b>6 p.m.</b> Open Discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emilie at (719) 371-5974.<br><b>7 p.m. to 8 p.m.</b> Bible Talks with Domenic Enrietta and John Hartig. At the Library Community Room. All welcome. No charge. |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Saturday</b><br><b>10 a.m.</b> Wet Mountain Al-Anon Family Group meets at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. Call Dee (719) 404-1851 or Jean (719) 371-1229.<br><b>2 p.m.</b> Laughter Yoga at the West Custer County Library. Open to the public.<br><b>3 p.m.</b> Open Drum Circle at the West Custer County Library. All ages welcome! If you have a drum, please bring it. We have a few spares.                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>3rd Saturday of Month</b><br><b>9 a.m.</b> VFW meeting at Cliff Lanes Conference Room for more info call Commander Randy Knight 783-9340.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

## Services

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| <b>Club America</b><br>50 E. Main Street<br>Silver Cliff, CO 81252<br>(719) 783-0750<br>Public Swim hrs. – Mon. thru Sat.<br>12 p.m. – 4 p.m.<br>\$2 PER PERSON | <b>Custer County Community Sharing Center Inc.</b><br>120 N. 3rd St.<br>Westcliffe, CO 8125<br>(719)371-7664<br>Fri.- Sat. 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.                     | <b>West Custer County Library</b><br>209 Main Street<br>Westcliffe, CO 81252<br>(719) 783-9138<br>Tue. – Fri.: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.<br>Sat.:10 a.m. – 2 p.m. |
| <b>Custer County Senior Center</b><br>612 Main St.<br>Silver Cliff, CO 81252<br>(719) 783-9508<br>Lunch; Mon., Tues. & Thur. at Noon. <b>RSVP by 9:30 a.m.</b>  | <b>Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources</b><br>417 Cliff Street<br>Silver Cliff, CO 81252<br>(719) 783-4357<br>Mon. – Thur. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.<br>Fri. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | <b>Wet Mt. Rotary Van Service</b><br>For transportation needs, contact Van Dispatch<br>(719) 783-2343<br>Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.                        |



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Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Applications and resumes will be accepted through July 11th at 4 p.m. Prefer applicants to live in Silver Cliff or Westcliffe, required to live in Custer County.

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**July 8**  
**"Aunt Helen Told Me" About Helen Montgomery**  
Presented By Shirley Carey, Custer County And Fremont Historian

**August 12**  
**Heritage Of Homes In Land Trusts**  
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## Veterans Service Office of Custer County Colorado Information Workshop on Veterans Issues

14 July 2016  
11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Ranchers Roost Banquet Room  
25 Main St. Westcliffe, CO 81252

Doors will open at 10:45 a.m.. Guest speaker for the event will be Michael "Mickey" Hunt, the Deputy Executive Director for the Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Come and learn from Mickey and his staff and others in the community how we can identify needs, improve services and find resources to support the veterans in Custer County. The event is open to the public but seating is limited. There will be an opportunity to ask questions during the workshop. Please RSVP.

Contact: Tim Swartz, Custer County Veterans Service Officer at 783-9470.



Michael T. "Mickey" Hunt  
Deputy Executive Director  
Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs



## Board of County Commissioner (BOCC) Meeting; June 22nd

Board of County Commissioner (BOCC) Wetmore Meeting

June 22, 2016

—San Isabel Restaurant and Lodge, Rye, Colorado

by Sentinel Staff

The meeting was held during lunch at the San Isabel Restaurant and Lodge. Lunches were purchased by the meeting attendees. The meeting started at noon with the Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Audience Introductions, and two Public Comments. The public requested that the BOCC move forward with a letter to AT&T regarding poor reliability on cellular telephone connectivity in Custer County. The Sheriff's Department has drafted the letter, which is now with the BOCC to review, sign and send. This topic came up two more times during the meeting. The BOCC approved two motions; first to review, sign and send the letter to AT&T, political leaders in the State and management at the Public Utilities Commission. The second motion was to form a communication committee made up from public representa-

tives to keep this concern in front of community leaders and AT&T. A second public comment came from the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District representative. He briefly described an Upper Arkansas Multi-Use Project that will store large amounts of surface water for recreational and irrigational uses. The project will be presented to the public later this year. For details about the project, contact the Conservancy District.

Under Commissioner Items, the commissioners met with AT&T regarding connectivity issues. They also attended the third meeting held by the Office of Emergency Management to develop a Hazard Mitigation Plan, where potential hazards for Custer County were prioritized. The Plan will be ready for review in a few weeks. The commissioners thanked Custer County School for the use of their building for the AT&T meeting. The BOCC continues to seek additional funding for the Wetmore Library Building modification project. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) has been revised and will be sent to Colora-

do University regarding an assessment study planned for this summer.

Under New and Old Business, the BOCC passed a motion to send a letter of interest in the Upper Arkansas Multi-Use Project to the Conservancy District while tabling a \$3,000 matching funds request. No word from the District Attorney's office regarding their request for funds to hire additional staff, the BOCC will keep this under old business.

The public health office provided the BOCC with their May report. Noteworthy activities include; the regional staff from Pueblo made a site visit to Custer County on the 10th of May to discuss the unique challenges of living in a rural community and to discuss a full scale exercise planned for 2017. Public Health representatives attended the Regional Quarterly Health Care Coalition meeting, the Child Fatality Prevention System Regional Training in Pueblo and the Launch Your Next Community Health Assessment Workshop to start a five-year improvement plan. The Public Health office requested

additional funding to support the hire of a registered nurse to share with the Custer County School. The BOCC tabled the request for the next BOCC meeting.

The U.S. Forestry Service reported they are opening several gravel pits; they are managing a program to thin out fuels, the moisture in the fuels is starting to dry out. Logging truck activities are picking up with up to 12 trucks moving on the roads per day. They recently filled their Law Enforcement Office (LEO) position with a new hire. They are using a new Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) crew this summer to inspect and maintain trails.

The meeting ended with Roads and Bridges announcing they are planning an auction in August to liquidate some assets they and other County Departments no longer need. More on this will be covered in subsequent BOCC meetings.

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## CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

### Custer County BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Tentative Agenda

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016  
9:00 AM

Meeting Location:  
County Courthouse /Commissioners Room

- Call Meeting to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call  
Amend Agenda  
Audience Introduction  
Public Comment  
Approval of Minutes  
Commissioner Items  
Attorney Items  
Executive Session  
New/Old Business  
Staff Reports:
- Airport
  - Public Health
  - Extension
  - Veterans
  - Human Services

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2016  
9:00 AM

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County Courthouse /Commissioners Room

- Call Meeting to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

- Amend Agenda  
Audience Introduction  
Public Comment  
Approval of Minutes  
Commissioner Items  
Attorney Items  
Executive Session  
New/Old Business  
Staff Reports:
- Road & Bridge/Landfill/Recycle
  - Human Resource/Finance
  - IT – 2016 – 2017 RETAC Budget and Contract
  - Treasurer
  - OEM
  - Sam DeNardo - Auditor

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## Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 176 calls for service to the Sheriff’s Office, 9 to EMS, and 2 to the Fire Department. As of June 27, there were 5 males and 2 female in the county jail.

**6/23/16:**  
**Arrest:** Richard Sherman of Westcliffe was issued a summons and arrested for driving a motor vehicle with a license under restraint for an alcohol related offense, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and operating an unregistered vehicle.

**Spotlight Issue:** A deputy was dispatched to Lake DeWeese in response to a subject with a bright spotlight shining into the

window of a local resident.

**6/24/16:**  
**Traffic Summons:** Philip Johnson-Hintz of Pueblo for driving a vehicle without a valid driver’s license and speeding 10 - 19 over. Steven Trapani of Colorado Springs for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Patrick Riddle of Highland Village, TX for speeding 10 - 19 over.

**Vandalism:** A deputy was dispatched to S. Adams Blvd. to investigate a report of vandalism.

**Rescue:** Custer County Search and Rescue, a Sheriff’s deputy, a member of the Posse mounted patrol, and EMS were dispatched to Brush Creek Trail for a

64 year old male who fell and suffered a head injury. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

**Theft:** A deputy was dispatched to merchant on Main Street in Silver Cliff concerning a theft. A store employee was able to provide the deputy with a license plate and description of the suspects’s vehicle. Anne-Ortiz and Anna Thorp, both of Pueblo West, were issued summons for theft valued at less than \$50.

**6/25/16:**  
**Traffic Summons:** Robert Fierro of Pueblo for speeding 20 - 24 over. Jesse Owen of Edmond, OK

for speeding 20 - 24 over. Cynthia Roberts of Dallas, TX for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Jessica Aikens of Colorado Springs for speeding 10 - 19 over.

William Wyatt of Canyon, TX for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Alan Prudic of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Lukas Killman of Colorado Springs for speeding 10-19 over.

**Arrest:** Dean Smith of Pueblo was issued a summons and arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs or both, and failing to drive in a single lane.

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10:30 a.m. Worship  
5:00 p.m. Worship  
818 Ohio Street  
Silver Cliff  
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- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
10 a.m. Sacrament Mtg.  
12:10 p.m. Sunday School  
240 Ridgeline Drive  
Westcliffe  
719/783-9356  
719/404-4585
- Community United Methodist Church**  
8 a.m. Worship  
10 a.m. Worship  
202 S. 6th Street  
Westcliffe  
719/783-2511
- Cody Park Community Church**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Mtg.  
Wednesday, 7 p.m., Bible Study  
0157 County Rd. 27A  
Cotopaxi  
719/942-3462  
719/942-3526

- Cotopaxi Community Church**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Worship  
6 p.m. Worship  
20326 Hwy. 50  
Cotopaxi  
719/942-4185
- First Baptist Church of Westcliffe**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship  
10:45 a.m. Worship  
6 p.m. Worship  
417 S. 6th Street  
Westcliffe  
719/783-2498
- High Country Mennonite Church**  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School  
110 Rosita Avenue  
All Aboard Westcliffe Bldg.  
Westcliffe  
719/783-9045
- Huerfano Community Bible Church**  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship  
7 p.m.: Thursday Bible Study  
603 Leon Street  
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- Hope Lutheran Church**  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Fellowship  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
3rd & Powell Streets  
Westcliffe  
719/783-9773

- Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church**  
Diocese of Pueblo  
11 a.m. Sunday Mass  
10 a.m. Tuesday Mass  
11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday Adoration  
109 S. 5th Street  
Westcliffe  
719/783-3507
- Our Lady of Mt. Zion Catholic Church**  
11 a.m. Mass  
3rd Sunday of each month  
210 S. 2nd Street  
Westcliffe  
719/783-2491
- Sangre de Cristo Fellowship**  
Sundays, 9 a.m. Meet and Greet  
Sundays, 9:15 a.m. Service  
120 Jerry Court  
Westcliffe  
719/783-0903
- Sangre de Cristo Seminary Chapel**  
10 a.m. Worship  
6160 County Rd. 130  
Westcliffe  
719/783-2447
- St. Luke’s Episcopal Church**  
10:30 a.m. Worship & Eucharist  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship  
3rd & Rosita Streets  
Westcliffe  
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- St. Patrick’s Anglican Church**  
11 a.m. Worship  
401 South Second Street  
Westcliffe  
719/783-2500
- Valley Bible Fellowship**  
10 a.m. Worship  
116 Hermit Lane  
Silver Cliff  
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- Westcliffe Community Church**  
10 a.m. Worship  
103 N. Adams St.  
Westcliffe  
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- Wetmore Baptist Church**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship  
6 p.m. Worship  
Junction of Hwy 96 & 67  
Wetmore  
719/371-1230
- Wetmore Community Church**  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Worship  
699 County Rd. 395  
Wetmore  
719/784-0596
- Wild West Cowboy Church**  
3 p.m. Sunday School  
4 p.m. Worship  
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# Impacts of Increasing Colorado's Minimum Wage

from the Common Sense Policy Roundtable

(Editor/GG: The following are excerpts from a policy paper done by the Economics International Corp. for the Common Sense Policy Roundtable, concerning Colorado ballot initiatives that would “mandate a steep increase in Colorado’s minimum wage.”

The findings are an eye-opener. You can find the whole report via the web link at the end of the article.)

Economics International Corp. has been retained by the Common Sense Policy Roundtable to evaluate ballot initiatives which would mandate steep increases to Colorado’s minimum wage. The minimum wage initiatives would raise the state’s minimum wage to \$12 an hour by 2020 and increase the wage with inflation in subsequent years. Our research focuses on the effects on employment and income impacts as a result of a minimum wage increase. A statistical analysis finds the following impacts on Colorado employment and incomes:

- Once fully phased-in, the minimum wage hikes under the initiative would reduce

Colorado’s total employment by as much as 90,000. The reduced employment would result from some workers losing their jobs and some workers being unable to find a job. Some job losses would result from business closures and consolidation. Some workers may be discouraged by reduced employment opportunities and exit the labor force entirely.

- Once fully phased-in, the minimum wage hikes would reduce teen employment by as much as 10,500.
- The proposed minimum wage increases would reduce Colorado wage and salary incomes by as much as \$3.9 billion a year.
- Reduced employment and smaller incomes resulting from a steep increase in the minimum wage are likely to increase poverty.

While some employees would undoubtedly benefit from a higher minimum wage, most, if not all of these income benefits would be offset by lost wages from reductions in employment and increased underemployment, particularly among young and low-skilled workers.

Workers currently having the most difficulty finding jobs today would have even worse prospects if a

or the rest of the world: unemployment and lack of employment lie at the core of poverty. Colorado’s high

two-thirds of those in poverty are not employed—they are either unemployed or out of the labor force. In

Unemployment among Colorado youth, age 16 to 19, is about four times greater than the rate of unemployment in the state as a whole. In 2015, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that 15 percent of Colorado’s 16–19 year olds were unemployed. In other words, roughly 1 in 6 Colorado teens wanted to work, but could not find a job.

Research published by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) finds the 30 percent increase in the average effective minimum wage over the late 2000s “reduced the national employment-to-population ratio—the share of adults with any kind of job—by 0.7 percentage point” between December 2006 and December 2012. This amounts to 14 percent of the total working-age decline during that period. In addition, minimum wage increases make it harder for low-income workers to climb the ladder to the middle class.

“[W]e find that binding minimum wage increases had significant, negative effects on the employment and income growth of targeted workers. Lost income reflects contributions from

## Colorado total employment impacts of higher minimum wage

| Year | Minimum Wage | Reduced Employment |         | Reduced Wage & Salary Income |         |
|------|--------------|--------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
|      |              | Jobs               | Percent | Income                       | Percent |
| 2017 | \$ 9.30      | 7,000              | 0.03%   | \$ 258,000,000               | 0.2%    |
| 2018 | 10.20        | 19,000             | 0.8%    | 728,000,000                  | 0.4%    |
| 2019 | 10.46        | 31,000             | 1.2%    | 1,212,000,000                | 0.7%    |
| 2020 | 12.00        | 52,000             | 2.0%    | 2,092,000,000                | 1.1%    |
| 2021 | 12.31        | 71,000             | 2.7%    | 2,989,000,000                | 1.5%    |
| 2022 | 12.65        | 90,000             | 3.3%    | 3,902,000,000                | 1.9%    |

data from [www.econinternational.com](http://www.econinternational.com)

## Reduced Minimum Teen Employment

| Year | Minimum-Wage | Reduced Teen Employment |         |
|------|--------------|-------------------------|---------|
|      |              | #Jobs                   | Percent |
| 2017 | \$ 9.30      | 1,500                   | 1.7%    |
| 2018 | 10.20        | 3,500                   | 4.0%    |
| 2019 | 10.46        | 5,000                   | 5.4%    |
| 2020 | 12.00        | 8,000                   | 8.3%    |
| 2021 | 12.31        | 9,500                   | 10.0%   |
| 2022 | 12.65        | 10,500                  | 10.9%   |

unemployment counties are also the state’s high poverty counties; Colorado’s high poverty counties are also the state’s high unemployment counties. Statewide, approximately

rural counties such as Otero and Conejos, three-quarters of individuals in poverty are out-of-work or have given up looking for work.

large increase in the minimum wage went into effect. Consequently, a steep increase in the minimum wage would likely harm those Coloradans who need the most help with employment and income opportunities.

### 1. Unemployment is at the core of poverty

Poverty is clearly and directly linked to unemployment. Thus, any state policies—such as steep increases in the minimum wage—that increase unemployment are almost sure to increase poverty.

Colorado is no different from the rest of the U.S.

### 2. Youth unemployment

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## Colorado Springs: The Name “Jesus” Is Banned!!!

by Casey Harper,  
Daily Caller News Foundation

A Colorado pastor is facing a serious dilemma after the Colorado Springs’ transit agency said he could not advertise his church on bus stops because the name “Jesus” was too offensive.

Lawson Perdue, pastor at Charis Christian Center, has advertised on bus stop benches with the phrases “Celebrate Jesus,” or “Experience Jesus” for years. Now, the Mountain Metro Transit has decided this will no longer be allowed, The Colorado Springs Gazette reports. Currently, Perdue’s advertisement on the city’s benches includes the phrase “Jesus is Lord.” Perdue said the city’s transit told him that when his contract expired in July, he could no longer use the name “Jesus” because someone complained.

“I asked them why we could no longer use the name of Jesus,” Perdue told KKTV. “They said it’s because, if you use the name of Jesus, we must allow hate messaging.”

Perdue has advertised on benches around the city for three years. He is threatening

a lawsuit, and the city’s transit is reviewing their decision and policies.

“A recent citizen complaint about certain advertising on bus benches has caused City Transit staff to undertake careful review of both the advertising and Transit’s current advertising policy in relation to the requirements of the 1st Amendment’s Establishment Clause,” the city’s transit said in a statement. “The Establishment Clause prohibits the endorsement of a specific religion or its tenets. Transit is working with the Office of the City Attorney concerning the matter and Transit’s advertising policy going forward.”

(Editor/GG: Outrageous. The city’s Transit division is NOT advertising. A private individual/organization is. This is free speech repression period.)

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# Colorado State News

## State Pension Still Underfunded, Unrealistic Goals, CEO Overpaid

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Every year Colorado's Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA) releases their Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and every year their returns continue to fall short of the assumed investment rate of return. This spells big problems for taxpayers who will be on the hook for that shortfall when large numbers of state employees want to collect their pensions.

Adding insult to injury, it's almost like PERA CEO Greg Smith is just hoping that people will stop noticing and/or caring that the fund is constantly underperforming and continues to reward him with lavish pay raises. If it weren't for State Treasurer Walker Stapleton, this financial crisis facing our state budget might very likely have been swept under the rug. But Stapleton has not given up his charge to bring more transparency to the

way PERA is run and force PERA officials and other elected leaders to take a hard, honest look at how Colorado's pension system is run.

In a recent press release, Stapleton states:

"This whole situation is unfortunate for every PERA member and taxpayer in Colorado. PERA and Greg Smith are doing PERA members a huge disservice by not addressing the underlying struc-

tural problems in this plan. This is not a partisan problem, this is a giant math problem. Greg Smith seems more interested in public relations tours, pay raises and kicking-the-can down the road than taking a sober minded view and responsibly managing the pension system."

Stapleton's harsh words for PERA's chief executive are not undeserved. If he worked for a private business, Smith would

have probably been fired by now. Only in government can you repeatedly fail yet still get a raise.

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Please see: <http://coloradopeakpolitics.com/2016/06/23/stuck-on-the-merry-go-round-state-pension-still-underfunded-still-setting-unrealistic-goals-still-overpaying-ceo/>

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employment declines, increased probabilities of working without pay (i.e., an "internship" effect), and lost wage growth associated with reductions in experience accumulation ...."

#### 3. Impacts of a steep rise in the minimum wage

In most families with a minimum wage earner, the worker at minimum wage is not the only source or even the primary source of family income. That is one reason why Census Data reports that the average income for a Colorado family with a wage earner making \$12 or less an hour is approximately \$61,000 a year, or more

than three times the federal poverty level for 2016 for a family of three. In addition, a large portion of families in poverty have no-one working. Thus, a minimum wage increase would do very little to improve the incomes of working families.

Proponents of steep increases in the minimum wage often cite the premise that "nobody who works full-time should have to live in poverty." However, the U.S. Census Bureau reports only three percent of full time workers are below the poverty level.

**3.1. Employment impacts**  
Most academic empirical research supports the common sense understanding that increased minimum wages are associated with

reduced employment, with the working poor facing a disproportionate share of the job losses.

#### 3.2 Wage and salary income impacts

While a minimum wage increase will make some employees better off, those who lose their jobs or cannot find employment will be worse off. Indeed, it would be virtually impossible for the increased incomes associated with a steep increase in the minimum wage to offset the foregone incomes associated with reduced employment.

By 2020, Colorado's minimum wage would be 30 percent higher than it would be under the existing minimum wage law and wage and salary incomes in the state would

be \$2.1 billion lower. By 2022, wage and salary incomes would be \$3.9 billion lower.

The reduced wage and salary incomes would result from:

Some workers losing their jobs, some workers being unable to find a job, and some Colorado residents exiting the labor force. To the extent some businesses would close or consolidate locations, all of the employees would be displaced or otherwise affected—not just the employees working at minimum wage.

A reduction in hours worked for some employees, with some full-time workers involuntarily transitioning to part-time work or underemployment.

"Wage compression" in which a minimum wage increase results in newer and lesser skilled workers suddenly earning as much as employees with more skills or more experience. Research has found employers can respond to a minimum wage increase by cutting wages for other, higher-paid workers. One survey found that nearly half of employers faced with a minimum-wage hike "would delay or limit pay raises/bonuses for more experienced employees."

#### 4. Conclusion

It is well known and widely accepted that unemployment and underemployment are core sources of poverty. Decades of research conclude that higher mandated wage rates reduce employment. A steep

increase in the minimum wage would have the worst impact on people already suffering most from a lack of jobs, a lack of full-time jobs, and families living in poverty.

Once fully phased-in, the minimum wage hikes under the initiative would reduce Colorado employment by as much as 90,000. Teen employment would be reduced by as much as 10,500.

The proposed minimum wage increases would reduce Colorado wage and salary incomes by as much as \$3.9 billion a year.

Please see: <http://commonsensepolicyroundtable.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Minimum-Wage-Final-Report.pdf>

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# One Mom’s Story!

by Jo McGuire

DENIAL! The hospital social worker must have thought that I typified the word as we sat uncomfortably staring at one another. Neither my mind nor my heart could make sense of what I had just heard “Mrs. M., we need to talk about your son’s marijuana use.” My immediate response was “My son doesn’t use marijuana.” She took a deep breath and said sympathetically, “Well according to



him, he’s using a lot.” To which I replied, “He’s lying.”

I had no way of realizing the long-term implications of the marijuana induced psychosis she was describing. A few hours earlier, I had been awakened when my oldest son gently placed his hand on my shoulder and whispered “I need to talk to you downstairs.” I noted the time, 3:15 a.m. and stepped into the hall. His quiet but urgent statement “I just found Jordan hanging in our closet” shook me to the center of my being.

I rushed to the basement to find my 17-year-old son with deep purple ligature marks on his throat - all I could do was utter his name. His stony reply was, “What?” Relief flooded through me and I fought to control panic and think through what I had to do. A short time later, I found myself listening numbly to the hospital social worker and desperately trying to understand her words, “His prescription for Adderall combined with his heavy marijuana use

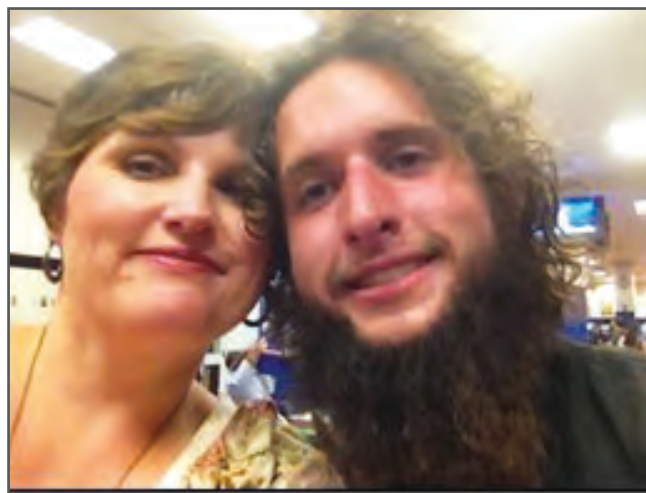
caused a psychotic break. It is actually a common outcome.”

I am embarrassed that I didn’t see it, recognize it or understand it. I was so naïve about marijuana and so certain that my 17-year-old was not a heavy drug user that I did not initially mention the marijuana use related to the suicide attempt. It horrified me. We were a Christian family. We had a structured home life. I was an involved parent. Jordan was active in youth group. He was a gifted student, creative writer, and talented musician with an amazing sense of humor. How could he...?

It was both frustrating and heartbreaking to listen as my son described his commitment to marijuana and observe his inability to see

was able to obtain food at a “Bum Feed.” Within a heartbeat I was elated to hear his voice and devastated at the realization of what his life had become. Sometime later I was able to see him for a few minutes in a bus station as he passed through on his way to the East Coast. Joy and grief - the face of my son on a vagrant.

No longer afforded the luxury of denial, my passion is to help other parents realize the warning signs, to encourage those who share similar stories, to keep hope in my heart for my son and to educate people that marijuana is NOT harmless, NOT safe and NOT for kids. It is an addictive drug that causes particular harm to youth who are being targeted as new consumers. Use of marijuana by Colorado



Jo McGuire and son Jordan McGuire.

Courtesy Photo from Jo McGuire

how negatively marijuana impacted and controlled him. **WE WERE NOT FIGHTING A BEHAVIOR BUT A MIND-SET** that was cemented into his belief system. Marijuana had become his life, his religion, his identity. In 2012, his drug use escalated to a point where he had to leave our home. For 15 months he chose to live as a street person, travelling up and down the West Coast, looking for food in garbage cans and searching for a safe place to sleep at night. He was robbed repeatedly, lost his ID, and experimented with harder drugs. One day he called me to excitedly report that he

teens is now the highest in the nation, which is no surprise to any thinking person. Resolve to talk to your teen today about the negative side of marijuana use.



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**Tuesdays** —**Cañon City Entertainment in the Park** will be presented from 7-9 p.m., beginning June 7 in Veterans Park. The event will offer a plethora of music and entertainment throughout the summer. For more information, call 275-2331.

**Wednesdays**— **Puppies at the Library** will be featured from 2-4 p.m. at the Cañon City Public Library at 516 Macon Ave. Pick a dog; pick a book; pick a time. For more information, call 269-9020.

**Wednesdays** —**Florence Entertainment in the Park** will be held from 7-9 p.m. Pioneer Park in Florence.

**Thursdays** —**Florence Farmers Market** will be held from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays in Pioneer Park in Florence.

**July 2nd, A War Memorial Wall Dedication** will be held in a ceremony at 10 a.m. at the Fremont County Airport.

**July 2nd, Humane Society Animal Swap** from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Tractor Supply Company at 1919 E. Main St. in Cañon City.

**July 2-4, Annual Fourth of July festivities in Florence.** Join the community for its annual Fourth of July festivities at 3 p.m. July 4 in Veterans Park for an afternoon of family fun. Food, Giggles the Clown, music and much more will be offered, concluding with fireworks launching off Skyline Drive at 9 p.m.

**July 2nd through August 27th. Fremont Center for the Arts Summer Family events** FCA is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at 505 Macon Ave. DAWN to DUSK, A two-month Summer Family Event on the lives and art of Colorado Native Americans and Early Settlers. General Admission Tuesday through Friday and reception night is \$3 for FCA members, \$6 non-members and free for children 12 and under. Bring your family and friends for the **July 9 Saturday Events:** Gallery displays, artist and crafters demonstrations, with live entertainments from 1-3 p.m., featuring Grandmother Fire Dancer Native American storytelling and Northern Wind Native American Dancers.

**July 16th, Orchard of Hope** will host its annual **Walk for Hope** at 8 a.m. with opening ceremonies at 9 a.m. in Veterans Park. For more information, call 275-0089.

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Congressional Dems  
Hypocritical  
Gun Protests

The entire gun debate in both houses of Congress is an attempt by Congressional Democrats to continue to chip away at the Second Amendment right to bear arms and own guns. They know that once a citizenship is disarmed, they can rule with impunity. History is proof—Nazi Germany, Communist Russia, Communist China, Cuba, most third world dictatorships and so on. You don’t have to look far. But the height of hypocrisy is to blame the Orlando terrorist attack on guns. Guns don’t kill without someone pulling a trigger. And no matter how you look at it, the criminals will always find ways to get guns. Look at the U.S. cities with the strictest gun control laws. They have the highest murder rates by those using guns.

The latest racket to disarm law abiding citizens is a bill to prevent people who are on a terrorist watch or “no fly” list from buying guns. On the surface this sounds like a good idea. But in reality, it is obfuscation. If those people wanted guns, they would get them. The Islamist that attacked in Orlando worked for a Homeland Security contractor. Using that logic, we should ban guns for anyone working for Homeland Security. Banning guns from people on watch lists complicates the law. They have done no crime. Their rights are being taken away because the government has put them on a list. This is a bad precedent to set in the name of public safety. It is taking rights away because of what people might be “thinking”.

There is a better way. Enforce the law by banning Islamic immigration. Chapter 2 Section 212 of The Immigration and

Nationality Act of 1952 (Public Law 414), prohibits entry to the U.S. if an alien is a member of or, affiliated with, any organization that advocates or teaches, the overthrow by force, violence, or other unconstitutional means of the U.S. or of all forms of law, and aliens who publish, circulate and distribute materials teaching or advocating the overthrow by force, violence or other unconstitutional means, of the U.S. Government or of all forms of law. Islamic immigration to the U.S. would be prohibited under this law because the Koran, Sharia Law and the Hadith all require complete submission to Islam, which is antithetical to the U.S. government, the Constitution, and to the Republic.

Muslims who believe the Koran is their life’s guiding principal. subscribe to submission to Islam and its form of government. Whether Islam is a religion is immaterial because the law states that Aliens who are affiliated with any “organization” that advocates the overthrow of our government are prohibited. It also prohibits those who distribute literature that advocates the overthrow of our country, which would include the Koran. Does Congress have the integrity to act? Or shall we be a nation like that in Isaiah 59:14 where, “justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.” I think you know the answer. The silly sittings and rhetoric are just that.

*Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!*  
Bill Wilson  
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Hussein Obama, 50; American, 0:  
More Adventures in Multiculturalism

by Fred Reed,  
FredOnEverything.Org

Orlando? So what else is new? Why the excitement? I am puzzled that everyone is distraught over a perfectly ordinary act of terrorism by a perfectly ordinary Muslim terrorist. We have seen these attacks before and will see them again. They grow monotonous, like car crashes. They are as interesting as a commercial break.

Why the surprise? We know Muslims kill Christians. We know they stone adulteresses to death. We know they drive airplanes into buildings. We know they mutilate women. We know they bomb airliners. We know they destroy historic monuments. We know they kill their daughters for losing their virginity. We know they kill homosexuals. We know they make coordinated mass attacks on cities. We know they are incompatible with societies of the First World. We know they have no respect for our laws. We know they hate us.

Knowing all of this, what do we do? Why...of course! What else? We import more of them. Nothing could make more sense. Ten thousand Syrians, coming to your neighborhood. Thank you, Obama. Thank you in advance, Hillary.

More precisely, Hussein Obama imports them. A black President with Islamic roots, barely American, who dislikes white people and recruits immigrants of his two ethnicities as hard as he can. We get utterly unassimilatable Somalis in Minnesota, and all the Muslims he can find. Fifty gay men have just paid the price for Hussein’s policy.

The man fascinates me. The two worst actors that America has suffered since Lincoln are Osama bin Laden and Hussein Obama. They easily fit into any list of history’s most effective and influential men, being true geniuses. For a few hundred thousand dollars and an army of a couple of dozen, bin Laden stunningly humiliated America on international television, turned the country into a police state frightened of

everything, inspired abrogation of its Constitution, and sucked the country into unending wars. On a cost-benefit basis, it was astonishing. He up-throttled national decline and has Americans hopping barefoot in airports while recordings on subways tell us to watch each other and report “suspicious behavior.”

Hussein Obama is in the same majestic league. He has said that he wants to

*“We know they have no respect for our laws. We know they hate us.”*

“transform” America, and he has. Has he ever, by simply doing what he wants. He found and exploited the hidden weakness in American government, which is that nobody has the b\*\*\*\*s to tell him “No.” He has won by sheer force of will. You’ve got to hand it to the guy: he’s good.

He has set the stage for, at least, unending divisiveness and very possibly for civil war. He will bring in as many more incompatible savages as he can before leaving office, and Hillary, if elected, will be Obama continued by other means. Amazing. The combined militaries of Imperial Japan and Nazi Germany did not do as much lasting harm as this one man.

Why does he do it? Look at it as revenge for slavery. Obama bin Osama, I strongly suspect, does. Our post-racial President is in fact, the most racial.

For those killed by Omar and their families and friends, there is nothing amusing about the slaughter. In a certain abstract sense, there is. America is like a man beating on his thumb with a hammer and yelling, “Oh! Ouch! Oooh! It hurts!” Why doesn’t he just stop? Well, that would be hammer-phobic. Countries deserve what they tolerate. They even more deserve what they encourage. From Drudge: “Imam speaking in Orlando said gays must be killed out of ‘compassion’...”

Hmmmm. Might this not be homophobic? I dare not say so, for fear of being thought Islamophobic. Which I am not. No. I suffer from Islamonausea.

It seems that gays have to be killed on the authority of some Fourth Century towel rack. It is because the Religion of Peace says so. If a televangelist in Kansas said that homosexuals had to be killed for Jesus, the entire zoo of talking heads would be on him like lice on a

leper and the FBI would gin up fraudulent charges. Watch the media for the outrage that won’t exist as they cover up. You can bet that Hussein Obama will say nothing against his own people.

From the standpoint of a curmudgeon, to which ash-en-souled tribe I belong, the events in Orlando provide the gray satisfaction of confirmation. We, in our dismal trade, derive no joy from unavoidable sufferings springing from

*“Can caning be far behind?”*

the routine malice of existence—cancer, automobile wrecks, birth defects—but we thrive on the self-inflicted, on the finger-hammerings accompanied by cries of “Ouch!” We observe that Muslims are nothing but trouble every where, so we import Muslims. We observe that diversity is the chief source of bitter strife in the world, so we open the borders. When seeking employees, we deliberately hire people who can’t do the job. In our universities we purposely admit those who neither want to or can learn. Then, when the obvious, the predictable, indeed the inevitable unexpectedly occurs; we insist that it really didn’t, or shouldn’t have, or wouldn’t have, or something, and do it again. In its way, it is

wonderfully funny.

Unless, of course, you are among the dead.

In Paris the day after Orlando, another Mohammedan emissary of peace stabbed to death a policeman and his wife.

Yes, Paris, the city in which heartwarming Muslims have carried out coordinated simultaneous bombings, killed editorial staffs of publications that irked them, burned banlieues and countless cars and successfully intimidate the police. Mon dieu! What can these isolated incidents have in common? Nobody knows. Perhaps the perpetrators were troubled youth.

Actually the comic people are only those who generate a personal reality-distortion field and do hilariously foolish things. At the top of the political dunghill it is not stupidity but design. Or so it must be...mustn’t it? One expects academics to gibber and squeak, and neurally-challenged columnists and rabble studentry and talking heads and so on. It takes some very serious believing to believe that the governments of England, France, Holland, Sweden, Denmark and America are too stupid to have noticed what Muslims do, and what they are doing to those countries. Yet governments cover up, hide identities, punish observation as “hate speech,” and keep pumping the barbarians in.

Why? Opening America’s southern borders make sense because it makes money for those for whom it makes money. Who profits from flaming arrondissements, explosions in subways, and dead gays? Ah, but the irony is delicious. London, once master of most of the world, has become a branch office of Pakistan and now has a Muslim mayor, who sets about correcting the morals of the English. No photos of women in skimpy clothes, you degenerate rascals. Can caning be far behind?

It does a curmudgeon good. Please see: <http://fredoneverything.org/hussein-obama-50-america-0more-adventures-in-multiculturalism/>

# Did Police Fail in Orlando Terrorist Attack?

by Bob Owens,  
Bearing Arms

The more we learn about the Pulse night club shooting in Orlando, the more apparent it is that law enforcement failed before and during the deadliest Islamic terrorist attack since 9/11, and seems unwilling to learn from the failures of the incident afterward.

Prior to the Columbine High School massacre, the police reaction to a mass shooting was a strategy of containment. First-arriving patrol officers were to set

up a perimeter to keep the shooter(s) contained. Specially trained and equipped SWAT officers would then gear up and make entry.

Officers engaged the murderers outside of Columbine, but set containment per existing policies instead of pursuing them into the school. As a result of the failure to close with and take down the killers early in the attack, when police already established numerical superiority, the killers were able to roam the hallways shooting at targets of opportunity and throwing

pipe-bombs. They then carried out the brutal massacre in the school library, more than seven minutes after their first brush with the law. They finally stopped killing their hostages in the library out of sheer boredom. They left 44 people alive that they could have easily murdered, and simply walked away. They committed suicide more than a half hour. SWAT teams did not enter the school until another half-hour after that.

The theory of containment proved to be an utter failure

at Columbine, and law enforcement shifted to a completely different paradigm.

Instead of waiting for SWAT, patrol officers (or deputies) are now trained to engage in small, ad-hoc teams formed from whichever units in various agencies arrive first, or if the event happens where there aren't other officers nearby, for individual officers to attempt to take down the murderers on their own. This theory has been proven effective numerous times in various active-shooter events.

That's why it seems odd to many people that Orlando's SWAT commander thinks that patrol units and SWAT both did a good job in a terrorist attack that saw a lone gay Islamist Democrat create 100 casualties in an attack that unfolded over 3 long hours.

As the FBI continues its investigation of the worst mass shooting in U.S. history, Cornwell and his fellow officers' early stand-off with the shooter — the second of three encounters between law enforcement and Mateen over more than

three hours that morning — is being scrutinized by state and federal investigators, along with the other police encounters with the shooter.

Capt. Mark Canty, the Orlando Police Department's SWAT commander, said that while the incident will be thoroughly reviewed for lessons learned, he believed that everyone "did a good job."

**ORLANDO**  
see page 24

## Illegals Dwarf American Households in Welfare: "Obama Seeking \$17K for Every Illegal Minor"

by Mac Slavo,  
SHTFPlan.com

Who exactly is the burdensome, broken and disturbingly unsensible welfare system being run for?

A new study found that both illegal and legal immigrants, who typically work low wage jobs, receive more in government assistance each year than struggling American families do.

via the Washington Examiner:

Illegal immigrant households receive an average of \$5,692 in federal welfare benefits every year, far more than the average "native" American household, at \$4,431...

The Center for Immigration Studies, in an analysis of federal cost figures, found that all immigrant-headed households — legal and illegal — receive an average of \$6,241 in welfare, 41 percent more than native households. As with Americans receiving benefits such as food stamps and cash, much of the welfare to immigrants supplements their low wage jobs.

The total cost is over \$103 billion in welfare benefits to households headed by immigrants.

Not only is this staggering cost a source of contention with American taxpayers, but it is something of a hidden boon for corporations who can get away with paying

workers, many of whom are illegal, less money in wages because their livelihoods are being supplemented by welfare.

For traditional non-immigrant families, it is a double blow to an economy that has forced many native Americans on to welfare as well, while they watch good jobs slip away and an increasing number of desperate people from all backgrounds, race to the bottom.

Though there are many employers benefiting from government largess, Walmart is the classic example of the company that pays its workers minimum wage, only to encourage them to apply for food stamps and other welfare benefits — which are largely then

spent inside their own store walls.

But worse than the already oversized dependence upon the federal government by new arrivals and undocumented immigrants, is that the pace set by the amnesty president who clearly wants to break the system Cloward-Piven style.

Obama is apparently calling for a huge increase in welfare benefits for minors, who according to the Washington Examiner, are often being used by their illegal immigrant parents for household income:

The new report follows another that found President Obama seeking \$17,613 for every new illegal minor, more than Social

Security retirees get.

While millions of average citizens are struggling and watching the American dream die in front of them, the government is doing all it can to break the back of the real economy, and hand off money from the dole to the very competing workforce that is undermining the effort of Americans just to make it and hold on to what they have.

Stay vigilant, the squeeze is on.

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### PRIMARIES from page 1

comments from Jay Printz and Donna Hood. Only Mr. Printz responded by press time. Here is his statement:

"I appreciate all those who supported me during my campaign. As promised, I will work for all the people of Custer County regardless of any political, religious or ethnic orientation. It will be an honor to serve. I appreciate and compliment Ms. Attebery and Mr. Falske for running an honorable fair race. I'm available at almost any time to discuss issues with anyone. My contact information is

in an ad that is elsewhere in this paper. Thank to all those who voted, whether for me or someone else. America is great because of our ability to choose our leaders."

**Jay Printz**  
(Editor/GG: Looking back at the campaign, incumbent Kit Shy was probably hurt by his recent vote to increase Custer County's elected officials salaries by the maximum 30% allowed by the Colorado law enabling the counties to have no salary increases, a 10% increase or a maximum 30% increase. Also damaging was the contin-

ued negative press about the never-ending Hamilton right-of-way lawsuit. Also, Mrs. Hood appears to have run a more energetic campaign. With regards to the District 2 Commissioner race, Mr. Printz's blowout victory over Sandra Attebery (the wife of the term limited current Commissioner Lynn Attebery) and newcomer Dale Falske clearly indicated a change of direction was wanted by the voters. Mr. Printz also ran a much more active campaign than his two opponents.)

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**Jay D. Printz**

# Excerpts From Trump's Speech in NYC About the States in This Election

**(Editor/GG: Whether you like Trump or not, this factual, hard hitting speech is what the republicans should have been doing for decades: EXPOSE THE TRUTH ABOUT THE LIBERALS. RINO's like Romney and McCain were LOSERS to start with and played softball to the Dems hardball. They deserve to lose. They are part of the corrupt machine, just like the libs, that is Washington, D.C. Obama has virtually destroyed our country and this is the LAST SHOT. It's Trump or socialism and peasantry. And don't fool yourself; IT IS THE LAST SHOT. You have one last vote. Don't waste it.)**

Today I'd like to share my thoughts about the stakes in this election.

People have asked me why I am running for President.

I have built an amazing business that I love and I get to work side-by-side with my children every day.

We come to work together and turn visions into reality.

We think big, and then we make it happen.

I love what I do, and I am grateful beyond words to the nation that has allowed me to do it.

So when people ask me why I am running, I quickly answer: I am running to give back to this country which has been so good to me.

When I see the crumbling roads and bridges, or the dilapidated airports, or the factories moving overseas to Mexico, or to other countries, I know these problems can all be fixed, but not by Hillary Clinton – only by me.

The fact is, we can come back bigger and better and stronger than ever before —Jobs, jobs, jobs!

Everywhere I look, I see the possibilities of what our country could be. But we can't solve any of these problems by relying on the politicians who created them.

We will never be able to fix a rigged system by counting on the same people who rigged it in the first place.

The insiders wrote the rules of the game to keep themselves in power and in the money.

Because it's not just the political system that's rigged. It's the whole economy.

If I am elected President, I will end the special interest monopoly in Washington, D.C.

The other candidate in this race has spent her entire life making money for special interests – and

when we start making our own products again, bringing our once great manufacturing capabilities back to our shores.

Our Founders understood this.

One of the first major bills signed by George Washington called for "the encouragement and protection of manufactur[ing]" in America.

Our first Republican President, Abraham Lincoln, warned us by saying:

"The abandonment of the protective policy by the American government will produce want and ruin among our people."

She gets rich making you poor.

Here is a quote from the book: "At the center of U.S. policy toward China was Hillary Clinton...at this critical time for US-China relations, Bill Clinton gave a number of speeches that were underwritten by the Chinese government and its supporters."

These funds were paid to the Clinton bank account while Hillary was negotiating with China on behalf of the United States.

She sold out our workers, and our country, for Beijing.

I want trade deals, but they have to be great for the United States and our workers.

No Secretary of State has been more wrong, more often, and in more places than Hillary Clinton.

She lacks the temperament, the judgment and the competence to lead.

In the words of a Secret Service agent posted outside the Oval Office:

"She simply lacks the integrity and temperament to serve in the office...from the bottom of my soul, I know this to be true...Her leadership style – volcanic, impulsive...disdainful of the rules set for everyone else – hasn't changed a bit."

Perhaps the most terrifying thing about Hillary Clinton's foreign policy is that she refuses to acknowledge the threat posed by Radical Islam.

In fact, Hillary Clinton supports a radical 550% increase in Syrian refugees coming into the United States, and that's an increase over President Obama's already very high number.

Under her plan, we would admit hundreds of thousands of refugees from the most dangerous countries on earth with no way to screen who they are or what they believe.

Already, hundreds of recent immigrants and their children have been convicted of terrorist activity inside the U.S.

**TRUMP**  
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*"I am running for President to end the unfairness and to put you, the American worker, first."*

It's rigged by big donors who want to keep down wages.

It's rigged by big businesses who want to leave our country, fire our workers, and sell their products back into the U.S. with absolutely no consequences for them.

It's rigged by bureaucrats who are trapping kids in failing schools.

It's rigged against you, the American people.

Hillary Clinton who, as most people know, is a world class liar –

just look at her pathetic email and server statements, or her

*"But we can't solve any of these problems by relying on the politicians who created them."*

phony landing in Bosnia where she said she was under attack but the attack turned out to be young girls handing her flowers, a total self-serving lie.

Brian Williams' career was destroyed for saying far less.

I am running for President to end the unfairness and to put you, the American worker, first.

We are going to put America First, and we are going to Make America Great again.

This election will decide whether we are ruled by the people, or by the politicians.

Here is my promise to the American voter:

taking money from special interests.

Hillary Clinton has perfected the politics of personal profit and theft.

She ran the State Department like her own personal hedge fund – doing favors for oppressive regimes, and many others, in exchange for cash.

Then, when she left, she made \$21.6 million giving speeches to Wall Street banks and other special interests – in less than 2 years – secret speeches that she does not want to reveal to the public.

Together, she and Bill made \$153 million giving speeches to lobbyists, CEOs, and foreign governments in the years since 2001.

They totally own her, and that will never change.

Our country lost its way when we stopped putting the American people first.

We got here because we switched from a policy of Americanism – focusing on what's good for America's middle class – to a policy of globalism, focusing on how to make money for large corporations who can move their wealth and workers to foreign countries all to the detriment of the American worker and the American economy.

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# The Second Amendment Corner Liberty's Line in the Sand

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*"Don't fire unless fired upon, but if they mean to have war let it begin here."*

Captain John Parker, Lexington Green, April 19, 1775

## Why the Supreme Court is Refusing to Hear Another "Assault Weapons" Ban Appeal

by Bob Owens,  
*BearingArms.com*

In the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre, where a deranged killed 26 people with a no-frills AR-15 (no, he did not leave it in the trunk), anti-gun lawmakers in Connecticut and New York passed draconian gun control laws that required the registration of common firearms.

These laws were roundly ignored by those the government would ensnare. More than 95-percent of New Yorkers refused to register their guns. More than 90-percent of Connecticut gun owners also refused. Everyone knew that registration was an essential path on the road to confiscation, and they were having none of it.

Gun owners then filed cases attempting to repeal these blatantly unconstitutional laws.

To nobody's surprise, the Supreme Court is again refusing to hear an assault weapons ban case.

The U.S. Supreme Court, on Monday morning, declined to hear challenges to laws in Connecticut and New York that expand the definition of banned assault weapons in those states. The court's action likely dooms — at least for the near future — parallel challenges to similar challenges in several other states.

In addition to the Connecticut case of *Shew v. Malloy*, the court declined to hear *Kampfer v. Cuomo*, which challenged the SAFE Act.

Last October, the New York-based 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the constitutionality of the Connecticut law as well as the SAFE Act — both measures that passed in response to the December 2012 killings in Newtown, Conn.

*The three-judge 2nd Circuit panel concluded that the "core provisions" of the expanded bans on assault weapons in both states do not violate the Second Amendment because they are "substantially related to the achievement of an important governmental in-*

*terest" — public safety and crime reduction — and are therefore subject to intermediate and not strict court scrutiny.*

We explained why the Court would refuse to hear the case last year, when they likewise refused to hear the similar Highland Park (Illinois) ban. Put bluntly, the left-leaning justices on the Court don't want to admit the obvious requirement that these laws be looked at with strict scrutiny, which require them to be overturned.

*We'll frankly be shocked if the Court takes up the case for a very simple reason: if they do hear the case they'll be forced to admit that the semi-automatic, "military-style" firearms banned in Highland Park are precisely the kind of contemporary arms of military utility that the militia must have according to the Second Amendment.*

*The Second Amendment is not about hunting, nor target shooting.*

*The explicit purpose of the Second Amendment is to*

*ensure that the pre-existing natural right of the people to bear arms shall not be infringed, because if "the People" do not have access to modern firearms suitable for military service, then they cannot possibly be "well-regulated" (in proper working order, or in modern English, "well-trained and equipped") as the Founding Fathers intended and made clear, not just in the wording of the Second Amendment itself, but in their speeches, letters and other historical documents.*

*The "assault weapons" banned by Highland Park and targeted by President Barack Obama and other anti-gun liberals are clearly protected by the explicit intent and text of the Second Amendment.*

*AR-15s, in particular, are incredibly well-suited for the modern militia, as they have roughly 90% parts commonality with the U.S. military's standard service rifles, the selective-fire M4 carbine and M16 assault rifle. These firearms use the same ammunition, magazines, cleaning supplies,*

*and most of the same spare parts, and have a common manual of arms. Further, since there are more than 2.5 times the number of AR-15s in civilian hands than there are M4s and M16s in military hands, it is also clear that most of the deterrent threat to foreign invasion resides not in just our ability to project power overseas, but in a citizen militia that is far larger and better armed on an individual basis than the largest armies in the world combined.*

*This same unorganized militia is also the reason why a corrupt federal government would fair poorly in any attempt to impose tyranny upon the citizenry of the United States.*

*Any court upholding an "assault weapons" ban is spitting on the Constitution of the United States.*

*The Supreme Court must overturn such a ban if they take up the case, and they know it... which is why we sadly suspect they will refuse to hear the case at all.*

*You can expect the Su-*

*preme Court to keep turning away these cases until either one side or the other has a clear and overwhelming majority of justices.*

*You can also expect citizens to continue to completely ignore these blatantly unconstitutional laws, whether they're currently the "legal" law of the land, or not.*

**(Editor/GG: November is the last stand for a free America. We are one, ONE, U.S. Supreme Court away from having NO Constitution and NO free America. If you don't vote for Trump you are voting against America. Period. If the Clinton's get in, it is OVER OVER. As sad as it is, Trump is a free America's last hope.)**

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# Politics & The Bible

## From Pastor Jim

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

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

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



## Forty-Nine Crosses Testify

A picture of forty-nine crosses lining a walkway appeared on the front page of the June 18th *Pueblo Colorado Chieftain*. Each cross was intended to serve as a memorial to those killed in the Orlando nightclub mass shooting. Frankly, I was astounded! It's not that I object, but I wonder where the usual protestors are. A cross has been recognized as the universal symbol of Christianity for 2,000 years. Are we to assume that every one of the victims professed the Christian faith? Not one out of forty-nine in a gay bar claimed to be an atheist? Surely a significant percentage of the number were unbelievers of many stripes and varieties, but nonetheless, all their lives were represented by something that is uniquely Christian. Are not civil rights in death as sacred as those in life?

A forty-three foot cross was erected on Mt. Soledad in California in 1913. By an act of Congress the cross and surrounding property was acquired by the Federal government through eminent domain in 2006. The cross was then declared a national war memorial, but a group of Jewish war veterans objected, enlisting the ACLU to argue their case. The ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in their favor with the opinion that the Christian symbol could not represent all veterans. Are not the dead in Orlando victims of war even though the Administration is unwilling to admit that?

Several churches in Evansville, Indiana planned a combined effort to display a collection of artistic crosses in the middle of town. The beloved ACLU came to the rescue of the offended with threatened litigation.

From the twisted wreckage of 9/11 workers discovered a perfectly shaped cross of steel beams. It was so inspiring that it was deemed appropriate to include a cross into the 9/11 museum. In short order a group of American atheists were squawking.

These are but a few examples of when crosses were shouted down by venomous voices. The salient question is...why not now?

At the risk of profiling, it's reasonable to assume that the vast majority of the gay community are liberal in their political persuasions, but even the Left agrees with Jesus when he said: "And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand." (Mark 3:25) There may be some silent tantrums, but we expect them to suck it up for the team. As much as the liberal mindset would refuse to publicly confess it, even the most defiant know there is something about a cross that addresses the worst of circumstances. Its common presence in cemeteries suggests a finality that deserves reverence.

The apostle Paul indicated the cross of Christ has enemies. (Philippians 3:18) His many references to the cross never suggests that two pieces of wood or metal are the object of hostility which accounts for the emphasis on the "cross of Christ." The Scriptures tell us the preaching of the cross is offensive (Galatians 5:11), and it is considered foolishness to the perishing. (I Corinthians 1:18) What remains to be answered is...why! "And, having made peace through the blood of the cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled." (Colossians 1:20 ,21) The work of Jesus Christ on the cross was a labor of reconciliation, and that is the difficulty. To acknowledge the need to be reconciled to God is to admit that we are the problem which doesn't set well with the self-righteous. It's hard to imagine either presidential candidate singing with heartfelt sincerity "Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a WRETCH like me."

At a great parliament of religions held in Chicago many years ago, practically every known religion was represented. During one session Dr. Joseph Cook of Boston suddenly rose and said, "Gentlemen, I beg to introduce you to a woman with a great sorrow. Bloodstains are on her hands, and nothing she has tried will remove them. The blood is that of murder. She has been driven to desperation in her distress. Is there anything in your religion that will remove her sin and give her peace?" A hush fell upon the gathering. Not one of the company replied.

Raising his eyes heavenward, Dr. Cook then cried out, "John, can you tell this woman how to get rid of her awful sin?" The preacher waited, as if listening for a reply. Suddenly he cried, "Listen, John speaks: The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (I John 1:7) Not a soul broke the silence; the representatives of Eastern religions and Western cults sat dumb. In the face of human need, the Gospel of Jesus Christ alone could meet the need. The sin of the race demanded the blood of Calvary.

In the darkest hours of tragedy the human soul searches for peace. There is an almost instinctive comprehension that real peace begins with God. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1)

Could it be that in the midst of all the antagonism directed at the cross of Christ, God has erected forty-nine silent sentinels to testify of His condemnation of sin but also of His grace toward the sinner?

# A Sheepdog Barks!

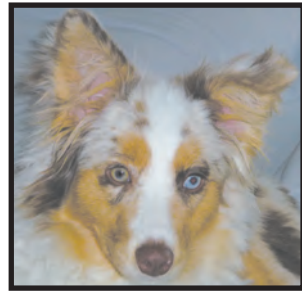
The LPSDs keep outdoing themselves when I think it can't get any worse. There are so many examples of how they continue to weaken America that I'm not sure where to begin. I guess the Orlando shooting is a good place. The LPSDs take this horrific Islamic terrorist action and turn it into a gun control issue. First, we have Obama telling us this is just a disturbed young man prone to violent acts. Do you think he left a few facts out of his conclusion? Well maybe not all of them. Just the pertinent ones! Then we have the Attorney General, Loretta Lynch (aka LL) decide to edit the 9-1-1 calls in order not to spread Omar's (he was the shooter) propaganda. What propaganda? The president said he was just a disturbed young man. Did LL "hear" the propaganda that ties the whole shooting mess to the teachings of Islam? That's a little bit inconsistent isn't it? WOOF? But it gets better. LL then tells us that the way to fight "radical extremists" (aka Islamic terrorists) is with love. Really? Bet she wishes she could take that one back. Maybe not, she's a dyed in the wool LPSD. WOOF!

Note to be outdone the LPSD caucus (aka Democrats) in the House of Representatives, in a fit of misplaced outrage, decided to stage a "sit-in." This childish, worthless act was staged for TV and fundraising for gun control purposes. Shameful and stupid! But that's what the LPSDs do. They actually trick the under informed liberal progressives in America into thinking they are doing something good for America. Take note they never do anything good about fighting and preventing acts of terror. Note that they have never had a "sit in" over all the murders going on in the big cities like Chicago, L.A and S.F. Which, by the way., are all run by LPSDs of course. I am sick and tired of all this LPSD psycho-babble and failure to acknowledge what the real issue is. The real issue is Islam, plain and simple. Just listen to the Muslims leaders that are promoting reform and calling for the monitoring of many Imams. Once our elected and appoint-

ed leaders acknowledge this root cause then maybe something could be done about it. And let me get this straight. The Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice don't know where Omar's wife is? You know the woman who drove him around to buy guns and ammo and case the nightclub out. REALLY? And we pay these people to do what? These kinds of incompetent and stupid acts of LPSD behavior make us think: maybe they are not inept, maybe these acts are designed to NOT solve the problem while fooling a large portion of the American people into thinking they are. I'm not sure you could be this stupid by accident. Is it any wonder America is so screwed up? The LPSDs are in control. WOOF!

Breaking News: It's Tuesday.

Just watched Representative Gowdy and his Select Committee members speak about the House of Representatives Benghazi Investigation report. On Monday the Democrats issued their own report which was basically the old tried and true "it's a witch-hunt, nothing new here, let's move on. HiLIARy didn't do anything wrong and she will make a great and historical president (she would be the first woman president in case you haven't heard)." Exactly what we expected from the LPSDs. I'm sure very few Americans will read the 800 page report. They will rely on the 30 second sound bites and on social media. So if they are LPSDs they will accept the view that HiLIARy did nothing wrong and let's quit talking about Benghazi. However, intellectually honest Americans will do a little more research on this and give the facts a little more thought. Here's my immediate take. This is bigger than HiLIARy. This is a colossal failure of the entire Obama Administration and particularly (this pains me to say) the Department of Defense. Obama didn't give a darn about the Americans at risk. He just went on to bed to get a good night's sleep before a big fundraiser in Las Vegas. He only cared about getting reelected. So he forced the utterly false nar-



rative of the internet video. He went on to bed BEFORE he knew the fate of over 100 American citizens in harm's way. He is pathetic. WOOF! Now HiLIARy carries her own guilt here. She didn't ensure there was adequate security. She didn't make sure something was being done to help protect and rescue those she was responsible for. She also went to bed. Neither she nor Obama activated the war room (aka situation room) and that is a serious and uncaring example of poor judgement. She refused to go on TV on the Sunday shows and continued to lie and to blame the video for many days afterwards even though she knew better. She had her chance at the 3 a.m. phone call she bragged she was qualified to handle and she totally failed. She is unqualified to be the commander in chief. But hey, at this point, what difference does it make? She's gonna be the first woman president; what else matters? WOOF! More on this later. Only an intellectually dishonest American could vote for her. In simple sheepdog language, she sucks! WOOF!

And one more thing. I want to hear General Carter Ham explain his "confusion" (he thought an evacuation was underway?) and his lack of command interest in following SECDEF Panetta's order to get help there. There is absolutely no excuse that the military didn't respond properly and quickly. Why wasn't General Ham getting minute by minute situation reports so he KNEW what was happening? I want to know exactly who "stopped" the military response and I want them to share a cell with their friends at GITMO. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



TRUMP  
from page 19

The father of the Orlando shooter was a Taliban supporter from Afghanistan, one of the most repressive anti-gay and anti-women regimes on Earth.

I only want to admit people who share our values and love our people.

Hillary Clinton wants to bring in people who believe women should be enslaved and gays put to death.

Maybe her motivation lies among the more than 1,000 foreign donations Hillary failed to disclose while at the State Department.

Hillary Clinton may be the most corrupt person ever to seek the presidency.

Here is some more of what we learned from the book, "Clinton Cash:"

A foreign telecom giant faced possible State Department sanctions for providing technology to Iran, and other oppressive regimes. So what did this company do? For the first time ever, they decided to pay Bill Clinton \$750,000 for a single speech. The Clintons got their cash, the telecom company escaped sanctions.

Hillary Clinton's State Department approved the transfer of 20% of America's uranium holdings to Russia, while 9 investors in the deal funneled \$145 million to the Clinton Foundation.

Hillary Clinton appointed a top donor to a national security board with top secret access – even though he had no national security credentials.

Hillary Clinton accepted \$58,000 in jewelry from the government of Brunei when she was Secretary of State – plus millions more

for her foundation. The Sultan of Brunei has pushed oppressive Sharia law, including the punishment of death by stoning for being gay. The government of Brunei also stands to be one of the biggest beneficiaries of Hillary's Trans-Pacific Partnership, which she would absolutely approve if given the chance.

Hillary Clinton took up to \$25 million from Saudi Arabia, where being gay is also punishable by death.

Hillary took millions from Kuwait, Qatar, Oman and many other countries that horribly abuse women and LGBT citizens.

To cover up her corrupt dealings, Hillary Clinton illegally stashed her State Department emails on a private server.

Her server was easily hacked by foreign governments – perhaps even by her financial backers in Communist China – putting all of America in danger.

Then there are the 33,000 emails she deleted.

While we may not know what is in those deleted emails, our enemies probably do.

So they probably now have a blackmail file over someone who wants to be President of the United States.

This fact alone disqualifies her from the Presidency.

She has pledged to grant mass amnesty and in her first 100 days, end virtually all immigration enforcement, and thus create totally open borders in the United States

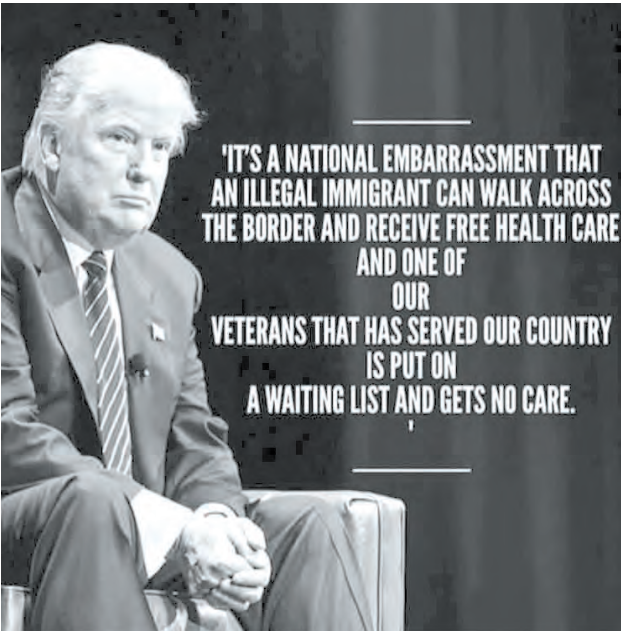
The first victims of her radical policies will be poor African-American and Hispanic workers who need jobs. They are the ones she will hurt the most.

Let me share with you a letter our campaign received from Mary Ann Mendoza.

She lost her amazing son, Police Sergeant Brandon Mendoza, after he was killed by an illegal immigrant because of the open borders policies supported by Hillary Clinton.

Sadly, the Mendoza family is just one of thousands who have suffered the same fate. Here is an excerpt from Mrs. Mendoza's letter:

"Hillary Clinton, who already has the blood of so many on her hands, is now announcing that she is willing to put each and every one of our lives in harm's way – an open door policy to criminals and terrorists to enter our country. Hillary is not concerned about you or I, she is only concerned about the power the presidency would bring to her.



She needs to go to prison to pay for the crimes she has already committed against this country."

Hillary also wants to spend hundreds of billions to resettle Middle Eastern refugees in the United States, on top of the current record level of immigration.

For the amount of money Hillary Clinton would like to spend on refugees, we could rebuild every inner city in America.

Hillary's Wall Street immigration agenda will keep immigrant communities poor, and unemployed Americans out of work. She can't claim to care about African-American and Hispanic workers when she wants to bring in millions of new low-wage workers to compete against them.

On election day, the politicians stand trial before the people.

The voters are the jury. Their ballots are the verdict. We don't need or want another Clinton or Obama.

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## ORLANDO from page 18

*"That's the worst part of this. I think we did an outstanding job, but unfortunately people died," he said.*

*Chris Cotillo, a former SWAT commander in Prince George's County, MD., and the current police chief in Seat Pleasant, MD., said that in active shooter situations, officers are now trained to "immediately go in" and "engage the threat." But in Orlando, he said, the attack presented some unusual quirks. If the shooter stopped firing — and was contained in a bathroom — that would have given officers an opportunity to take stock of the situation, clear out survivors elsewhere in the club and develop a plan.*

I'm not a SWAT commander. I've never been a police officer. Heck, I didn't even stay at a Holiday Inn Express last night, but I'm not going to be shy in sharing my opinion that the law enforcement response to this attack was a failure on multiple levels.

### Poor Shooting

Despite what most people think, police officers are not, as a general rule, very well trained with their firearms. Officers in most departments do a very limited amount of shooting at stationary targets in their training academies, and

then qualify once to several times a year on large, fixed-position stationary targets under generous time constraints. They're trained as much as the department/city/county liability lawyers deem necessary and no more, because training is very expensive. Agencies that give their officers scenario-based training and force-on-force training are increasing, but that level of training is still all too rare. As a result, officers are only a slight bit better shooters than the untrained criminals they typically encounter. It is as a result of this poor level of training that officers hit what they're aiming at less than 20% of the time, and most of those hits are at very close range.

What we know is that an Orlando Police Department (OPD) officer was providing security at Pulse when the terrorist attack began outside. He drew his duty handgun, and ineffectually engaged the terrorist, making no hits despite firing (according to some accounts) several magazines at the terrorist. The terrorist was then able to enter the club where he did the majority of his killing during the rampage. If this officer had been able to put effective rounds on the terrorist, odds are that he would not have made it inside the club, and if he had made it inside, his capability would have been significantly degraded.

We are also awaiting to

hear precisely how many of the hostages were shot by SWAT after they finally breached the building at shortly after 5:00 a.m.

Authorities have already admitted that officers created casualties, and crime scene photos conclusively show pockmarks in the exterior of the building when many hostages escaped



consistent with long bursts (7+ rounds, bottom right in the photo above) of automatic weapons fire. Only SWAT had automatic weapons.

### Failure To Close With And Engage

The statements of Belle Isle police officer Brandon Cornwell, one of the first officers on the scene, shows that he and a group of 5-6 OPD officers broken through a window and headed into Pulse with their patrol rifles as soon as they could, not waiting for SWAT to arrive, following post-Columbine protocols. But they were then told by police commanders to hold their positions, and not attempt to storm the

bathroom where the terrorist had been shooting club goers.

*Officer Brandon Cornwell, 25, said the ad-hoc team spent the first seconds in the dimly lit club "trying to locate exactly where the shooter was — we kept hearing people scream and shots fired."*

*He and the other officers followed the sounds to the bathroom area, where Ma-teen was now holed up. But instead of entering the bathroom, the officers aimed their assault rifles toward the area and were told by commanders to hold their position as the sounds of gunfire stopped, according to Cornwell. And so they waited "15 or 20 minutes — could've been longer" — until the SWAT team arrived, he said.*

This was approximately 2:20-2:25. We sadly know that Eddie Justice and other club goers trapped in the building were still alive at the time...

... they weren't when the

shooting stopped hours later.

If the group of 5-6 OPD officers with Officer Cornwell closed in with and destroyed the terrorist instead of holding position for 15-20 minutes before withdrawing, and OPD SWAT hadn't waited three long hours to breach Pulse, I have to think that at least some of the deceased would still be alive today. Sadly, only the medical examiner can tell us how many lives were forfeit to this delayed response by the OPD.

### Failing To Learn From International Incidents

We know definitively that the Islamic terrorist was an Islamic terrorist no later than 2:35, well within the "golden hour," because he called police and told them he was a soldier of the terrorist group ISIS. At that time, Eddie Justice (and presumably many others) were still alive in Pulse.

OPD then treated the incident as a "conventional" hostage standoff at that point, when they should have instead taken his cry of being an ISIS soldier as a cue to assault as quickly as possible before anyone else bled out and before he could set any nasty little surprises.

From the Beslan School Massacre to the Westgate Mall Attack to countless other incidents involving Islamic terrorism in Asia, Europe and Africa, we

know that stalling to "negotiate" is a tactic typically used by terrorists in order to fortify their positions to cause the maximum amount of casualties among hostages and police.

Officers cannot afford to wait around and see if the particular terrorist in a given incident is a relatively low-skilled terrorist armed only with firearms, or if he is a heavily-trained fighter with munitions that he needs time to emplace to bring the building down on top of hostages and rescuers alike.

There were 49 people who had their lives cut short because of this terror attack and questionable response.

Many of them might still be alive if the police had actually done a "good job" and put this terrorist down within the first seconds or minutes of the attack.

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