

Silver Cliff Cannabis Study Committee Public Forum

by Fred Hernandez

The meeting was called to order at six o'clock on the evening of Thursday August 13th at the Senior Center, ground floor of the town hall in Silver Cliff. The members of the "study committee" (volunteers and appointees of the board of trustees) were in full attendance to report their findings in the research tasks each one was assigned, or had themselves undertaken to do, for the committee. Acting as chairman and spokesperson for the committee and sitting front and center at the long table facing the audience was Mr. Richard

Lowe. To his left and right sat Ms. Kathie Taylor, Mr. Danny Smith, Ms. Mary Behrendt, Kathie Peterson, Mr. Troy Bomgardner, June Weber, and the town secretary, Ms. Misty White.

The attendees filled the main room and an adjacent overflow area was also fully occupied. There were in attendance a minimum of about 100 people perhaps slightly more. An air of anticipation pervaded throughout as the buzz of conversation filled the air and people began settling down.

Mr. Lowe, chairman of the committee, opened the

meeting by informing the audience that the board of trustees of Silver Cliff requested that this study be undertaken to learn only the facts about the sale and cultivation of marijuana and not its effects because "it's all around us".

The first one to speak from the committee was Mr. Troy Bomgardner whose subject appropriately had to do with effects of the drug on children and adolescents. It was pointed out that there are numerous studies about the effects of marijuana but one that was particularly shocking was a study that showed a loss of up to eight (8) I.Q.



Dr. Ginger Smith, medical director at the clinic, gave an impassioned speech against legalizing marijuana.

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points in children and adolescents who started using marijuana at an early age. Most of the time this loss

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SOUND, CAMERA, ACTION: "Canyon Trail" Western Movie Filming Has Come to Westcliffe

by Carol (Miss Kitty) Clemenson

Last week, the western movie company Skeleton Creek Productions filmed important parts of their new western epic, Canyon Trail in Custer County. During their stay, the whole crew stayed at the Westcliffe Inn for four days and boarded their horses at the fairgrounds.

The first day of shooting was at Beckwirth Ranch on Monday, August 10th. Filming started at

8:00 a.m. and ended around 4:00 p.m. The weather was great. All of the filming was done outside on the grounds. There were at least seventeen to twenty scenes filmed that day. That night the filming was done at The Pines Ranch by the camp fire.

This movie is the sixth movie from the series of the "Justice Riders". Skeleton Creek Productions' previous five films in the series were made to bring back the Old West like the films

made by John Wayne, The Lone Ranger, Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, etc. These films are made for the whole family to enjoy, especially the kids.

Children are an important viewing demographic for the Skeleton Creek owners Rick and Larry Simpson. There is a scene in the last film they made in 2010 called "Cactus Creek," which was filmed at Buckskin Joe's just outside of Cañon City. The scene was a river crossing with longhorns. As Rick Simpson directed the longhorns from the opposite banks, his brother Larry carefully reined his horse closer and closer to the herd as they splashed across. Larry was asked why he does scenes like this and his answer, with a nervous smile, "For the kids, of course".

The river crossing went on to win best director award at the Aurora Filming Festival in Salt Lake City. The self-trained filmmakers from Enid, Oklahoma, have been making westerns for kids since 1996. They want to show the children the cowboy way of life.

Structured like the old-time Saturday matinee serial westerns of their own childhood, the brothers' films manage to succeed despite the fact neither Rick nor Larry has ever had any formal training in movie making.

Skeleton Creek Productions attracts folks from Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, New Mexico, and California, who serve as actors, loan livestock, provide locations, and volunteer their construction skills so the traditions of the Old West and ranch life might be kept alive.

Some of the actors that came to Westcliffe to play in Canyon Trail were Buck Taylor, who played in Gunsmoke, western singer R.W. Hampton, Wyatt McCrea, Tom Ward, Michael Stewart (from Pueblo West), and a gal from Westcliffe, Taylor Staton, a high school senior. Buck Taylor, R.W. Hampton, Tom Ward, and Michael Stewart also starred in the movie, "Cactus Creek". They all say that working with Skeleton Creek Productions is simply good, old-fashion western story telling.

Titles of the first five movies in the series are: *The Trail to Abilene*, *Guns Across the Bravo*, *Showdown at Devils Butte*, *Curse of the Sacred Mountain*, and most recent *Cactus Creek*. You can purchase all of their movies and join their fan club at: <http://skeletoncreekproductions.com>

Skeleton Creek Productions will be back in Westcliffe in early September to film a few more scenes.



"Canyon Trail" actors in their finest cowboy attire.

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Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. Romans 12:17 NKJV



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

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

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

TO POT OR NOT TO POT



On Thursday evening, August 13, Silver Cliff held a Town Hall meeting on the subject of allowing marijuana sales and marijuana growing operations within the town limits. A study committee was appointed and assigned specific areas to research and report. Most attendees felt the reports were somewhat biased. If the committee person didn't favor approving these kinds of operations, the presentation reflected that. An example was finding a community that felt they had made a mistake. It was reported that Breckenridge regretted their decision and subsequently moved all the retail stores out of town. They couldn't shut them down so they just moved them. According to a local authority it was hurting the image of their town as a family tourist spot. Another committee member reported that other towns were happy and that they had experienced few problems. Most attendees believed that research on the internet could support whatever finding one might want. One member reported that a Colorado law enforcement official in Colorado Springs told her that you won't really know whether it's bad or good for your community until you try it. Many attendees laughed as we were all reminded of Nancy Pelosi's famous comment about the Affordable Care Act. You remember she uttered something to the effect: we have to pass this legislation so we can find out what's in it. It's unbelievable a person of authority would even say such an irresponsible thing. Another member reported that he found something on the internet that said it was unlikely that the federal authorities would get involved in enforcing the federal law prohibiting marijuana use. We found that amusing. Of course the current Department of Justice under this administration will not enforce it. They don't enforce many of our laws now. However, we hope the Silver Cliff Trustees and residents keep in mind that

the next administration just might enforce that federal law and that could present many future problems. The following figures are very general. There are three distinct lines of revenue available in approving marijuana "sales" in Silver Cliff. There are medical sales, retail sales, and grow operations licensing and fees. The medical and retail sales might net about \$50,000 a year to Silver Cliff. The grow operations might net about \$100,000 or a little more. So \$150,000 or even \$200,000 sounds like a lot of money that could do wonderful things in Silver Cliff. The problem is the many bad things and the unintended consequences that will also come along with the money. The state of Colorado has yet to really identify and report on the total and accurate consequences of legalizing marijuana use and sales in 2012. There are some indicators that there are more bad things happening than good things. For many politicians and elected leaders it's all about the money. The almighty dollar drives most decisions and we hope that doesn't happen here. One member mentioned that the extra revenue is supposed to help the children. What nonsense. Hitler, in his book, *Mein Kampf*, mentioned this also. He said that you can get away with almost anything if it's "for the children." Indeed, if it's for the children, then it's a good thing, right? If that were true we should also legalize and support gambling, prostitution, and heroin sales as well.

There are many downsides to this decision to bring marijuana retail sales and grow operations into Silver Cliff and Custer County. The problems will not be contained just to the town limits of Silver Cliff. In fact, the worst effects would clearly spill over to Westcliffe and the county. It was reported by a few members that "back door cash sales" were a problem in other counties. You know what that means – underage kids will

purchase. We know that marijuana already exists in the county and in our school. Opening stores in Silver Cliff just makes it that much easier for the kids and sends them a loud and clear message that we, adults, obviously approve of it. The residents of this county do not approve of it and voted the amendment down. The Town of Westcliffe also voted it down. Most believe it will increase criminal activity in the county. And there are many other non-criminal issues like smell, light intrusion, and the need for LOTS of water. Increased law enforcement operations will probably cost over \$100,000 a year. The arguments against can go on and on.

Approximately 100 citizens were at the Town Hall meeting. One thing was very clear. The majority does not want legal marijuana sales and grow operations in our county. Here are the unofficial

statistics presented by those that spoke and brought petitions and letters. There were 18 Silver Cliff resident votes: 3 - yes, and 15 - no. Of the 3 yeses, 2 were residents that used medical marijuana and wanted to buy it locally. 9 of the 15 who voted no were Silver Cliff business owners. There were about 292 county resident votes presented. None voted yes, and 292 voted no; 283 of which were on signed petitions. About 9 citizens spoke against marijuana which included the School Board (unanimous), the Sheriff, the new school superintendent, a former commissioner, and a doctor from the clinic. These are respected community authorities and their opinions should be heeded. This is a bad deal for our community. We urge the Silver Cliff Trustees to not pursue this. Another Town Hall meeting is scheduled for September 10th. You should plan to attend if you are concerned.



General Bob Hollingsworth (U.S. Marines, Retired) addressed the attendees at the Silver Cliff meeting on the issues of legalizing marijuana.

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Dear Florence High School, Religion Isn't a Bad Word

by Ashley R Smith

Florence High School students have gone back to school this week with a big taboo permeating the campus from the recent lawsuit by Jewish teacher Robert Basevitz. The School District's apparent coziness with the Cowboy Church has once again created religious controversy and put yet another layer of duct tape over the teachers' mouths.

It seems those who are vocally religious are being shoved deeper into the closet as the courts rule that they can philosophically believe what they want but can't openly voice their beliefs. Silencing religion certainly wasn't the intent of the original Founders of our country. Yet, youth today are trending to think religion is a bad word and an avenue for prejudice.

Since Florence High School has been charged, along with extensive media coverage, of going too far in endorsing and promoting the Cowboy Church's presence in the Fellowship of Christian Huskies, they now seem to be going too far in reverse and may be suppressing any hints of Bibles or non-school sponsored church events.

One FHS student claims she was reading Scriptures on her iPad in class last semester. Her schoolwork was finished but she was scolded by her teacher to stop because it was a "distraction" (from?). At Cañon City High School another student shares

how fellow classmates gave speeches on gay rights while spitting out how "evil" religion is to a progressive society.

Unfortunately, such sentiments are equally ignominious and misguided.

Just one example for the need of religious understanding is the study of the Bible on a literary standard alone. The Old Testament, which is also a Jewish/Torah and Muslim/Koran-based document, is considered to be one of the greatest pieces of ancient literature with academic value full of poetry, foreshadowing, inner plots, allegorical uses of colors and props, and tragic heroes.

Academic students need to be familiar with texts such as the Bible and Greek mythology as many great classics subtly reference such works in ways that speak fathoms and, if you're not familiar with the original texts you'll be lost. It wasn't that long ago, such as in Oxford Professor J.R.R. Tolkien's time, when the standards of education expected students to not only be familiar with such works, but to study them in their original Latin or Greek languages.

It was a mindset of higher education and advanced thinking. Whereas today, it is frequently becoming more commonplace to hear misinformed citizens despising any public input from any religious sources. I recently recall a Cañon City Council meeting where the pub-

lic officials were severely reprimanded for consulting with clergy on city matters. It was "against the law" one citizen vehemently said. Truth be known, not only can public officials legally consult clergy, a minister can run for mayor themselves if he or she feels so inclined. It might do us some good as they've counseled people of so many walks of life they likely have wisdom that could benefit us all. However, they probably wouldn't have any luck praying around the flagpole at Florence High School anymore.

As the school year starts, I encourage the students at FHS to stand up for their beliefs as long as they are expressed legally and conducted with dignity and respect for those around them. I also suggest Fremont School District not cower too much and continue to support students to lead their own clubs, even if it involves eating "Jesus-pizza" at lunchtime. Schools may not preach religion. They also may not oppress any student's free exercise thereof. These standards are simple and clear. Interpreted objectively -- without favor or malice toward religion -- they should not be hard to obey.

Students should be as free to read and discuss the Bible or the Koran or the Hunger Games novel. In any case, you can't control prayer in school. Anyone of any faith can pray any time they want, especially during finals!

New Approach for Horses and Riders

By J Cascarelli

There is a horse and rider trainer in town, Jane Thomas, with a unique approach to equine training. With the sale of the Chop Shop, Jane has time for her first career choice, well-trained and safe horses. She brings 27 years of training experience and competition to the venture. A resident of the valley since 2002, she is a graduate from St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York, with a degree in psychology. While at college, Jane was on the equine Hunter-Jumper team for all four years.

In 1988, she formed a "Show Barn" of serious, goal-oriented, competitive adults who were driven horse people. She would like to work with a similar group here in Custer County. Jane is the first to admit that she isn't the best resource for beginners, either horses or riders. To get the most out of her training and coaching, one needs a sound, respectful horse and a rider committed to ex-

cellence. Jane is at her best when working one-on-one at the B Bar B Ranch where she has been conducting many of her horse and rider sessions. She frequently uses the WM-VSC rodeo grounds.

One local resident that has been taking lessons with Jane Thomas for about two months is excited because both she and her horse are making great progress. This client took to heart what Thomas recommended, "Go home and practice what you have learned at the class." A serious approach to Jane's brand of horsemanship will produce the best results. As Jane says, "It is great when it works." Riders build confidence and the horse seems to thrive.

Once a group of adult and juniors is formed and instruction progresses, some regional showing will be a goal. This kind of program will be similar to what Jane experienced as a university competitor. In those days, the visiting team got to use the horses of the hosting

team after about a 15 minute warm up. This kind of experience taught Jane the importance of sound and safe riding skills, the ability to size up a strange horse quickly, and the need for discipline when riding. She is eager to pass on what she learned to local riders. Her coaching and feedback are both direct and results producing. Jane not only tells riders what to do, but also when to do it.

Of late, Jane has been competing on Venco, a Frisian stallion, owned by Tom & Ruth Conaghan of B Bar B. She often gives instruction mounted on Venco so she can demonstrate some of her suggestions. For those who have attended a clinic where there are multiple students and horses in the arena at the same time, Jane's approach will be a totally unique experience. Serious riders see results immediately.

If you are interested in discussing your horse or your own riding skills, contact Jane via email at janethomas@wildblue.net.



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American Legion: Time to Take a Stand

Dear Editor,

I was shocked with the letter that Bob Hollingsworth, Major General USMC (Ret.), sent to the *Sentinel* regarding the American Legion Post 170 hands-off position regarding the marijuana issue in Silver Cliff. The American Legion leadership has refused to “get involved.” The Hollingsworth letter said, “It was also voiced that the American Legion is only concerned with veteran’s issues and should not be concerned with community activities that are outside their purview.” How reminiscent of Obama’s state senatorial voting record of voting “present” 130 times. I’ve got news for the American Legion. You guys are members of the community. We hear regularly how the per capita population in this community of retired military is the highest in the state. If retired military are going to live here and point to that statistic with pride, they are obligated to ensure that the community policy makers make decisions in the community’s best, long-term interest.

Consider this from the American Legion website: “The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, war-time veterans’ organization, devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is a not-for-profit, community-service organization which now numbers nearly 3 million members, men and women, in nearly 15,000 American Legion Posts worldwide.” If the safety of our community does qualify as worthy of “mutual helpfulness,” one can only wonder what the American Legion leadership could possibly be thinking. Just who will be helped by marijuana grow facilities, retail marijuana outlets, and the unnecessary consumption

of huge amounts of water?

So, the Legion is “only concerned with veteran’s issues.” What would Legionnaires say if the community took the position that they were only interested in civilian issues? There would be a loud, expressed outrage and justifiable so. Legionnaires, you are civilians now. Your volunteer service defending the country against all enemies foreign and domestic is over and the nation, except for a few in Washington, D.C., is grateful. In the valley, we express that gratitude by flying the American flag, attendance at Memorial Day celebrations at Memorial Park, applauding the Legion’s participation at parades and articles of gratitude in local media regarding military service. Now, it is your turn in your role as private citizens to stand up and be counted when legalized drugs are forced on local residents and their children. The rules say that local communities may opt out. It is time for the American Legion to show the same bravery that members exhibited while on active duty. Hiding behind some made up policy to “only [be] concerned with veteran’s issues,” is so very insulting to those in the community who support your organization.

Do the right thing and send that letter to the Silver Cliff BOT and finished the job that you started when you served on active duty. American citizenship doesn’t end with your military service. Many of our military veterans returned to civilian life to take an active part in civilian affairs: Eisenhower, Kennedy, Truman, Jackson, Washington, and Grant come to mind.

Joe Cascarelli
Westcliffe, CO

What’s the Difference?

Recently we have seen or heard of videos of Planned Parenthood doctors and employees making a pitch to buyers concerning the cost of aborted baby parts. They even tell them they do “custom” abortions to keep wanted parts intact. We were all horrified.

Last Thursday I attended a meeting in Silver Cliff about marijuana. It was the committee formed by the Town Board to investigate the pros and cons of marijuana grow plants in Silver Cliff reporting. The room was packed which showed many people are concerned about this issue.

It was obvious from the reports of the committee members who was pro and who was anti marijuana. From the citizens who chose to speak and the applause that ensued, the majority of the audience did not want to see marijuana introduced into our county. There were some very impassioned pleas and some personal tales of tragedy due to marijuana. A statement was made, *we won’t know if it’s good for our community until we try it.*

My question to the Silver Cliff Town Board is: “What makes you any different than the Planned Parenthood employees selling aborted baby parts?” You are willing to sell

our children and their futures to the marijuana demon. You were given data and facts that marijuana will permanently damage the brains of our adolescents. Yet, you remain focused on the giant dollar sign in the sky.

I agree with Dr. Smith. Why can’t we be the only community who doesn’t have marijuana and advertise to families with children this is where you come for a healthy family vacation.

Wake up, Silver Cliff. Don’t give in to the, “it’s legal its okay” mantra.

Audrey Slater
Oak Creek Grade

Club America Fundraiser

Splash, Splash! Club America is having a fundraiser on Saturday, August 29.

A thrift and gift yard sale takes place in the club’s parking lot from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., followed by water games for the whole family on the grassy grounds from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and a barbeque on the concrete deck from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Good, usable items are needed for the parking lot sale. Donations can be dropped off at the club, August 20-21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; August 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; August 23 from noon to 3 p.m.; and August 24-28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The water games are family oriented, geared for various ages with each game costing \$.25 to \$1 to play. Among the games are duck pond, balloon pop, water squirt, water splat, and water balloon launch.

On the barbeque menu are hamburgers and hotdogs, chips, soda, and water. A hamburger meal is \$8, and hot dog meal is \$7. Once a meal is purchased, additional hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks can be bought ala carte.

For more information or to volunteer to help on August 29, call the club at 783-0750 and ask for Becky or Nora.



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When a pump fails and leaves your home with out water the main priority is getting it fixed. To access certain wells

we have had to cut down trees, tear off decks, take down fences, take a sledge hammer to wishing wells, run over flower beds, bring in a crane, remove or tear down storage sheds, doze a road through beautifully terraced yards and many others I cannot recall.

To boot the customer was paying us by the hour to destroy their hard work and investment. Your money is best spent if we can do what we do best: Fix the pump and leave.

-David J. Nequette /Lic. 1043

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is irreversible. He cited the fact that THC levels have more than doubled in the current systems and genetic manipulation of producing the cannabis plant. Included in the study was a conversation with a member of the town council of Breckenridge. This was done in an effort to draw a parallel with Silver Cliff. He was told that while the town passed the marijuana initiative by 79% at that time, recently the town council had just passed (by 75%) a new ordinance requiring that the marijuana facility which was on Main Street, be moved some miles out of town due to the negative effects it has shown from their experience. They were not happy with what had happened in particular to their tourist profile from vacationing families to those who came only for the availability of marijuana. Law enforcement was also seen to be having difficulties and the tax revenues that were expected did not pan out much to their disappointment.

Mr. Lowe was next to report on his study which involved contacts with officials of various towns, i.e. Trinidad, Walsenburg, Pueblo, and Colorado Springs. He reported that these towns did not have any "unexpected problems". He did mention that there seemed to be a lack of state enforcement and that there were indications that fifty percent of production was going out "the back door". Mr. Lowe also indicated that a couple of potential negatives were: one; the odor emitted by these

facilities (requiring expensive smell mitigation which could go up to a quarter of a million dollars in costs for the grower) and two, the need for lights which could be detrimental to the Dark Skies program in both Silver Cliff and Westcliffe. He also mentioned the large amounts of water needed stating the figure as being between 2.5 to 4 gallons of water per plant, per day.

Mr. Danny Smith reported on recreational use. His statistics showed a decrease across the board from traffic fatalities, sexual assaults, other assaults, and crime in general. In fact, according to his findings there has been no decrease (or increase) in real estate values and, moreover, legalization has caused "a weakening of the Mexican cartels".

The last report came from Ms. Mary Behrendt whose focus was a discussion with the Supervisor for enforcement in Colorado Springs. She was assured that crime had not gone up and that there was "no indication of cartels moving in..." which brought a round of laughter from the audience. She was further advised that the only way to find out if it works for Silver Cliff is to...."try it".

The chairman opened the floor for those residents who wished to make statements.

Those who spoke were overwhelmingly against the introduction of any form of marijuana into the county citing the importance of keeping the children and adolescents safe, likening introduction of cannabis in any form to "opening Pandora's box".

Other concerns expressed forcefully had to do with water usage and security. A letter signed by most of the business owners of Silver Cliff was presented to Mr. Lowe who promised to show it to the board of trustees during the next meeting. One speaker who was against marijuana said that it would be like swimming upstream because not only was the county against it, the Sheriff's Office, the school board and the town of Westcliffe were all against it.

There were impassioned pleas from a father who had lost a daughter to drugs after using marijuana and a teary mother who would be planning to leave the area if marijuana was introduced since, as she put it, no one could guarantee her children's safety once implemented. A gentleman who works with teenagers with problems in nearby Texas Creek spoke eloquently about the dangers the children would be exposed to if this drug is made available. He confirmed from first hand experience the negative effects of marijuana on brain development among the young. He closed by citing that there are enough problems as evidenced by the two recent suicides in a short period of ten months.

Mr. Monty Lee, vice president of the Custer County Combined School Board come forward to read a letter signed by all the members of the school board adamantly against the introduction of marijuana in the county due to the many negative effects it has been proven to have on adolescents and children. He cited his six years on the school board in which he has seen that most of the youth who

go on to college did not participate in the use of drugs.

Another speaker, Mr. Mike Hess, registered his plea to desist from introducing marijuana into the county by saying that what Silver Cliff does affects the entire county and that the board should seriously consider the effects of their decision not just for the short term but for the coming years.

Ms. Candi Sage addressed the committee by saying that lives matter over money and with that, read the petition signed by about 280 persons adding that she could get more signatures if that is what was needed to defeat marijuana introduction. She also passed out a flyer from the American Legion Post 170 that clearly stated that marijuana was definitely a gateway drug.

Dr. Ginger D. Smith, medical director at the clinic who also works (ER) in Walsenburg, spoke about some very significant points that should be taken most seriously; in particular, the fact that there is no doctor in Custer County that can prescribe marijuana due to different insurance rules and regulations. Since the patient will have to go down to the other towns to get prescription, they will most probably buy the prescription elsewhere. She went on to say that she and her husband, Dr. Johnny Smith, work the "front lines" in the emergency rooms and have seen firsthand that marijuana is a "gateway" drug. Yet, it has become socially acceptable and as a result, it induces the use of other drugs. She drew laughter from the audience when she said that a grow facility needs 24/7 armed guards then asked if this was not



Superintendent Mark Paylor spoke from experience on the destruction that pot brings to our children.

Sentinel photo by Paul Sage

clearly enough a "red flag". She ended by offering to speak to anyone interested about this subject.

Retired General Bob Hollingsworth also addressed the board cautioning against proceeding with the marijuana plan without having carefully and diligently addressed all the concerns and implications of the path from which there could be no turning back at a later date.

The school superintendent, Mr. Mark Paylor, in his short but strong statement to the board, stated that in his experience marijuana has increased truancy, tardiness, and other problems with the youth. He also said that the kids bring it to school from the house and say it is no big deal. He told the board that they were gambling with water, security, and the lives of the children of our communities and asked if it was worth making this bet for the short term gains cau-

tioning them about the path they would be taking and if there would be a way to return once that path was taken. He ended by saying, "I implore you to say, NO".

Sheriff Shannon Byerly was in attendance but quietly in the back of the overflow room was invited to speak and so he did. He made a few but very strong points: First, he mentioned that there were now two coroners reports verifying incidences of death that contradict those who profess that this drug is not as harmful as deemed. The THC level in the current type of marijuana is definitely very much higher than it ever used to be. Second, after a year of statistics we know that heroin use, which had gone down considerably, is now "through the roof". This is proof that after legalization of marijuana and its increased use, it induces the use of other drugs.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 10.



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Albert Einstein

Local Mountain News & Notices

County Receives \$430K in Grants for Wetmore Community Center

by Paul Sage

It was announced at the August 12th meeting of the Board of County Commissioners in San Isabel that grants for the project have been approved. The funds will be used for a complete renovation of the Wetmore Community Center and Library, which is the main hub of community activity in the Wetmore area. The news was received with a round of applause from members of the Wetmore community in attendance at the meeting, who have worked on this project for a number of years.

Grants received for the project include

\$415,553 from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs and \$15,000 from the El Pomar Foundation. Together with county funds budgeted for the project, the allocated money will go toward upgrading the antiquated facility. New systems will be installed in the building to improve safety and efficiency, and an elevator and other changes will be made to improve accessibility to the building for everyone.

Commissioners Atteberry and Shy, along with former Commissioner Alan Butler, spent considerable time and effort to obtain these funds to make the renovation project possible

*Fear not, for I am with you;
Be not dismayed for I am Your God.
I will strengthen you,
Yes, I will help you,
I will uphold you
with my righteous right hand.*

Isaiah 41:10, NKJV

Search & Rescue in Colorado's Sangre de Cristos:

From the Foreword of *Search & Rescue in Colorado's Sangre de Cristos*:

The locale of this book, the Sangre de Cristos, is distinctive, indeed. One of "the longest mountain chains on earth," when viewed through the thin, cold, prismatically clear air of the desolate high desert to the west, the serrated dorsal granite of the Sangre de Cristos frays the spectral-blue edge of sky—especially dramatic where sharp 13,000- and 14,000-foot peaks are enameled with snow. At sunset, the shining upturned blade of the northern sectors appear to slice a blue vein above as they are drenched with pink light.

Panoramically and incisively stealing horizon, satellite photos show an elongated fossilized profile, captured in the deer-like prance and signature nod of a kokopelli, completely apropos, since Native Americans tradition teaches of the corpulent (though craggy) Blanca Massif as a mythical womb, origin of The People. Sneak closer from the desert flats—toward Kit Carson, Crestone, and Crestone Needle (or Challenger and its neighbors)—and the iconic picture inspires comparison to the Tetons, Tibetan Himalaya's, the Andes: threateningly beautiful, perilously seductive.

Closer still, the problems of Sangres become explicit. Face-to-face the summits are nothing like a neat knife-edge silhouette. Thanks to a geological basement of faults, granite-rendering folds, and flatiron flipping lift, they are a gargantuan, cragged trash-heap. Think the dizzyingly illogical but obviously deadly angulate of a column of sharks teeth, or a bucket dump of razor-glass debitage. Mountains maddening, lusterless, latticed with oceanic upthrust and efflorescent with acute and obtuse majesty.

Awing. Daunting. Alluring. A place with the obvious power to kill the drone and doleful complaints of civilization, the Sangres' temple-like aura is potent, but it's a solid half-day drive for most of its closest urban visitors. Once there, even by guidebook it's hard to penetrate very far without rigor and a goal. Its 14ers and (quietly) world-renown technical faces require altitude-gaining, scree-smearing tramps. Consequently, headlong adventurers are soon in zones where serious rescue will take hours or days, if possible at all.

Distinctive, indeed. Even the spidery reach of cell phones, GPS signals, etc. falter or fail here, lending to solitude that is its own Siren.

As president of Alamosa Volunteer Search and Rescue, this was Kevin Wright's demesne. Alpine, intimate, desolate—it's been his Shangri-La since boyhood. He'd be the first to tell you that in fiction one need only arrive in Shangri-La. Ah, victory! In real life, the adventure too often turns dire on the way out. Then SAR—"your best friends on your worst day"—manifests as mythological hero/guides in the flesh. If you're lucky, you're save-able. If not ... you will be conveyed with the care, compassion, and honor befitting a beloved fallen warrior.

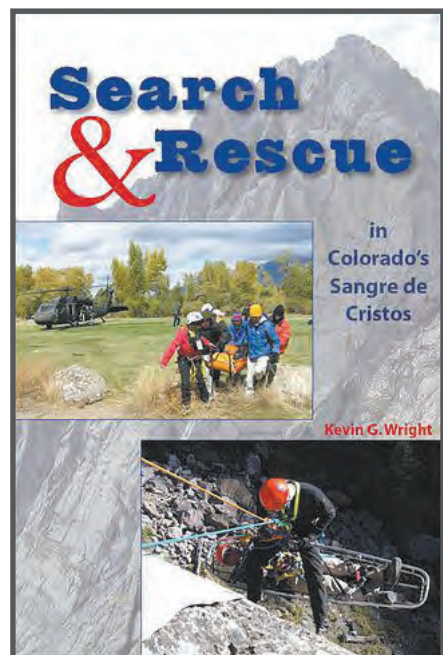
A better option (for you and SAR) would be to keep reading. Read like you were SAR. Enjoy the harrowing action and learn. As you do, say a prayer of thanks to a brotherhood/sisterhood that has your back if your own Shangri-La ever becomes your personal living hell.

-by Wayne K. Sheldrake,
author of *Instant Karma*

From the Introduction of *Search & Rescue in Colorado's Sangre de Cristos*:

SAR in Colorado's Sangre. Unabbreviated and translated, this means search and rescue in Colorado's blood. This book is a collection of true search and rescue stories from the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Colorado. From 2006 to 2011, I served on the Alamosa Volunteer Search and Rescue (AVSAR) team, an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that responds to all emergency incidents in the Blanca Mountain Group. For three years, from 2008 to 2011, I served as president of AVSAR. In that time, I witnessed much suffering; I also witnessed incredible heroism.

The number one reason I wrote this book is to honor the heroic men and women who volunteer their own time, resources, skills, and potentially their lives to serve on small, rural mountain search and rescue teams. Their bravery in the service of others is the embodiment of heroism.



The second reason I share these stories is to honor all the subjects and their families who have suffered immensely or perished in the Sangre de Cristos. In sharing these narratives, my intent is to show compassion and aid others wanting to avoid similar tragedies.

Third, I wrote this book to educate mountaineers and the public about the reality of mountain SAR operations, specifically the challenges faced by small, rural all-volunteer teams that cover some of the most demanding mountainous territory in the contiguous United States.

This book also features a chapter about Mark Stice. Mark Stice of Arvada, Colorado, was reported overdue by his wife after failing to return from a camping and hiking trip that began September 17th, 2013. He was due home not later than September 21st.

The search that began on September 22nd, was suspended as of 15:00 hours, Sunday, September 29th, 2013. The search lasted eight days with objective hazards including difficult terrain, significant snowfall, ice, encrusted rock, and falling rock and ice during the daily freeze-thaw cycle.

To date no clues to Mark's whereabouts have yet to be located. CCSAR members have continued to clear terrain and routes in the region to no avail. The author discusses the mission, the challenges, and the desire to locate Mark and bring closure to the family. From his unique perspective that will give readers 'a different view from the same mountains.'

Kevin is planning on doing a book signing in Westcliffe soon - the Sentinel will announce that once a day is scheduled.

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Another Successful Weekend for Custer County Search and Rescue

Local SAR Teams had a hectic weekend in the region, with mission callouts beginning Friday night and running through Sunday evening. Friday afternoon at approximately 15:00 hours Custer County received a 911 call from a hiker with a possible broken ankle. Heavy storms had just hit the area and the New Orleans man was requesting assistance via his cell phone. As CCSAR was working to determine his exact location, a SPOT beacon was activated in the same area. That notification was relayed to Saguache County and it initially appeared that there were two incidents in the Cottonwood Basin area. After making contact with the subject via cell phone, rescuers were able to determine that the parties were together and that the hiker had fallen in the Red Gully while descending Crestone Peak.

With Saguache SAR as IC, Custer County SAR fielded a two person hasty team who accessed the subject, moved him to a landing zone in the basin, and then spent a chilly night in the field with their patient. A second CCSAR team headed in to assist the first team, leaving Westcliffe at 03:00 Saturday. Flight for Life's Air Guard 3 picked up the injured man at 08:30, for transport to an area hospital and members were back at base by 13:10 Saturday afternoon.

Saguache County received two additional callouts as the first incident was

winding down, both on Kit Carson Peak. The first was for an overdue climber who had not been seen in over twenty-four hours, followed by a call from a three party team that was disoriented/lost. They had descended the Spanish Creek drainage instead of the standard Kit Carson descent. These missions were both completed Saturday afternoon without injury. Flight for Life was used by Saguache County in the search for the overdue climber with no contact. He was later located through interviews with other climbers before being met by the Saguache SAR Hasty Team at the Willow Lake camping area.

Saturday evening saw another brief and intense storm over the area and Custer County received two 911 calls from a party of two stranded while descending Broken Hand Pass in heavy rains, hail and severe lightning. Custer SAR IC was able to contact those subjects via text message and relay radar information to the pair, who ultimately hunkered down for a short time and then were able to self-rescue, getting back to their campsite at the lower lake in the South Colony basin.

Sunday, members of the Technical Rope Rescue Team spent five hours training at Lake DeWeese, practicing rigging and low angle lowering scenarios. While en-route back to base, a callout for a climber with a possible broken wrist and broken finger was

received and a hasty team of two was dispatched from the members returning from training. The CCSAR Hasty Team made contact with the 33-year-old man from Lonetree, Colorado, and a bystander who had been assisting him as they were walking out the closed section of the four-wheel-drive road above the trailhead. He had ascended Crestone Peak, then traversed to Crestone Needle, falling twice on the descent. He was transported by the Good Samaritan to an area hospital and discharged on Tuesday. The Hasty Team then went directly to the Gibson Creek Trailhead on a vehicle locate for an overdue Pueblo West man and his two sons, ages 13 and 11, who had gone back packing on Friday evening and had failed to meet family members as planned. The trio hiked out, uninjured. They had been delayed by Sunday afternoon's storms.

CCSAR would like to remind everyone to please plan ahead and pay close attention to the weather and all forecasts. Always get an exceptionally early start and be prepared in the back country for an overnight emergency bivy, if necessary. Emergency survival gear, such as a light-weight emergency bivy sack, extra food, water, and a headlamp with extra batteries are always a good idea.

For more information about this outstanding team, please see www.custersar.org.



Custer County Search and Rescue team member assists the Flight for Life crew with the rescued climber.

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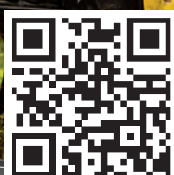
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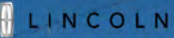
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Bobcats Cross Country Team Gets \$14,000 Grant!

by George Gramlich

Jack Swartz, the Bobcats Cross Country coach didn't know what to expect when he applied for a grant from the Brooks Booster Club, a charitable organization sponsored by the Brooks athletic shoe company. The Brooks Booster Club has a grant program for high school cross country and track programs that provides money to buy uniforms, shoes, pay for transportation entry costs, entry fees, etc.

Coach Swartz said 'Why not?' and filled in the on-line application at their website and was selected by the Club as a recipient of approximately \$14,000 worth of equipment and cash. The team will be receiving 30 uniforms, warmup outfits, trainers, and spiked running shoes and some cash to be used during the year for expenses and other equipment.

So great job Coach Swartz and good luck to the mighty Bobcat Cross Country team this year.

Bobcats Sport Schedule

VOLLEYBALL

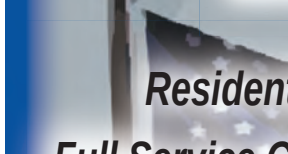
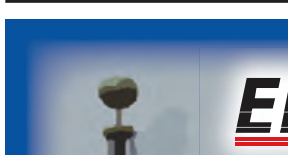
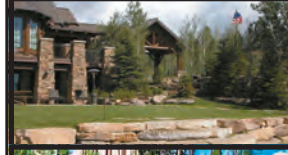
Friday, August 28
5 p.m.: La Veta at HOME
Saturday, August 29
10 a.m.: Sanford/Crested Butte at HOME

CROSS COUNTRY

Friday, August 28
12:30 p.m.: CM Stampede AWAY at Colorado Springs
Saturday, September 5
3:30 p.m.: Husky Invitational (HS & MS) AWAY at Avon

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Saturday, September 5
1 p.m.: Daysprings Christian at HOME
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3 p.m.: Sangre de Cristo AWAY



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Bobcats Faculty

The Custer County Combined School 2015 staff getting ready for a stellar year. New Superintendent Mark Paylor, second row, second from left, has high expectations for the school this academic year.

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Sangres Art Guild 2015 Fall Show Reception

Saturday, September 5th, 4-6 p.m.

Artists' Reception for 2015 Fall Show at 3rd St. Gallery at 59000 N. Highway 69, Westcliffe, CO 81252.

An open competition with Artist's Choice cash awards. Free. Open to the public. Come enjoy the new artwork in this show and the changing artwork in the upper gallery. Refreshments will be served. Gallery hours are 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Thursday - Sunday, May - December. For more information, contact 719-315-6045 or www.sangresartguild.org.

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Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?
As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35-39, NIV

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Custer County School District Seeks Accountability Committee Members

Custer County School District C-1 is seeking volunteers to serve on the District Accountability Committee. The committee meets on the first Monday of the month at 4:30 in the school library, except for September. The meeting in September will be held on the 14th due to Labor Day falling on the first Monday of the month.

The District Accountability Committee consists of:

- At least three parents of students enrolled in the district;
- At least one teacher employed by the district;
- At least one school administrator employed by the district; and

At least one person involved in business in the community within the district boundaries.

The District Accountability Committee is responsible for (1) making recommendations to the school board concerning priorities for spending district and federal funds, (2) making recommendations concerning the preparation of the district's Performance, Improvement, or Turnaround Plan (whichever is applicable), (3) providing input and recommendations to principals, on an advisory basis, concerning the development and use of assessment tools to measure and evaluate student academic growth as it relates to teacher evaluations, and (4) cooperatively determining other areas and issues to address and make recommendations upon. Senate Bill 13-193 also authorizes the District Accountability Committee to assist the district in implementing its parent engagement policy, and assist school personnel in increasing parents' engagement with educators.

If you are interested in serving on the District Accountability Committee, please contact your child's principal or Superintendent Mark A. Payler at 719-783-4951.

Bobcats Homecoming Event

The Custer County High School is celebrating Homecoming the first weekend in October beginning with Peach Fuzz Volleyball on Thursday, October 1st, at 7 p.m. Each class forms a team and the winner gets to go up against the teachers on Friday, October 2nd. Also on Friday the Custer County Volleyball team will play at 10:00 a.m. This is followed by Peach Fuzz Championship (Winning team on Thursday night v. STAFF). The afternoon features the Powder Puff and the day is capped off in the evening with a bonfire from 7-9 p.m.

On Saturday, October 3rd, the parade will change directions, going from The Bluff to the school and will start at 10 a.m. The parade route is through the downtown streets of Westcliffe ending in the school's east gym parking area where



(pictured left to right:) Bobcats Student Council Public Relations Officer Emily Crossley, President Kayli Short, and Vice President Jenna Henrich.

Sentinel photo by Fred Hernandez

there will be a tail-gate party starting at 11 a.m. followed by the football game at 1 p.m. between Custer County and Cripple Creek. The tailgate party is open to local businesses to have tables to sell their merchandise and in particular the student promoters are interested in local restaurants setting up their food sales. They have asked local food establishments to contact the school with their interest in supporting this great activity by our students by emailing STUCO@ccbobcats.net

Go Bobcats.

Community Discount Card

The Custer County Student Council will be offering a Community Discount Card to be used at local businesses by card holders.

Interested businesses should email stuco@ccbobcats.net or call 719-783-4898 to let a student council adviser know that your business would like to participate.

The deadline for businesses will be 8/30/15.

The discount cards will be available for purchase at the Bobcats' first home Volleyball and Football game on September 5th.

2016 Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club Royalty Court

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Pageant: Sunday, Oct 4th, at 1p.m.

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Bobcat Menu • Aug 24 - Aug 27, 2015

Monday Breakfast
Pancakes
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Chicken and Noodles
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Tuesday Breakfast
Bagel w/ Cream Cheese, Ham
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Cheese Pizza
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Wednesday Breakfast
Scrambled Eggs
English Muffin
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Hamburger
Choice of Veg.
Choice of Fruit
Milk

Thursday Breakfast
Sausage Gravy
W.G. Biscuit
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Italian Dunkers
Breadstick
Choice of Veg. & Fruit
Milk

Elementary: Main Dish, Bread, Milk, and Choice of 1 Veg. & 1 Fruit
Middle & High: Main Dish, Bread, Milk and Choice of 1 Veg. & 1 Fruit

KIDS

Friday, August 21, 2015

Wilt Chamberlain

One of the most famous Americans and a sports icon for the ages was born on this day in 1936. A National Basketball Association (NBA) legend Wilt Chamberlain played center for the Philadelphia/San Francisco Warriors, the Philadelphia 76 ers and the Los Angeles Lakers.

Considered one of the greatest players in basketball history, he is the only player who scored 100 points in a single game. In his storied career he won two NBA Championships and four Most Valuable Player Awards.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, Wilt was a Leo on the horoscope and, from early on, he was like a lion on the hard court. He played his first collegiate basketball game in 1956 scoring 52 points. In 1960 Wilt set the NBA play-off record of 53 points. Another 1960 NBA record was in rebounds, pulling down

55 of them in a single game. In 1961 Wilt scored the second highest total in the NBA at 78. In 1962 Wilt scores an incredible 100 points and, in the same year, is the first to score 4,000 points in one NBA season.

His consistent record of high scores is maintained season after season and, in 1966 breaks the NBA career scoring record at 20,884 points. But not all was always nice and wonderful. In 1967 Wilt set an NBA record of a different kind: twenty two (22) free throws missed.

In 1972 Wilt hit the 30,000 point mark in a game with the Phoenix Suns. And, also on that same year he played his last professional basketball game.

In 1984, Kareem Abdul Jab-bar broke the all time record established by Wilt Chamberlain of 31,419. Kareem hit 31,421.

Wilt enjoyed his retirement from basketball for a number of years and died in October 12, 1999 at the young age of 63 from congestive heart failure. A great American, Wilt Chamberlain, basketball icon for the ages.

Sources: www.historyorb.com

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



PUBLIC NOTICE COMBINED NOTICE PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 04-15

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: **On February 10, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.**

Original Grantor(s): Greenhorn Ranch LLC, a Colorado Limited Liability Company
Original Beneficiary(ies): Jeri Saboe
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Jeri Saboe
Date of Deed of Trust: November 07, 2008
County of Recording: Custer
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: November 10, 2008
Recording Information
(Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.):
211471 Book: 617 Page: 322
Original Principal Amount: \$350,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$138,005.00

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

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTH-WEST QUARTER (SW1/4NW1/4) AND THE NORTH-WEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW1/4NW1/4) OF SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT (28); AND THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER (N1/2NE1/4) AND THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (SW1/4NE1/4) OF SECTION TWENTY-NINE (29), ALL IN TOWNSHIP TWENTY-FOUR (24) SOUTH, RANGE SEVENTY-TWO (72) WEST OF THE SIXTH (6TH) PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, TOGETHER WITH ALL ITS APPURTENANCES, COUNTY OF CUSTER, STATE OF COLORADO

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NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 09/23/2015, at the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE

BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

Colorado Attorney General
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80203
(800) 222-4444
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov

Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
P.O. Box 4503
Iowa City, Iowa 52244
(855) 411-2372
www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 02/10/2015

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

By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee



The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Dan Slater Attorney at Law 1415 Main Street, Suite A,
Canon city, CO 81212 (719) 269-3315
Attorney File # GreenHorn/Saboe
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Custer County Board of Commissioners and Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on September 1, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. Custer County Courtroom. The following will be considered.

1. Presentation for Deluca Propane Company / Special Use Permit, Lot 7, Range View Loop, Custer County Colorado.

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

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

Ordered published by

Vic Barnes, Chairman

Custer County Planning Commission

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NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

The Wet Mountain Fire Protection District is soliciting bids for a 1977 International Loadstar 1800. The pump is a 1250 gallon aluminum hale and 250 gpm with PTO, a 5-speed transmission with a 2-speed axle and a V-8 engine. The truck has no emergency brake but the brakes work. The engine and clutch were replaced in March 2000. This truck is being sold 'as is' with no warranty. Odometer reading as of 08-13-2015 is 130789. A minimum bid of

\$650.00 is required.

The truck may be seen at the main fire station, 215 North 4th Street, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, or by appointment by calling (719) 783-9245 during office hours.

Sealed bids must be clearly marked on the envelope "1977 International Truck Bid". The bids will be accepted by the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District, 215 North 4th Street, P. O. Box 324, Westcliffe, CO, 81252, through Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 3 p.m. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2015.

Wet Mountain Fire Protection District reserves the right to refuse or accept any and all bids.

Only certified U. S. funds will be accepted from the bid winner.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 2012149

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

NORMAN EDWIN BOSTROM

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

LOT NINETEEN (19) IN BLUMENAU SUBDIVISION FILING NO. 2

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Dana Dahl-Breske;

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

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Norman Edwin Bostrom for said year 2011;

That said Dana Dahl-Breske, on the 7th day of August, 2015, the present holder of said certificate, (who) has made a request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said Dana Dahl-Breske at 10:00 o'clock AM., on the 10th day of December, A.D. 2015, unless the same has been redeemed.

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

Witness my hand this 17th day of August, A.D. 2015.

Suzanne Coleman
Custer County Deputy Treasurer
For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer

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Events Calendar

August 21 – August 30
Tues. – Sat., 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., & Sun., Noon – 4 p.m.: Fremont Center for the Arts presents its Family Summer Special, Disney Fine Art, an Exhibit and Sale of Disney’s Fine Artists Originals and Prints, 505 Macon, Cañon City; Admission; (719) 275-2790

Friday, August 21
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: “Wyatt Earp – A Life on the Frontier” – A one-man show presented by the great grand-nephew of Wyatt Earp. Adults: \$15

Saturday, August 22
7:30 p.m.: Jones Theater: “Wyatt Earp – A Life on the Frontier”

Friday, August 28
5 p.m.: First HOME varsity volleyball match against LaVeta. Follow our weekly Bobcats Sports Schedule

Monday, August 31
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.: First day of school for pre-kindergarteners
9 a.m.: BOCC meeting at CC Courthouse boardroom

Tuesday, September 1
9 a.m.: BOCC meeting at CC Courthouse boardroom

Wednesday, September 2
9 a.m.: BOCC meeting at CC Courthouse boardroom

Saturday, September 5
1 p.m.: Bobcats first varsity football of season at HOME against Daysprings Christian. Follow our weekly Bobcats Sports Schedule

Monday, September 7
LABOR DAY: COURTHOUSE, SCHOOLS, AND BANKS CLOSED

Wednesday, September 16
9 a.m.: BOCC meeting in Wetmore

Thursday, September 17
10 a.m.: Airport Advisory Meeting

Saturday, September 19
7 a.m.: Fly-in and breakfast at the Fremont County Airport Airshow/Open House, Cañon City. Car show and aircraft display. Noon: Airshow

Sunday, September 20
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.: Custer County Chamber of Commerce fundraiser, “Not Just a Little Black Dress,” Fashion Show & Silent Auction at A Painted View Ranch; Wear a dress or jeans, and we will accessorize your outfit; Tickets \$20 before event or \$25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at: Boutique Off Main and Lady Unique Boutique, Salty Pine Floral & Boutique, Barton Manor Boutique, A Painted View Ranch, and Seabel’s Gourmet Shop & Boutique at 105 W C Street in Pueblo. More info, call the Chamber at 719-783-9100.

Saturday, September 26
10 a.m.: Bobcats Cross Country’s first HOME meet. Mile & a Half High Invitational (HS/MS).

Saturday, October 3
9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.: “Just Gals Conference” at Eagles Summit Ranch; \$35 includes lunch; pay at the door. Deadline for registration is September 21. Call (719) 783-9729 or justgalsconference@gmail.com

Recurring Events and Business Hours

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

Monday through Friday
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Custer County public transit service available to everyone through Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Noon: Lunch served at Custer County Senior Center located on first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 am

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

Tuesday
12 - 4:30 p.m.: Bridge Club meets in the library community room in downtown Westcliffe.
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.: Jammin’ band at The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff

First Tuesday of the Month:
6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes - American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting
6:45 p.m. Post 170 **Auxiliary** monthly meeting (March-October) at the Saddle Club.

Tuesday through Friday
10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.: Library open in downtown Westcliffe; 783-9138

Wednesday
9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Line dancers meet at the Saddle Club. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370
6 p.m.: Closed Big Book study Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172, or Emilie at (719) 371-5974
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Custer County Community Band practice in band room at high school

Thursday
Second Thursday of the Month: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., “Ask a Nurse” at the library

Fridays and Saturdays
1 - 4 p.m.: Custer County Community Sharing Center, Inc., 120 North Third St. (formerly Schlabach’s Market)

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

Saturday
10 a.m.: Wet Mountain Al-Anon Family Group meets at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 201 Third St.; Call Dee (719) 404-1851 or Jean (719) 371-1229
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: West Custer County Library open in Westcliffe

Obituary

Charles O’Malley Wyles

Charles O’Malley Wyles, 80, passed away August 13, 2015, in Westcliffe, Colorado. The son of Thomas R. and Mary Josephine (O’Malley) Wyles, he was born November 10, 1934 in Pontiac, Michigan.

Charles is survived by his wife, Glenda; fifteen children; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one sister; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and one sister.

Mr. Wyles’ body was donated to science, and his cremains will be placed with Glenda when she passes. Arrangements are under the care of Holt Family Funeral Home. Online condolences @ www.holtfamilyfuneralhomes.com

WCPA Cookbook

The Westcliffe Center for the Performing Arts (WCPA) is preparing a cookbook for publication. We are soliciting favorite recipes and, if you wish, short anecdotes about your family’s history in this community and/or stories about your favorite recipes. In addition, vignettes and pictures about the history of the Jones Theater and WCPA will be interspersed throughout the book.

We are looking for a mixture of recipes. Categories we plan on including in the book are the following:

- Appetizers
- Breads
- Soups and Sauces
- Salads
- Beef, Game, Pork, Poultry, and Seafood
- Vegetables & Vegetarian
- Desserts

We are also considering a category for recipes for hiking and camping in the Sangres and Wet Mountains.

Please e-mail your recipes and anecdotes to Phil and Debbie Rabinowitz, or mail them to WCPA, P.O. Box 790, Westcliffe, CO 81252. Your recipes will make this cookbook a success and will be greatly appreciated.

Court Report...

Butterfield, Christine M.: Driving under the influence - guilty. Charges of failure to display proof of insurance, driving without a license, lane usage violation were all dismissed by the DA. Assessed \$2,069.50. Jail stay until 8/27/15.

Semrad, Joseph E.: Charge of fishing without a license was dismissed.

Mileto, Justin R.: Charge of operating a defective vehicle – guilty. Assessed \$84.50.

Short, Kayli Jean: Charge of operating an unsafe or defective vehicle – guilty. Assessed \$84.50.

Dison, Howard L.: Charge of fishing without a license – guilty. Assessed \$101.50.

Banning, Zachary B.: Charge of driving while impaired - guilty. Assessed \$1,169.50. Must complete alcohol evaluation and treatment as recommended.

Guyomardo, Stephane: Charge of improper mountain driving – guilty. Assessed \$49.50.

Valdez-Yanez, Gerardo Ismael: Charge of entering, use or occupancy of posted area property was dismissed.

Tinnes, Robert J.: Charge of driving under the influence was dismissed.

Marion, Daria Nicole: Charge of driving under the influence - guilty. A charge of careless driving was dismissed by the DA. Received a 6-month deferred sentence and a fine of \$1,138.50.

Deathrage, Samuel James: Charges of exceeding the safe speed for conditions and obstructing a peace officer - guilty. Charge of operating an unregistered vehicle dismissed by DA. Assessed \$145.50.

Williams, Charles Bryan: Charges of disorderly conduct/offensive gesture and theft of less than \$50 was dismissed.

Reeves, Cecilia Marie: Charge of ownership of a dangerous dog - guilty. Assessed \$36.

Schickling Bryan Jacob: Charge of reckless endangerment attempt – guilty. Received a deferred sentence of 6 months and was assessed \$544.50.

Lovellette, Christian Ray: – License plates expired, owner operated uninsured – motion to dismiss granted.

Gallegos, Brian: Charge of littering – guilty. Assessed \$61.

Fluet, Shannon Kathleen: Charges of driving w/out licenses and failure to yield right of way/ yield sign – guilty. Assessed \$106.50 and complete community service within 30 days.

Martinez-Vasquez, Martimiano: Charge of driving w/out licences – guilty. Assessed \$277.50.

Kimball, Louis Howard: Charges of driving under the influence and driving under restraint - guilty. Assessed \$213.50.

Howdeshell, Travis Lloyd: Charge of providing alcohol to a minor - guilty. Assessed \$903.50. Four counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor were all dismissed by the DA.

Semrad, Joseph: Charged w/crime in another state. Will be extradited to Ozark County Jail, Gainesville, MO.

McNeil, Ryan Michael: Charge of knowingly/ recklessly causing injury - guilty. Assessed \$2,246.24. Complete community service w/ in 18 months. Protection order continues and defendant does not object to civil protection order. Complete anger management and any treatment as recommended. Charges of four counts of robbery with a weapon, four charges of menacing with a deadly weapon, assault with a deadly weapon, and criminal mischief were all dismissed by the DA. Must complete community service within 18 months and a protection order continues.

WHICH SYMBOL KILLED
90,000 BLACK BABIES LAST YEAR?



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The Making of "Canyon Trail"

The Action Continues



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Classifieds

Builders

WET MOUNTAIN LOG HOMES (719) 783-2883. Swedish cope, stick built, and metal buildings and addition. Helping you build on a budget!

For Sale

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

2010 Toyota RAV AWD. One owner, V6, pearl white, Limited, leather, SR, and 70K. Immaculate condition. \$18,985. (303) 550-9206

Free

Must go! Piano, couch, 2 area rugs, glass-top table. All in great shape. (719) 783-0153

Fundraising

Save the Date! Saturday, August 29, Club America WMV Fundraising BBQ. Parking lot sale; Water games. Call the Club at 783-0750 to donate items to the sale.

Help Wanted

Now accepting applications for a fulltime driver's position at Norup Gas, Inc. Must have a CDL, class B with hazmat endorsement. Must be able to pass a drug

screening test and subject to random drug screening tests while employed. Salary will be based on experience. Please inquire at 28 Rangeview Loop, Westcliffe, or call (719) 783-9338.

Real Estate

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Yard Sales

Two-family yard sale. Saturday, August 22. Begins 8 a.m. Gym Equip., Crafts, Dishware, Furniture, office, Tack, and more! Valley View Park, 325 E. Main (Hwy 96) #20.

Multi-family yard sale. Thursday – Friday – Saturday, September 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. each day. On Oak Creek Grade at the 12-mile marker from Westcliffe. 1 ½ miles south of the General Store. Snow Blower, Furniture, Antiques, Collectibles, Tools, and Household Goods.

Please call 719-783-3360 or email sdc.sentinel@gmail.com to place your ad.
The deadline for getting your information into the Classifieds is Monday at 5 p.m. for that week's edition.



Come and Worship



Christian Science
9:30 a.m. Worship
8 Bassick Place
Westcliffe

Church of Christ
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
1:30 p.m. Worship
Wed., 6 p.m.
818 Ohio Street
Silver Cliff
719/783-4601

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

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

Cody Park Community Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
1517 County Rd. 27A
Cotopaxi
719/942-3462
719/942-3526

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Lady of Mt. Zion Catholic Church
11 a.m. Mass
3rd Sunday of each month
210 S. 2nd Street
Westcliffe
719/783-2491



Don't love the world and what it offers.
Those who love the world don't have the Father's love in them.
Not everything that the world offers-- physical gratification, greed, and extravagant lifestyles-- comes from the Father.
I John 2:15 - 16 GW

Sangre de Cristo Fellowship
9 a.m. Worship
Sunday School & Prayer Mtg to Resume in the Fall
120 Jerry Court
Westcliffe
719/783-0903

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

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

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

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

Westcliffe Community Church
10 a.m. Worship
103 N. Adams St.
Westcliffe
719/429-4256

Wetmore Baptist Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. Worship
Wetmore
719/784-4197

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

Wild West Cowboy Church
3 p.m. Sunday School
4 p.m. Worship
Followed by Potluck
Tuesdays 6 p.m.: Bible Study
60260 Hwy. 69 North
Westcliffe
719/783-2676

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 124 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 14 to EMS, and 7 to the Fire Department. As of August 18th, there were 3 males and 1 female in the county jail.

08/12/15 15-05511300 hours: A deputy was dispatched to 3rd Street in Westcliffe for a report of a dog running at large. The deputy caught the dog and the dog's owner was issued a ticket.

08/12/15 2015-05492 1447 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to 3rd Street in Westcliffe for a patient experiencing tightness in the chest. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

08/12/15 2015-05494 1536 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to the Custer County Clinic to transport an 85 year old experiencing light-headedness and an altered mental status. The patient was transported to St. Mary-Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

08/12/15 15-0556 1836 hours: The Custer County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call reporting a one vehicle rollover on CR 382, just off of Hwy 165. A deputy was dispatched to the scene. The driver was uninjured.

08/12/15 15-0555 1840 hours: A deputy took a report of menacing from a party in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office.

The incident occurred earlier in the day on Vista de Aspen Road in Cristo Vista.

08/12/15 2015-05507 2247 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to the Mountain View Apartments in Silver Cliff for a 55 year old experiencing stomach pains. The patient refused transport to the hospital.

08/13/15 15-05570310 hours: A deputy was dispatched to the Lake DeWeese campgrounds in response to a 911 call regarding an intruder with a knife. The deputy was involved in a single vehicle, rollover accident while responding to the call. EMS was dispatched to the scene of the accident on CR 241. The deputy was transported to hospital. Several additional units were dispatched to the scene of the call and the intruder was apprehended.

08/13/15 2015-05515 0645 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Quartz Court in Shadow Ridge to investigate a report of a suspicious vehicle. Party was sleeping in vehicle.

08/13/15 15-0559 0858 hours: A deputy, EMS, and the County Coroner were dispatched to Rosita Hills in response to a report of an unattended death.

08/13/15 15-05580929 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Oak Grove Circle in Bull Domingo Ranch regarding a

domestic disturbance.

08/13/15 2015-05520 1022 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Main Street in Westcliffe on a request for an agency assist from the Fremont County Department of Human Services.

08/13/15 2015-05525 1353 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to the Custer County Clinic for a non-emergent transport of a person who suffered a head injury. The patient was transported to a hospital.

08/13/15 15-0560 1830 hours: While responding to another call, a deputy encountered a motorcycle versus deer accident on Hwy 96 at approximately MM 7. The motorcyclist did not sustain any serious injuries.

08/13/15 2015-05532 1854 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to Bull Domingo Ranch for an unresponsive male believed to have suffered a heart attack.

08/13/15 2015-05533 2033 hours: The Wet Mountain Fire Department and a sheriff's deputy were dispatched to CR 323 to investigate a possible structure fire. It was determined to be a false alarm.

08/13/15 2015-05536 2250 hours: A deputy

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For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

John 3:17, NKJV

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was dispatched to Rubel Road in Juniper Hills North to investigate a report of shots fired. It was determined someone had discharged a rifle in order to scare off a bear in the area.

08/14/15 2015-05539
1059 hours: EMS responded to CR 129 and transported one patient to hospital.

08/14/15 15-0561
1109 hours: Deputies responded to Butler St. in Silver Cliff on reports of a disorderly adult party. There were no charges filed.

08/14/15 15-0562
1455 hours: Deputies and EMS responded to a motor vehicle accident at 6th St. and Hermit Rd. in Westcliffe. Citation was given for failure to yield right of way after proceeding from a stop sign.

08/14/15 2015-05547
1824 hours: Deputies and EMS responded to Highway 96 and transported one party to hospital.

08/14/15 2015-05550
2055 hours: Deputies responded to Hwy 69 North in the area of Copper Gulch Road for reports of a possible drunk driver. They were unable to locate the vehicle.

08/15/15 15-0564
0002 hours: Deputies responded to a single-car accident on CR 125.

08/15/15
0203 hours: EMS responded to Navajo Rd. and transported one patient to the hospital.

08/15/15 15-0562
0918 hours: Civil Service: One party was served on Butler St. in Silver Cliff.

08/15/15 15-0565
0944 hours: Deputies responded to a complaint of dogs barking all night on Main St. in Westcliffe.

08/15/15
0950 hours: Civil Service: One party was served on Terraza Abajo,

08/15/15 15-0566
1228 hours: Deputies responded to CR 389 for a complaint of people staying in a home without the owners permission.

08/15/15
1431 hours: Deputies responded to Big Horn St. on a report of an abandoned vehicle.

08/15/15 15-0567
1440 hours: Deputies responded to CR 198 for a verbal dispute.

08/15/15
1746 hours: Fire Dept. responded to assist Huerfano County for a rollover accident on Hwy 69 South.

08/15/15
1937 hours: Deputies responded to Wykagyl Rd. for a report of cows on the road.

08/15/15
2003 hours: EMS responded to Della Fox Ln. and transported one patient to the hospital.

08/16/15
0924 hours: Deputies responded to a report of cows on Hwy 96.

08/16/15
0933 hours: Deputies responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle on Black Cloud Cr.

08/16/15
2133 hours: Deputies responded to a report of suspicious vehicles on Stephen Dr.

08/17/15 15-0575
1046 hours: Deputies responded to an auto accident on Main St. in Westcliffe, no injuries.

08/17/05 15-0576
1101 hours: Deputies responded to Main St. in Westcliffe for a welfare check. All parties are okay.

08/17/15
1112 hours: Civil Service attempted on Acorn Ave., negative contact.

08/17/15
1152 hours: Deputies responded to a report of possible vandalism at the ball park in Westcliffe.

08/17/15
1427 hours: Deputies responded to a commercial alarm sounding on Main St. in Westcliffe.

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1624 hours: Deputies and Fire units responded to a lightning strike on CR 329.

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1630 hours: Deputies and Fire units responded to an unattended, unreported controlled burn on CR 260.

08/17/15 15-0577
1712 hours: Deputies conducted investigation and arrested Robyne Caplan of Westcliffe on charges of providing false information to a pawnbroker, theft of \$1,000 or more, and child abuse.

08/18/15 2015-05655
1141 hours: A deputy was dispatched to CR 215 to assist with traffic control while Road & Bridge paved the road.

08/18/15 15-0580
1548 hours: A deputy, the Wet Mountain Fire Department, and EMS were dispatched to CR 255 for a one vehicle accident.

08/18/15 15-0582
1802 hours: A deputy was dispatched to Rocky Ridge Road in Silver Cliff Heights for a possible violation of a protection order.

08/18/15 15-0581
1902 hours: A deputy, the Wet Mountain Fire Department, and EMS were dispatched to the intersection of CR 129 and CR 160 for an ATV rollover. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

08/18/15 15-0583
2253 hours: A deputy was dispatched to S. 6th Street in Westcliffe for a report of a driver slumped over the steering wheel of his vehicle. The driver, Kyle Woods (DOB 19890426) of Pueblo, refused to follow police orders to exit the vehicle. The subject had to be physically removed from the vehicle and was placed under arrest for DUI and resisting arrest.

Book Review:

“Just When You Thought It Was Safe: The Invasion of America”

by Douglas Schulz
(Westcliffe, CO)

by J Cascarelli

I couldn't help but ask myself how Doug Schulz could have predicted the media firestorm over illegal aliens that Donald Trump would cause just weeks ago when he started writing this book two years ago. It looks like the inspiration for Schulz's novel was taken directly from today's news headlines. If nothing else, the release of the novel is timely. This isn't a dystopian fantasy, the plot is plausible.

Every concerned American, who is worried about illegal aliens in our country, must read this book. No matter where you live in America, this book will compel the reader to consider the possibility that results from thirty years of failure to enforce the laws that protect our borders. Imagine a severe financial catastrophe in Mexico combined with literal invitations from Washington DC politicians and many large city mayors to just come to America. Desperately hopeless Mexicans begin to move north and mass at the U.S./Mexico border. Lack of food, shelter, and water drive these people to defy U.S. Border Patrol personnel and, by sheer force of numbers, force their way into America. This is the premise of the Douglas Schultz book.

U.S. policy forbids the use of force to discourage tens of thousands of poor Mexicans from overwhelming border personnel and over a series of weeks over a million Mexicans just force their way into America.

What would you do if you lived in a border city like El Paso, Laredo, or Brownsville? What would you do if you lived in a near border city like Houston or San Antonio? How would you react if you saw these hoards of starving illegals on TV raiding supermarkets for food? These are the questions that every reader will be asking themselves. Schulz frequently jumps from the action in south Texas, California, and Arizona to the situation room in the White House, the back rooms of the congress and the Pentagon, to see how the nation's policy makers react to the news of the invasion

Readers will find this novel to be both exciting and provocative as it follows the actions of the four brothers of a family living in America's Southwest. Reading it cost me two nights sleep when I couldn't put the book down. Currently, the book is offered only as a Kindle edition, but soon will be available as a paperback. I urge you to place your order today.

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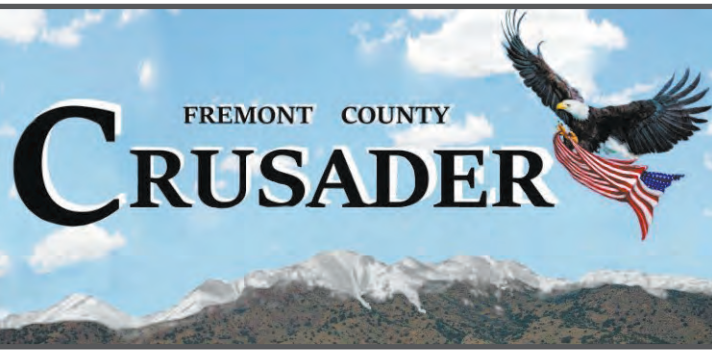
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Town Hall Meeting Generates Tough Questions for Congressman Doug Lamborn

by Barbara Penezic

Congressman Lamborn seemingly started off on the wrong foot at a recent Town Hall meeting. After a brief introduction of himself and his staff, the Congressman said he was here to give an update on serious happenings in Washington.

A voice from the crowd then asked, “May we start this with the Pledge of Allegiance?” A somewhat red-faced Lamborn responded, “Let’s do that, sir.” The pledge followed with an enthusiastic military style “HOOAH” at the end. Commissioner Tim Payne was then acknowledged and it should be noted he was the only other elected official in attendance.

The issues Mr. Lamborn wanted to discuss began with the Iran Deal, “The president said that no deal is better than a bad deal. I agree with that. This is a bad deal in my opinion. I’m



Congressman Doug Lamborn speaks at Town Hall Meeting.

Courtesy photo by John Penezic

a no vote. I would prefer that we keep their feet to the fire until we get more concessions. Iran is the biggest funder of state-sponsored terrorism in the world today,” Lamborn continued, “The agreement doesn’t call for them to stop any of that. The hope is, the president and John Kerry are hoping that by

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HGTV Features Florence Mansion

by Charlotte Burrous

Florence recently received national recognition when a Victorian mansion was featured in an episode of HGTV’s House Hunters. “They originally got a hold of me and asked for a picture of the house for their magazine,” said Keller Williams Realtor Brandon Angel. “We applied for the show and once they found out we had the place under escrow and ready to close, they sent the camera crews.”

Located on the corner of Second Street and Crawford Avenue, the Hadley House was touted as one of the most handsome residences in this section of Colorado, said a brochure advertising a home tour several years ago. “I was trying to sell it for quite some time,” Angel said. “It was just a matter of getting the right people at the right time. We ended up with a pretty dramatic price reduction; then when we did that, we were under contract within 48 hours.

Gunnar and Svetlana Piltingsrud along with their three children, Bjorn, 10, Ingrid, 6, and Arvid, 4, who lived in a much smaller home, kept an eye out for a larger place. When they saw the Hadley House, they fell in love with it. When the price was reduced, they began to pursue it.

“It’s was kind of tempting to live in such a beautiful house,” Svetlana said. “We had never lived in such a graceful house before.”

When Brandon Angel contacted them, they agreed to send a video, which the production company liked, Svetlana said. “The (production company) came for two days at first,” she said. “Then they came back in a couple months later.” But it was worth it,



The Hadley House in Florence was featured on HGTV’s House Hunters

Courtesy photo by Charlotte Burrous

she said. Now that they have moved in, they can take their time to renovate it the way they want it. “We will keep the integrity of the house as much as possible,” Svetlana said. “We’ll just refresh it and work on it slowly, carefully, and respectfully. We will remodel the bathrooms and the kitchen. They’re not exactly (original).”

Built by Thomas Robinson, construction on the Robinson Mansion, which later became known as the Hadley House, was started between March and August 1895, but because of financial woes, Robinson did not complete the home until July or August 1897. When he lost it to foreclosure, A.I. and Adele Hadley purchased the home and owned it until May 1956. After changing hands several more times, Col. Jimmie and Myrna Lloyd restored it by stabilizing the foundations, adding a new roof, electrical outlets, plumbing, and finishing the garage.

After the show aired August 10th, Angel said he enjoyed participating in the show with the local family. “It was a lot of work actually,” he said. “I was really happy how (Florence) was portrayed and it also has helped Svetlana, who owns Raindrops art gallery in the downtown area. Even before the show was over, someone from North Carolina called to find out about her artwork, she also received several e-mails inquiries.



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The Non-War on Islam

The past two U.S. presidents, including the current one, have repeatedly said that the U.S. is not at war with Islam. As much as this Administration has tried to convince Islam that there is no war, the war is declared by Islam and Islam is behaving as if it is at war with the U.S. It's kind of like "We are not at war with Islam, but Islam is at war with us." Or similarly, "Not all Muslims are terrorists, but most terrorists are Muslims." Very similar. Remember the "president's" remarks in his conciliatory speech to Islam on June 4, 2009: "In Ankara, I made clear that America is not--and never will be--at war with Islam." There is not doubt, however, that Islam is at war with America. Indicators are increasingly being exposed.

Just this week, another Muslim was convicted on terrorist charges. AP reports: "Fazliddin Kurbanov, a Russian-speaking truck driver who fled Uzbekistan in 2009, was arrested two years ago by federal authorities who said he was determined to carry out an attack on U.S. soil. Prosecutors also said he tried to provide computer support and money to the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, which the U.S. government has identified as a terrorist organization." Three others were arrested within the last seven days on terrorist charges, in attempts to either join or aid and abet the Islamic State (IS). Many in America are being "radicalized," as they say, through IS's adept social media platform.

Even Democrats are growing uneasy about the Administration's inept efforts at countering IS social media. Politico

reports: "The faltering effort is just the latest example of a troubling trend for the administration: While ISIL uses social media to grow its movement, by grooming curious teenagers and circulating gruesome videos designed to go viral, the U.S. online response is crawling at bureaucratic speed. The government's main vehicle to counter the group's messaging on the Internet — a State Department Twitter account urging people to "Think Again" about joining or supporting ISIL — has drawn scorn from lawmakers like Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.), who has called it "laughable" for its lack of engagement."

A review of the "Think Again" site confirms Booker's description of laughable. Meanwhile, IS is cranking out warnings that it is going to soon be beheading Americans in their homes. The Blaze interviewed an IS hacking group member on Kik where the IS warned that it will soon be attacking American servicemen, saying "you will see when U.S. military and government personnel start getting beheaded in their homes." The frequency of attacks is increasing and the warnings are becoming more specific. Islam in America is an issue that must be addressed. Proverbs 29:12 says, "If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked." That June 4th speech set the tone and opened the door. Who will stand to close it?

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

Bill Wilson

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Broken Understanding: A Marine Scout Sniper Reflects

by Nate Coffey,
HavokJournal.com

(Editor/GG: A must read. Pass this along to your friends and neighbors. An American Warrior, his hero platoon buddy, and Jesus Christ: a path thru pain, loss and anguish.)

My concept of grace has, like most things in my life, been shaped by experiences in combat.

In June of 2010, I had the honor of serving as a team leader for a Marine Corps Scout Sniper team in Musah Quelah, Afghanistan. Our company was to clear the town of its Taliban presence, and when things got really hairy, the whole battalion came to join the fight. Cpl Claudio Patino IV was a Marine on my team, and he was the living pulse of it.

My eight-man team, Shadow 2, was a very effective unit, and we got hard results. I'll leave the details out of it, but we were very good at our jobs. Quite a bit of our actions against the enemy was due to the insane courage and tactical proficiency of this one man.

He was not a "good" man in the sense that most of us see goodness, but he was very good at being a man. He was a rough individual with a sharp tongue, and he had no patience for weakness. His language wasn't clean. He wasn't in Afghanistan out of some poster boy sense of duty per se, and I don't know that he was there because he saw himself fighting for the freedoms of Americans.

Most of our country didn't want us over there, and fewer still had any concept of the men and women sent to fight in that foreign soil. I believe that, like most of us, he was somewhat disgusted with the state of our nation and its citizens who couldn't care less about a 20-something-year-old man duking it out with third world insurgents. He was there for the fight. There was a war going on, and he wanted in on it.

His main passion in life was fighting. He was skilled in hand-to-hand combat, so much so that I designated him our team instructor. Every night we had free was spent in the "gym," which was really a tent with a pull-up bar, a small wrestling mat, and a punching bag made out of bricks or something, learning from him how to punch each other in the face.

He was an excellent marksman, even amongst a team of Scout Snipers. He could engage the enemy with his hands, a blade, a pistol, or with a rifle from 1,000 yards away. Which he did. A lot.

When someone dies, it is custom for us to never say anything negative about him or her. We choose to remember only the good things, and forget any negative aspects of that person. Not so with Claudio Patino IV. There was no pretending that he was a good Marine, and we weren't forced to forget bad things about



Cpl Claudio Patino IV

him. All of those good things you say about someone after they're dead, we would say about him while he was alive. Those that knew him could often react to him just by shaking our heads in wonder. Amongst the Marine Corps infantry, and amongst a group of skilled snipers, he stood out as a paragon of skill, ferocity, strength, speed, and bravery.

Why tell you all of this? I want you to know that this man was the best we had to offer. I want you to get a sense of how we all idolized him, even while he was living. I looked up to him, and I was his TEAM LEADER, and I was about ten years older than him. There were actual times when I would give an order, and the guys in my team would automatically look at him to see what he thought about it. We idolized him in life, and in death.

I remember his death well. Patino had seen some movement on a hilltop in the distance. He wanted to go check it out, and he took three other teammates with him. I remember him getting to that hilltop and collapsing, and I heard the automatic gunfire a half second later. I remember seeing the rest of the team unleash hell in the distance, and the strained voices on the radio. As the rest of us bounded up to their position and I asked for an update, one of the guys calmly said over the radio, "Patino's dead."

The next two hours was a blur of gunfire and radio traffic, as each of us took turns performing CPR on the body of our brother, while our corpsman attempted every life-saving intervention he could. The mangled bodies of the Taliban fighters who shot him lay crumpled close by. Aircraft flew overhead, bombs were dropped, shots were fired, and more injuries were sustained.

Only a matter of weeks passed before I stood before his parents with two of my brothers, giving an account of the death of their son. I had to stand in front of them with a fellow teammate, and explain to them how this had happened. How do you apologize to a man's family after he dies while

you're in charge of him?

His family was more than gracious to us. They met the battalion when they came back from Afghanistan, and they did it with pride knowing that these were the men next to their son and brother when he fell in battle.

Most of you will not remember his name after reading this. I wouldn't expect you to. You didn't know him. You didn't fight battles with him. But I did.

I have his name carved into the flesh over my heart, and I named my son after him. His death had such a profound impact on me and how I live my life. I look at his parents and siblings and wonder if they would see my life as worthy of his death. I look at my wife and children and wonder if my life will have the same impact on them.

A year later, I was in Baghdad, Iraq, as a Private Military Contractor.

There were two realities of that job;

1. I was always armed, and
2. I spent much of my free time alone in my room.

The guilt of watching him die every single day never left me. Almost daily, it seemed I would find myself in tears, on my knees on the floor, begging God for forgiveness for my failures as a leader, a Marine, and as a man. More than once, the desire to end it all became so strong that I would have to unload my pistol and leave it in my room. I couldn't face my former teammates, and just getting and sending emails to them was an excruciating experience. The only thing that kept me from killing myself was the thought of the pretty woman and four children I had waiting for me at home.

I can never earn his sacrifice, but I can honor his life and death with mine. I

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I can tell his story. I can tell my kids about the greatest warrior I've ever met. I can live my life, not as a feeble attempt to repay him, but as a reflection of the love I have for him.

In the movie, "Saving Private Ryan," there is a scene where a dying Tom Hanks is speaking to Matt Damon's character. Private James Francis Ryan just witnessed a group of men come to save him specifically, and then die in the process.

After the battle, Ryan hears Tom Hanks' character, Captian John H. Miller's last words, "James...earn this. Earn it." We see years later, an aged James Francis Ryan standing at the grave of Captian Miller. He collapses in tears, asking his wife if he's been a good man. He's apparently spent his entire life trying to be worthy of the sacrifice



The Shadow 2 team standing in a giant marijuana field after getting bombed by our own guys. Long story

Courtesy photo

made for him, and in old age, he knows he couldn't.

Cpl. Claudio Patino IV wasn't a perfect man. The fictitious Capt. John H. Miller wasn't either. Jesus was. "...but while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." He died specifically for each of us, and it would be an unbearable burden if we allowed it to be. The difference is that His last words weren't "earn this," they were "Father forgive them, they know not what they do."

None of you know Claudio Patino like I did, but you

do, or can know Jesus. I struggled for years to earn the grace Christ gave to me, just as I struggled for years asking why my brother died on an unnamed hilltop in Afghanistan while I survived. The answer lies in knowing we can't earn it. We can be grateful for the sacrifice, accept what it has done for us, and live our lives in honor of it.

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You Live In a Country Run By Idiots If...

by Monty Pelerin's World Blog, via ZeroHedge.com

We truly live in a country run by idiots. The contradictions between common sense and government actions are just too many to have happened by accident or chance. But perhaps the leaders are not the idiots. Maybe the people tolerating such leaders and laws are the true idiots.

What follows is a contrast between common folk wisdom and what Washington considers wisdom. These contradictions are inconvenient for government, threatening to reveal their incompetence or hidden agenda. The author of this piece is unknown although it sounds like something that could have come from Jeff Foxworthy who popularized this presentation style.

Oh, and regarding the image above - we are the idiots for accepting this nonsense.

If you can get arrested for hunting or fishing without a license, but not for being in the country illegally, you live in a country run by idiots.

If you have to get your parent's permission to go on a field trip or to take an aspirin in school, but not to get an abortion, you live in a country run by idiots.

If you have to show identification to board an airplane, cash a check, buy liquor, or check out a library book, but not to vote who runs the government, you live in a country run by idiots.

If the government wants to ban stable, law-abiding citizens from owning gun magazines with more than ten rounds, but gives 20 F-16 fighter jets to the crazy leaders in Egypt, you live in a country run by idiots.

If, in the largest city, you can buy two 16-ounce sodas, but not a 24-ounce soda because 24-ounces of a sugary drink might make you fat, you live in a country run by idiots.

If an 80-year-old woman can be strip-searched by the TSA but a woman in a hijab is only subject to having her neck and head

searched, you live in a country run by idiots.

If your government believes that the best way to eradicate trillions of dollars of debt is to spend trillions more, you live in a country run by idiots.

If a seven year old boy can be thrown out of school for saying his teacher is cute, but hosting a sexual exploration or diversity class in grade school is perfectly acceptable, you live in a country run by idiots.

If hard work and success are met with higher taxes and more government intrusion, while not working is rewarded with EBT cards, WIC checks, Medicaid, Subsidized Housing, and Free Cell Phones, you live in a country run by idiots.

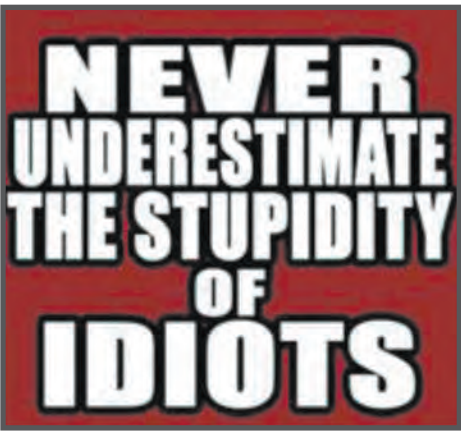
If the government's plan for getting people back to work is to incentivize NOT working with 99 weeks of unemployment checks and no requirement to prove they applied but cannot find work, you live in a country run by idiots.

If being stripped of the ability to defend yourself makes you more safe according to the government, you live in a country run by idiots.

If you are offended by this article, I'll bet you voted for the idiots who are running our great country into the ground.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

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Hick's "Katrina?": Governor Finally Goes to Durango Nearly a Week After Spill

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: This "man" is a disgrace. And note that the Colorado Bureau of Mines was also at the mine with a crew when this blew. And no word from Chickenlooper for days.)

Six days after the EPA unleashed a torrent of mine waste down the Animas River, Gov. Hickenlooper finally took time out of his schedule to tour the Durango Fish Hatchery and Wildlife Museum to feed the fish and pose for photographs.

Hick later moseyed down to the river that just days ago ran orange and was not at all suitable for a photo op, and declared that no wildlife had been harmed in the making of this disaster.

The EPA's a great partner and was doing everything humanly possible to make sure this never happened again, Hick declared.

And by prevention, Hick explained that the EPA should go poking around in thousands of other abandoned mines across the West. And as we now know, that worked out just swell last week.

Hickenlooper certainly took his sweet time getting over there to address the disaster, which has been national news since last week.

To put the time delay in political perspective, President Bush was harshly criticized for waiting nearly four days to visit the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina, and he had to contend with a completely decimated infrastructure.

Did FOX Try to Politically Assassinate Trump to Maintain Status Quo?

by Martin Armstrong, ArmstrongEconomics.com, via ZeroHedge.com

The bias of FOX News is really starting to show how they are attempting to influence the elections by **destroying Donald Trump** claiming he is against women.

I think the attack is really exaggerated for he may say some wild things but is he really against women? I would say the evidence does not support that.

Nonetheless, FOX News is showing this is going to be a really nasty campaign when they are taking on the lead in the political debates to try to deliberately stack the cards against Trump so we end up with Bush. This illustrates that they are not listening to the people or why the vast majority are in favor of Trump.

A friend who is a die-hard Democrat said to me after the debate, **"You know, I may just vote for Trump. Nobody owns this guy!"** To say I was stunned is saying it mildly.

This 2016 election is going to be really interesting for it appears this may develop as a war against the establishment and just another wasted 8 years by electing any professional politician since nothing will change.

The questioning NEVER dealt with any substance. Forget about the social issues, how about one single question about the future direction of the economy? Not a single political candidate who is of that professional class would deliver any possible change. Obama has proven that Democrat or Republican, it really does not matter.

We're pretty sure Hickenlooper didn't travel to Durango by boat, so we're at a loss to explain his six-day delay.

Hick did make time to visit Aspen yesterday to talk about the awesomeness of the EPA's latest "clean air" plan that would shut down even more mines and raise Coloradoans' electricity prices.

As a peace offering of sorts for his unexplainable delay, Hick did bring along with him a gift for the EPA — \$500,000 in taxpayer dollars to help clean up the mess they caused.

Hick's was a strikingly different reaction than that of U.S. Sen. Cory Gardner, who toured the area days ago and today is demanding congressional hearings to hold the agency responsible and ensure the EPA is held to the same recovery standards as the private sector.

Gardner disagrees with Hick that the EPA has been a terrific partner in all of this:

"Although the EPA has finally acknowledged the magnitude of the crisis, its ongoing lack of communication and coordination must be rectified. The local communities and industries that rely on the river for their livelihoods deserve transparency, accountability, and an explanation that is far-past due," Gardner said.

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Obama has been Bush Part II. **Nothing ever changes.**

I did listen to Trump being interviewed on the telephone on Bloomberg News. I must say, he expressed opinions on who was the better Fed Chairman that others would be hard to remember any names from the past. When the economy turns down, we may see support for Trump rise rather than fall. **At the very least, Trump is expanding the voting base attracting more of the anti-politician movement. If anything, he might shake Washington up.**

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Psychologist: Modern Colleges Are Making Kids Dumber

by Blake Neff,
Daily Caller News Foundation

A major article in *The Atlantic* magazine argues that colleges are turning students into “pathological thinkers” who reason based on fallacies and emotions rather than sound logic.

But now, the college environment, instead of encouraging logical and clear-headed reasoning, is instead increasingly encouraging a host of reasoning fallacies and cognitive disorders that are making them worse rather than better thinkers.

The article titled, “The Coddling of the American Mind,” is co-written by social psychologist Jonathan Haidt and Greg Lukianoff, the president of the civil liberties group Foundation for Individual Rights in Education.

Traditionally, the two authors write, colleges have sought to train students in how to think rather than what to think. For instance, many college classes employ the Socratic method, where learning is encouraged through the use of incisive questions that force students to reconsider, defend, and if necessary change their own core beliefs and assumptions.

But now, the college environment, instead of encouraging logical and clear-headed reasoning, is instead increasingly encouraging a host of reasoning fallacies and cognitive disorders that are making them worse rather than better thinkers. One such disorder the authors point to is what

they call “emotional reasoning:”

[David] Burns defines *emotional reasoning* as assuming “that your negative emotions necessarily reflect the way things really are: ‘I feel it, therefore it must be true.’” Leahy, Holland, and McGinn define it as letting “your feelings guide your interpretation of

psyches of students. One particularly egregious incident to be cited is the 2008 case of a Notre Dame student who was found guilty of racial harassment because a book he was reading, *Notre Dame v. The Klan*, featured a Klan rally on the cover; the book itself was actually anti-Klan in tone.

No matter how absurd people’s claims of offense may be, their arguments are growing harder and harder to criticize, as Haidt and Lukianoff observe that “blaming the victim” is being sharply cracked down upon as well. Virtually any claim of offense has, as a result, become “an unbeatable trump card.”

The infantilization of students is being directly abetted by the Obama administration, they say, as the Departments of Justice and Education have expanded their interpretation of sexual harassment to include any “unwelcome” remarks, rather than those that are objectively offensive in nature. Schools, fearing federal lawsuits, are being increasingly hostile to any speech and deeds that offend.

“Emotional reasoning” isn’t the only cognitive flaw the authors point out. Also criticized are the perfusion of “trigger warnings,” which encourage people to avoid rather than confront sources of trauma, and the rise of “microaggressions,” which they say encourages “catastrophizing,” where unimportant things are pointlessly escalated into matters of grave and even apocalyptic importance.

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U.S. Pays Black Comedian to Deliver Anti-White Racist Tirade at Fed Agency

by Judicial Watch

The U.S. government paid a controversial civil rights activist/comedian to deliver an anti-white racist tirade at a major federal agency during Black History month and Judicial Watch has obtained the disturbing transcript of the offensive political rant.

It took place at the United States Census Bureau earlier this year and the paid speaker was Dick Gregory, a self-professed humanitarian and drum major for justice who claims that his social satire changed the way white Americans perceive African American comedians. But Gregory’s angry outburst at the Census Bureau was not funny to some employees and the agency was forced to explain that it will thoroughly review its procedures for selecting future speakers to “ensure their views are appropriate for the federal workplace.”

Based on Gregory’s well-known reputation as a fiery race-baiter, it’s un-

likely that the government officials who booked him didn’t know about his discriminating, shock-based performances. The Census Bureau paid Gregory \$1,400 to “share a wealth of history as a Civil Rights Activist,” according to the records obtained by JW under the federal public records law known as the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Instead, American taxpayers funded a disgusting stand-up routine filled with the “N word” and replete with conspiracy theories about whites and the U.S. government targeting prominent blacks—including Martin Luther King and Malcom X—for assassination or career destruction (golfer Tiger Woods and beleaguered comedian Bill Cosby).

Gregory also said whites stole black inventions, such as ice hockey and the cotton gin, and accused the U.S. government of conspiring to kill Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri and Tamir Rice in Cleveland,

Ohio. The movie King Kong is really a depiction of former heavyweight champion Jack Johnson dating white women, Gregory claimed at the Census Bureau performance, and whites treat President Obama “like dirt” and “like he’s a Redneck Cracker that can’t read or write.” Gregory delivered most of his routine in Ebonics (also known as African American Vernacular English) and advised his black audience not to obey “white racist cops,” which he also referred to as “filth.”

The rioters who destroyed Ferguson after a cop fatally shot a black man with an extensive criminal record who had just committed a robbery, didn’t steal enough merchandise from the businesses they looted, Gregory told his government audience. “I was complaining about Ferguson because the N_____ wasn’t getting enough,” Gregory said, according to the transcript obtained by JW. “Did you see the brother go in there

and walk out with a half-pint, I said ‘Get some tips.’ And, y’all be trying to trick them White folks and say rebellion. No rebellion is put together, predicated, on some White person shooting a Black person and that tips it off. Those was riots, riots.”

Gregory also told his audience of public servants that if he were president of the United States no white people would be in his cabinet. “Had I been elected to be the President, listen good White folks, none of y’all would be in my cabinet,” he says. “Now don’t worry about Black folks who be saying ‘oh, he didn’t mean it.’ So, I’ll say it ten times, none of y’all be in my cabinet, none of y’all be in my cabinet, none of y’all be in my cabinet.”

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Handgun Permits Nearly Tripled Since 2007

by Dean Weingarten,
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In 2007, 4.6 million Americans possessed a permit to carry a handgun. Now, eight years later, that number is 12.8 million Americans, or 5.2% of the population, according to a study by the Crime Prevention Research Center.

And contrary to the stereotype leftists hold of gun owners — that they're white males bitterly clinging to guns and religion — the body of armed citizens is growing more and more diverse. CPRC reports that there is evidence gun ownership is growing among minorities at a greater rate than among whites. Furthermore, gun ownership among women increased 270% from 2007 levels opposed to the 156% rate for men.

While these numbers are heartening for lovers of Liberty and advocates

for the right to self-defense, they are also probably low. After all, CPRC notes that there are 10 states in the union that allow some kind of permitless handgun carry (with Maine most recently joining those ranks). And there are signs that these gun owners aren't just exercising their hunting and fishing rights. At the SHOT Show in January, the National Shooting Sports Foundation released a study that found the number one reason women get a gun is for self-defense — all inconvenient truths for those who want to impose more gun control.

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The Glaringly Absurd Gun Law in the Middle of the Chattanooga Shooting Case

by Casey Harper,
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(Editor/GG: Bill Clinton is responsible for the disarmament of our soldiers in this country and their resulting deaths (he signed the bill disarming them). NO reason why soldiers in (today's liberal world of "Gun Free/Death Zones") high risk places like recruitment centers can't carry firearms. Liberalism has, and is, killing our own soldiers on the alter of disarming the American people. God will judge them harshly.)

The Chattanooga shooting at a Marine recruiting center is bringing to light a gun regulation that prevented Marines from arming themselves and the ensuing debate is sparking legislation to address it.

Police say Mohammad Youssuf Abdulazeez, who appears to have connections to radical Islam, opened fire on two military facilities Thursday, [July 16th] killing four Marines before being fatally shot during a shootout with police.

One Department of Defense gun regulation that has come under fire in the past is now at the center of a debate, with many advocates saying the shooting could have ended much differently. The regulation in question states that military members may not carry a weapon while on duty unless they are in an official security or law enforcement capacity.

In the case of the Chattanooga shoot-



ing, the Marine recruiters were prevented from carrying weapons by the federal rule, but if they were off duty and not on federal property they would be permitted to carry a handgun, per Tennessee law.

Essentially, military members are not allowed to bring a gun to work even in states that allow you to bring a gun to work.

Many military members disagree with the policy.

"I was aware that I could not carry my weapon on federal property, nor transport it in the government vehicle I was assigned," Paul Robbins, Jr., a former Marine sergeant who did a three-year marketing and public affairs tour with recruiters, told The Daily Caller News Foundation. "They did not discourage me from having a concealed carry permit, but made it clear that it did not allow me to carry on duty. The restrictions really didn't affect how safe I felt, because I carried my weapon anyway. Despite the clear restrictions, my duties often led me to areas of high criminal activity

and I was well aware that recruiting stations were considered soft targets."

"I feared an attack more than I feared NJP(non-judicial punishment), so I carried," he added.

The Navy Yard and Fort Hood shootings increased calls for a change to this policy, with advocates saying, had the military members been armed they could have defended themselves. Now the Chattanooga shooting is sparking the same debate.

Republican Rep. Duncan Hunter's office told TheDCNF they are finalizing a bill that would give the Pentagon two options to address the problem: allow officers in charge of recruiting centers to carry a weapon or provide outside security for the recruiting facilities.

"Until we get our hands wrapped around this, we have to allow the people who represent the United States military to defend themselves, at the least," Hunter said in a statement to TheDCNF. "If you go on any base, you have armed security there. ... Recruiting centers in a strip mall, they have no defense against people who just hate America and hate our military. They've got nothing."

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Alabama Sheriff in Wake of Chattanooga Jihad: Put Your Faith in God and Learn How to Handle a Weapon

by Tim Brown,
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Many people have responded to the Chattanooga Islamic jihad attack in several ways. We've seen the communist gun grabbers in America already pitching for more gun laws, which is exactly what got four Marines and one Navy petty officer killed. We've seen American citizens and veterans take up arms to defend those the "law" infringes on their rights to defend themselves. And then there is one Alabama Sheriff who encourages all Americans to trust in the Lord and learn how to handle a gun.

DeKalb County Sheriff Jimmy Harris issued a press release last Tuesday.

"After spending more than 25 years in law enforce-

ment and in my third term as sheriff, I never imagined our country would be in the violent state it is in now," he said. "The world is in a state of disarray and the United States is going down fast. We are losing everything that our founding fathers based this country on. Until last week, almost all the bad terrorist or mass shootings were somewhere else and now they are in our backyard. Chattanooga, Tennessee is only about 35 minutes away from the DeKalb County line."

Though his deputies don't follow a policy of carrying weapons off duty, Harris wants to make it a requirement that they do. I'm all for that position. However, he also wants to raise \$25,000 to purchase backup weapons for them. I'm not for that. More than likely, each deputy has his own

gun at home he can carry without charge to the citizens of Alabama or Dekalb County.

He also takes a similar approach to that of Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke in encouraging citizens to prepare themselves and be trained and armed.

"We don't have backup," he said. "We're out here in the county by ourselves and you might be 25 minutes away from backup."

"We've had cutbacks everywhere in all these counties," he said. "It may take time to get a police officer or a deputy sheriff to where you need them to be, so people, need to get some kind of self-defense training."

"This country is based on God, guns, and the right to

protect ourselves. I think as sheriff, it is my place to protect the safety and security of our citizens. And help citizens in ways to protect their selves and their families," Harris said.

Amen! This is a sheriff that gets it, and I like that. He then went on to unashamedly proclaim his Christian faith, encouraging others to do the same and also to use the tools God has provided to defend themselves and their loved ones.

"If you are not prepared, it is time that you get self-defense training or firearms training. As a Christian, I ask you to put your faith in God, and as a life time NRA member, it is time you learn to protect your-



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"WHY I'M NOT SCARED AT THE IDEA OF ANOTHER CIVIL WAR"



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YEAH, I'M PRETTY CONFIDENT ABOUT THE OUTCOME

Congress Steals Obamacare Money for Itself

by Ethan Barton,
Daily Caller News Foundation

(Editor/GG: Our Congress (including our lovely republicans), of course, can't follow the rules like the rest of us. Nope. They are stealing so far about \$77 million from the District of Columbia's Obamacare subsidies for themselves by falsely claiming they are a small business with under 50 employees. Congress employs around 20,000 people (not out-of-control?). Note patriots, the republicans control congress and completely support this theft.)

A conservative, non-profit watchdog group is challenging what it views as the fraudulent registration of Congress as a small business in the District of Columbia's Obamacare health insurance exchange.

Being considered a small business makes it possible for the exchange to give D.C. tax dollars to Congress to help pay for health insurance under Obamacare for members of Congress and their staff.

Judicial Watch announced its action with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals Monday in challenging the D.C. Health Benefit Exchange's use of local tax dollars in an effort designed to allow more than 12,000 members of Congress, staffers and their dependents to participate in the Small Business Exchange.

That figure represents approximately 86 percent of the 14,289 people enrolled in the district's Small Business Exchange between October 1 2013 and September 9, 2014, ac-

cording to Judicial Watch.

"It is an abuse of district taxpayers to use D.C. funds to subsidize illegal health insurance for Congress," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "It is unlawful and unethical for district officials to use local dollars to participate in Congress's Obamacare fraud."

The lawsuit "seeks to prevent at least \$77 million in District funds from being used to help Congress violate the restrictions imposed on it by the Obamacare law," a Judicial Watch statement said.

"Since November 2013, the Exchange Authority has allowed the U.S. House of Representatives ... and the U.S. Senate ... to use the Small Business Exchange to provide health insurance to some (but not all) congressional employees, including members of Congress and these employees' spouses and dependents," Judicial Watch's appeal said.

"At all relevant times, defendants have known that the House and the Senate were participating in the Small Business Exchange to provide health insurance to some (but not all) congressional employees."

The original lawsuit was filed Oct. 15, 2014 on behalf of D.C. resident Kirby Vining. A lower court dismissed the case on Feb. 25th after the D.C. government argued that the U.S. Office of Personnel Management could override city law, which doesn't allow Congress to obtain benefits on the exchange.

"Congress authored the law and is going to rather questionable lengths to avoid compliance with

the law it drafted," Vining said.

Washington's law only allows small business with 50 or fewer full-time employees to participate in the exchange.

Judicial Watch exposed that the House and the Senate applications for the exchange claimed that each chamber only had 45 staff each, though Congress employs around 20,000 people. The applications also listed the legislative branch as "local/state governments."

The names of the applications' signatories were blacked out.

Also, Republican Sen. David Vitter introduced a bill in July that would require the president, vice president, members of Congress, and political appointees to purchase health insurance through an exchange without a federal subsidy. Vitter's legislation followed his investigation into Congress' registration as a small business.

Similarly, Citizens Against Government Waste filed a complaint with the Senate Ethics Committee in June that was signed by Judicial Watch and eight other watchdog groups.

CAGW and 15 more conservative groups also asked House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Chairman Jason Chaffetz in a June 15th letter to investigate Congress' applications.

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Trump Is Still Right

by Karl Denninger,
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(Editor/GG: It's not about Trump. It's about what Trump represents: the conservatives in this country who have finally had enough of the lies, deceit, deception and failure theatre from the Republican Party (RP). The RP needs to crush Trump to retain control over the RP. They fear the conservatives more than they fear the liberals. And as you have seen, they actually fight harder against us, than their supposed adversaries, the Dems. And folks, hard to say it, but FOX News is bought-and-sold establishment, Karl Rove, Republican. Did you know that FOX News/Murdock is one of the TOP TEN donors to the Clintons? Hm-mmm....)

Yeah, You May Not Like Trump.

But You Still Don't Get to Put Words in His Mouth.

Specifically:

Re Megyn Kelly quote: "You could see there was blood coming out of her eyes, blood coming out of her wherever" (NOSE).

Do you have evidence that he meant "vagina"? Because that's what you're all thinking, isn't it?

And if not, and you are putting words in Trump's mouth (and you are), exactly who is the misogynist?

My first thought when the original comment was made about "blood coming out of her eyes" was berzerker-style rage.

That, incidentally, is entirely consistent with what Megyn Kelly did, when you get down to it. She tried to play the *social justice women card* under intentionally false pretense and got it immediately thrown back in her face.

As she should have. Let's talk for a minute about Trump's view of Megyn, which is *probably* driven by the very public reality of how she got where she is today -- a history that includes an appearance on Howard Stern's show in which discussion of her husband's penis and looks being a major criteria in her hiring and job retention were prominently featured. "You have the pressure to look your best"?

Oh, so Megyn admits she was hired for her looks, not journalistic capability, and that forms a major part of her retention by Fox?

This was contemporary with her being hired by Fox News, and **any male** anchor who went on Howard Stern's show to discuss his wife's vagina and breasts, or that the appearance of his

package through his pants as a reason for his hiring and retention would have instantaneously and irreparably destroyed his career.

Here is the actual quote from the debate:

KELLY: Your Twitter account has several disparaging comments about women's looks. You once told a contestant on *Celebrity Apprentice* it would be a pretty picture to see her on her knees. Does that sound to you like the temperament of a man we should elect as president, and how will you answer the charge from Hillary Clinton, who was likely to be the Democratic nominee, that you are part of the war on women?

What charge? I can find no record of any such charge by Hillary Clinton toward Donald Trump *anywhere* in the media. If she's said it nobody has reported it (and you know darn well they would as that would be news.) That is, Megyn made an *intentionally* false allegation **and by doing so she leveled the charge herself, attempting to wrap it in Hillary's mantle.**

Here's what Donald had to say after this all blew up:

Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump

.@RedState I miss you all, and thanks for all of your support. Political correctness is killing our country. "weakness."

EXACTLY.

The bottom line: **What is wrong with calling out someone who admits they are where they are in no small part due to how they look rather than their competence in their job? And further, what is wrong with expressing contempt, even rude contempt, for someone who admits this to be true in their particular case? And further, they then, on the stage of a national debate, literally make up allegations out of whole cloth?**

As for the admission on how Megyn got where she is today we're not talking about my observation or even Donald Trump's observation. We're talking about the first-party admission of Megyn Kelly herself contemporary with her own hiring by Fox News for her own show.

Second, **who is the sicko in putting words in Trump's mouth** -- specifically that he was referring to Megyn's vagina? Did he say that? No, and in fact the reference he did make with specificity was related to, as I originally noted (and which first came to mind when I heard the quote) a *berzerker-like* rage driven not by facts or reason but rather by rabid ideology -- or worse.

And finally, **by what right does a so-called "journalist" invent allegations, and attribute them to a competing candidate from the other party, that from all appearances and the results of a reasonably-diligent search they have never made?**

I heard the original "question" in real time, live. It was clearly an attack piece, taken from the playbook of "when did you stop beating your wife?" It was off-color and worse, intentionally dishonest. *It's dishonest not only because it came from Megyn and not Hillary but also because Trump has a history of slamming people white, black, Jewish, Christian or whatever -- including John Stewart who he has attacked for changing his name and allegedly not being proud of his heritage!* If you have ever watched *The Apprentice* you know this; in fact, it's part of why you probably watched it -- for the real-time zingers Trump launched at well-deserving losers.

This much is **absolutely** true and if you don't want a flat-out refusal to take that sort of c**p quietly or even politely in a President you are brain-dead.

The fact (and reason he has such appeal) is that Trump is an equal-opportunity b*****d. If he judges that you're a pretender, a screw-up, or someone who has gotten where you are through other than your *honest* hard work he will be all over you like a cheap suit and he won't be nice about it either -- especially if you're dumb enough to try to come after him with some cock-and-bull made-up line of c**p.

The fact remains it was Megyn's choice to attack him without being both competent and right, and more-importantly Trump has **no obligation, nor does anyone else have an obligation**, to be civil **if attacked in an uncivil manner.**

What Megyn did was *uncivil*. She **intentionally** misrepresented his previous statements and acts as *focused on women* and cited them as, **literally**, a "war on women" -- under false pretense.

That was a knowingly false accusation and the moment she made it she lost any right to complain about the tenor or type of response she got; in particular from that instant forward **she had no right to expect any sort of civil discourse in response as she attempted nothing less than a knowingly-false and rabid smear job.**

TRUMP IS RIGHT -- AGAIN.

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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.



The Original Second Amendment

Our forefathers were incessant in their conviction that the rights of mankind are issued by God rather than government. In the light of that historical note, it would be advantageous to examine the proof texts for their authoring the Second Amendment. The Bloomberg coalition and other liberal interests will continue to make every attempt to gut this unalienable right, so let the Scriptures speak for themselves as the final authority.

In a prophesy uttered against Babylon, (Jeremiah 50:25) Jeremiah was inspired to write: "The Lord hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignations." Obviously, God doesn't need an armory or weapons to inflict punishment but the metaphor is utilized to substantiate his authorization of their use in legitimate circumstances.

When Moses descended from Mount Sinai with the Ten Commandments, he discovered Israel in naked debauchery worshipping a pagan golden calf. His immediate response was: "Who is on the Lord's side?" The outcome of the summons was: "And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him." This priest class was then ordered to "put every man his sword by his side" which resulted in a disastrous infliction on the perpetrators. Each priest owned a weapon which is a clear indication this was not a laceration on their underwear clergy. (Exodus 32:25-29)

Joshua, the warrior and successor of Moses, was confronted by an Old Testament appearance of Jesus Christ (a theophany) "with sword drawn in his hand." General Joshua fell on his face awaiting further orders with the full understanding that God, the sword holder endorses ownership of weapons that aided Israel in subsequent conflicts. (Joshua 5:13-15)

When David was in need of a weapon, he approached Ahimelech inquiring about the location of any arms. The priest offered him the sword of Goliath who David had previously slain. (I Samuel 21:8, 9) How odd that these weapons continue to surface in the hands of the "clergy." The Lord is fairly strict about the behavior of this group; are we missing something or is God's approval being demonstrated?

Ahaziah, a loser king over Israel, died and was temporarily succeeded by his mother Athaliah who was fraught with political ambition, so much so that she ordered the destruction of all possible competitors. One young lad escaped her wrath because a female relative provided him a hidden safe house. Six years

later Jehoiada the priest (imagine that) organized a small army of Levites to "compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand;" The coronation of the rightful king was completed while the interloper was dispatched. (II Chronicles 23) A necessary government overthrow would have been impossible without God's application of His second amendment. The American Revolution is rich in suggestion of this same principle.

Years later, due to disobedience, Israel found themselves in Persian captivity. A remnant had been allowed to return to Jerusalem but were faced with constant Palestinian adversaries. Artaxerxes, the king, commissioned Nehemiah to return for the purpose of rebuilding the city walls affording protection for the Jews in a hostile neighborhood. The workmen were met with immediate opposition which led to "for the builders, everyone had his sword girded by his side, and so builded." (Nehemiah 4:18) This was not a military operation but a construction project, yet the safety of the venture and individuals demanded protection which was accommodated by an armed citizenry.

The expanded grace of the New Testament does not eliminate God-given rights. Jesus looked down the gun barrel of an extended Church age and instructed his disciples: "and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one." (Luke 22:36) His reasoning was validated with the brief assertion that: "when a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils." (Luke 11:21,22)

When the goons of the high priest came to arrest Jesus, Peter drew his sword and went offensive, taking off the ear of one of the moron's. The Lord told him to sheath the weapon because his destiny was Calvary. Never was it implied that the disciple should discard, sell, or give up his hardware. (John 18:10,11)

Because Paul wrote "for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal" (II Corinthians 10:4), some have falsely concluded that the believer should possess nothing but the spiritual armour of Ephesians 6. It's really quite simple...holy weapons for spiritual warfare, physical weapons for fleshly conflicts. Are we not to feed on spiritual food such as the bread of life, the meat of the Word and the well of water springing up into everlasting life? (John 4:14) Does this mean we have no need for physical food? I trow not!

A Sheepdog Barks!

A little sheepdog potpourri. Last week's Editorial was on the continuing National Shame of the Department of Veterans Affairs and its shoddy and sometimes criminal and corrupt behavior by many of its managers and employees. So what do we learn this week? The Los Angeles District Office was caught shredding veterans' claims. If I were the VA Secretary (I know that is a real reach for many of you) I would swoop into that office with a platoon of FBI agents and cuff and "perp walk" every person that might have been a part of that. I would then start a real investigation with lie detector machines and make every single one of them sweat. As soon as the "little" people realize they could spend some time in jail or lose their retirement they would sing like canaries and then I would bring the full weight of the law down on the heads of the managers that knew or should have known about this dastardly act. That's right – my bite is worse than my bark. WOOF! BITE! WOOF!

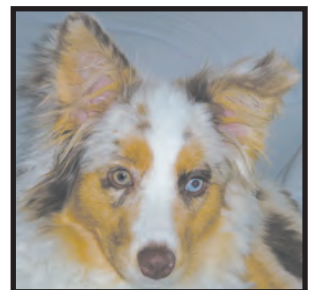
The LPSDs would attack me as a jack-booted NAZI thug that should be locked up. Who cares? It's time to serve REAL notice on the JERKS that are treating our vets like this. Sheriff Joe Arpaio down in Arizona has been doing it right for years under many LPSD threats and he's still kickin'. The Politically Correct wimps in America are so concerned about possibly mistreating one innocent person that they let hundreds and even thousands get away with corrupt and criminal behavior. It's time to do it a little differently. Cast the wide net and then let the few minnows go. The current secretary of the VA is just another wimp that has no real intentions of ridding the VA of anyone or changing its culture. Remember, last week in Colorado, he said he doesn't want the "brutal" authority to fire people without all the government protection and red tape. REALLY? This wimp needs to spend a night or two undergoing some enhanced interrogation techniques to find out why he lied when he took the job and promised to do something about the horrendous non-care of our

vets. I'll supply the "board" and I'm sure the interrogators can find some "water." He's just another bureaucrat that talks tough and does nothing. Can you even imagine that he doesn't want the absolute and total control to fire people free of the employment protection rules? The National Shame continues and Obama, McDonald, and the Straw Lions in Congress will do nothing about this except talk, talk, talk, I mean HOWL and MEW! I don't know about you but this really makes me angry and it's time someone pays the price. Hey Secretary McDonald, get some courage and bite someone. WOOF!

And while we are angry and encouraging some tough action let's not forget **HILIARY!** This female thug needs to be "perp walked" herself. This whole email thing with the private server in a bathroom closet in a Denver apartment is CRIMINAL! She has absolutely violated the Espionage Act and every government regulation that exists about protecting classified information. Thousands of military personnel have paid a serious price for less. Why is she above the law? Because she is a former First Lady? That's Bull! She is no Lady; she is a Criminal. No one, and I mean no one, has a private server scrubbed clean by professionals in order to get rid of wedding, yoga, and joke emails. You "delete" them and move on. She is a shameless liar and needs prosecuted. It is beyond rational belief that any American with an IQ higher than a tree could, or would, vote for her. And her little sarcastic jokes about SNAPCHAT or using a cloth to wipe a server are very indicative of her arrogant attitude that she is special, above the law, and secure in the fact that most LPSDs are ignorant or stupid or both. Mostly they are both! **HILIARY** is going down! WOOF! BITE! WOOF!

Check out these Only In A Liberal Progressive America:

OIALPA: America. Target has succumbed to the gender-free bull poop and will no longer label toys as boy or girl toys. According to the gender police that label can be harmful and regressive. What a re-



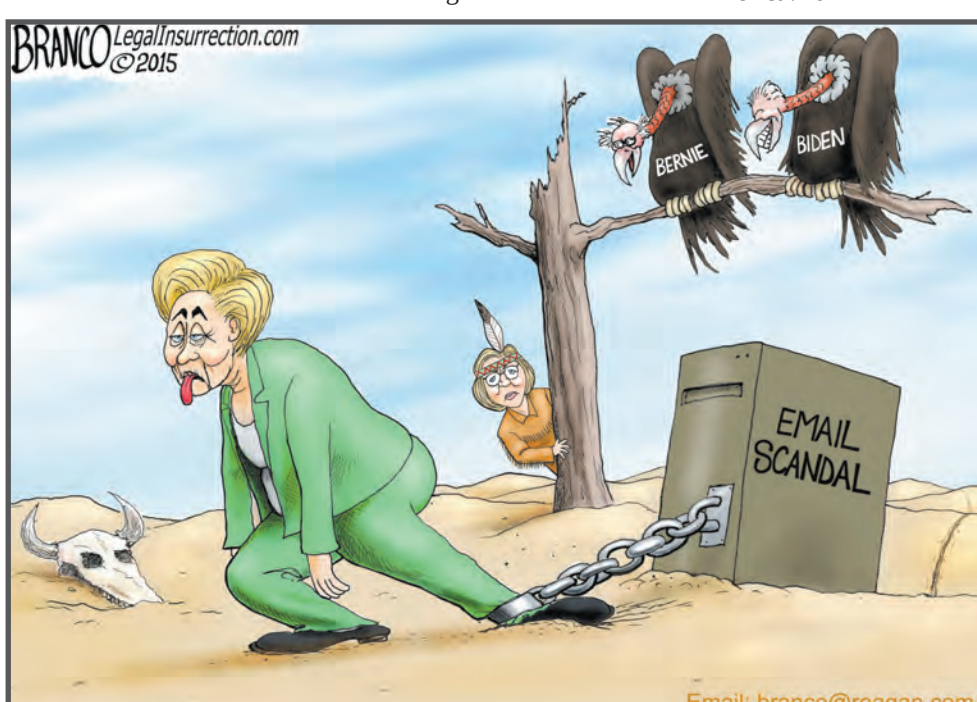
lief for us all. Now all our little boys can play with Barbie dolls and not be concerned. It would be even better if the toy manufacturers would help, say like, putting girls' clothes on G.I. Joe. This would help the six- and seven- year-old transgenders. C'mon, help out here. OMG! We are doomed. No more Target for me. WOOF!

OIALPA: Orlando, FL. The city of Orlando is spending \$250,000 at the International Airport to build a Muslim Prayer Room. This doesn't deserve any more comment. BEWARE Americans. The "Islamization" of America is well under way and gaining momentum every day. Sharia Law will soon be inserted into our Judeo-Christian based justice system. Young Americans are the ones that will really suffer here. Most of us gray-haired sheepdogs will be gone. Alas, it was a great country before the LPSDs got ahold of it. WOOF!

I am not sure America can get much worse under LPSD leadership. Oh, wait, read this one:

OIALPA: Washington State. The state is looking at a pilot program that would allow new mothers to bring their 6 week to 6-month-old babies to work with them. They readily admitted that there could be problems with that and IF the babies became cranky the mother will have to take them home. IF? They are kidding, right? Let me save them the time and cost of the pilot program. This is an absurd idea. Are there any adults running the state of Washington? Oh, yes, there are plenty of LPSD adults there and far too many of them have been elected to positions of authority. They believe it takes a village. If that's so it must be a village of idiots. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



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Hickenlooper Drinks Contaminated River Water But Tells Public “Not Safe to Drink Even Before Disaster”

by Mac Slavo, SHTF.com

(Editor/GG: Note that weeks later, the EPA hasn't released the official chemical analysis of the spill. Because they caused it. Anybody else, it would have been out in days. The arsenic, lead, etc., has settled into the stream bed. If a private company had caused this the EPA commissars would be screaming for a billion dollar clean up. The system is corrupt, top to bottom, folks. We used to be citizens, now we are peasants. ALL the people we have elected have failed us and America. Time to look at politicians a bit different?)

It wasn't, but it may well have been Fukushima all over again. The full truth will never be told about the level of contaminants spilled into the river.

Maybe the stakes aren't as high as the meltdown that continues to threaten ocean life and the planet, but the pattern is the same.

After Fukushima, a Japanese MP was apparently under pressure to drink potentially radioactive water collected from the failed nuclear plant to make the delicate case that all is well

and that the water is safe to drink. In spite of the truth, he gulped it down. Really, watch the video. He didn't look too confident, though.

Government stooges will go the distance to cover-up for their crooked, fascist business partners.

No matter how bad the problem is. Every time.

This time, it is the Gov. Hickenlooper of Colorado, in a stunt he may well regret.

Then again, maybe not, as he has apparently also swallowed fracking water. CBS Denver reports:

Gov. John Hickenlooper, who famously said he drank fracking fluid to make a point about its safety, drank from the recently contaminated Animas River on Wednesday.

Three million gallons of waste from the Gold King Mine poured into the Animas River last week, prompting a state of emergency and a shutdown of all river activities.

To make a point about its safety, the governor drank water straight from the Animas River, as captured by the Durango Herald.

But the point was deliberately contradictory – and deceptive.

The governor drank, but noted that he purified the water for the stunt... all while advising the public AGAINST drinking the water, because river water is ‘never safe to drink.’

The newspaper said he wisely used a purification tablet to kill any bacteria.

Officials said it is not advised for citizens to do the same because although the river is said to be at its pre-spill condition, it was not safe to directly drink from even prior to the disaster.

Instead, he claims the river is safe only for rafting and similar purposes, reiterating that the public should not drink river water at all. The water was back to ‘pre-incident’ levels... as if no spill took place... but is still not safe for drinking.

So why did Gov. Hickenlooper drink that stuff if it wasn't safe to drink? Did he even really drink THAT water?

It seems like a mixed message at best.

Apparently, it was all just a ploy for disaster manage-

ment. Never mind reality. Just pretend that everything is under control.

And that nonsense, after the EPA was brought under suspicion by an op-ed published beforehand that predicted the EPA would trigger its own disaster at the river site in order to secure hundreds of millions of dollars in funding for a Superfund site. Zero Hedge reported:

A week before The EPA disastrously leaked millions of gallons of toxic waste into the Animas River in Colorado, this letter to the editor was published in *The Silverton Standard & the Miner* local newspaper, authored by a retired geologist detailing verbatim, how EPA would foul the Animas River on purpose in order to secure super-fund money...

“But make no mistake, within seven days, all of the 500gpm flow will re-



Colorado Gov. Hickenlooper drinks contaminated Animas River-water to make the EPA happy.

Courtesy image

And what is going unnoticed here?

From Fukushima, to the BP oil spill, to the Animas River, officials could not fail harder at protecting the public, and yet they laugh all the way to the bank every time, while the public remains at risk and without proper information about the full extent of what has really happened.

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turn to Cememnt Creek. Contamination may actually increase... The “grand experiment” in my opinion will fail.

And guess what [EPA's] Mr. Hestmark will say then?

Gee, “Plan A” didn't work so I guess we will have to build a treat-ment plant at a cost to taxpayers of \$100 million to \$500 million (who knows).

Reading between the lines, I believe that has been the EPA's plan all along”

What is really going on with this carefully staged environmental disaster?

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self by learning the proper and safe ways to handle a weapon,” Harris said.

“They are saying this terrorist in Chattanooga was a [lone] wolf. You do not have to be a member of ISIS to belong to their terrorist organization. You just have to believe the way they do and carry out deadly attacks against U.S. citizens. This doesn't make them

a [lone] wolf it makes them a pack of [wolves.] This is what makes them so dangerous.”

Of course, there are always those who don't believe that God would have us use weapons against those who wish to do us harm. They forget the story of how David didn't go out to meet Goliath without a weapon. He used a sling and a stone and God brought the results. After dropping the giant, David used Goliath's own sword to cut his head off (1 Sam. 17). Additionally, there

is the command of Chrsit to the disciples to gain a sword (Luke 22:36), presumably for self defense, not for attacking anyone.

God bless this man and those in his county!

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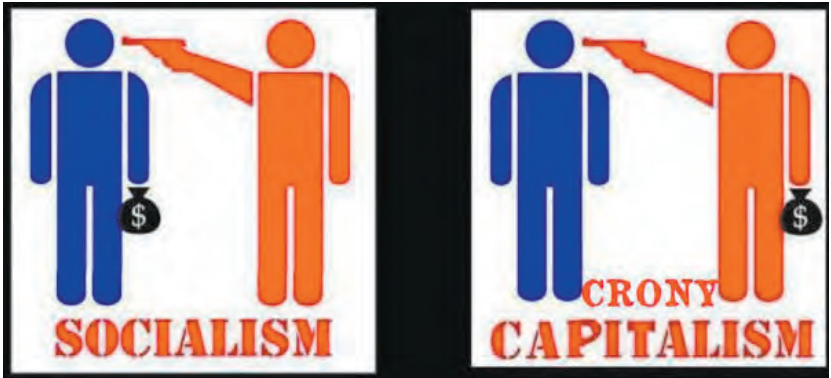


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giving them a bunch of money they will become responsible.” This was met with open laughter by those in attendance.

The sanctions against Iran go into effect in three to five years, then they can import weapons from all kinds of makers around the world. They will have all kinds of modernized weapons and air defense on nuclear projects. The verification and inspection regime is another area of great concern. No inspections at all in military places, no Americans allowed, 24-day notice for those areas that can be inspected and that could be stretched to 90 days. We would have to take our protests to the United Nations. His advice to the audience, “If you are as concerned as I am talk to our U.S. Senators, Cory Gardener and Michael Bennett.”

“I am really concerned with Planned Parenthood and fetal body parts that are being trafficked to people who buy them. Colorado State University, as we have recently learned, is using taxpayer dollars to do research on these fetal body parts.” It is illegal to sell body parts but as usual there is a loophole; it is not against the law to buy body parts. “I don’t know if that is legitimate or not, but in any case it is not moral.” The Congressman

said he is introducing legislation that would make it unlawful to traffic fetal body parts nationwide. Mr. Lamborn spoke briefly about the Supreme Court ruling on same-sex marriage saying he was against it. The decision much like Roe v Wade interrupts the natural process of debate and discussion and places the choice with the government instead of the states. Lamborn also addressed some issues regarding fracking and the VA. He was in favor of fracking stating it ‘helps the economy.’ Information was made available to local vets about how to cut the red tape and get help with their needs. If you have problems, please call Mr. Anderson at 719-520-0025. “If you need help, please reach out to me.”

The floor was then opened for a brief Q & A session; the audience was ready with some hard questions for the Congressman. A couple from Williamsburg told the Congressman they were certainly not fans of fracking. Our home has incurred approximately \$10,000 in damages from the vibration caused by fracking. We can’t afford high-dollar attorneys and we are left to restore our home little by little. It (fracking) may not harm the groundwater but it certainly damages property. The response she received was a very unhelpful, “Thank you for your comment.” Next question from a gentleman, “Sir, you say that Obama has

unilaterally changed the lay of the land as far as legislative process and the law. We spent a year in the Tea Party working to defeat Democrats and give the Republicans a majority in both houses on the promise that they would stand and fight finally... so far all we have seen is the Republican Party in both houses giving Obama everything he wants and sometimes more.” Thunderous applause. “Why should we work again to elect Republicans when we get the same results as when Democrats are in power and don’t mention the courts because Roberts and Kennedy were appointed by Republicans?” The partial answer, “Whatever you work or don’t work on in the next election I hope you work on someone who will respect and believe in the Constitution.” Next question was from Kemp Coit. He said there is something known as the “Bubba Affect,” the military is aware of it. It is when the citizen feels the government can no longer help or protect them. “You are seeing it today in Ferguson where the Oath Keepers have taken up armed response. You should be aware that the citizens are no longer caring about the laws that are being passed in Washington and they are taking up arms themselves. You should be aware of that.” Again Congressman Lamborn’s response was a thank you to Mr. Coit for his comment.

Be Informed - Get Involved

Book Signing at Club America

Local author Julie Stamper is holding a book signing of the latest book she co-authored, *Pebbles in The Pond Wave Four*. The book signing is taking place Thursday, August 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Club America. Cost of the book is \$20, with proceeds benefiting the local aquatics and fitness center.

Pebbles In the Pond Wave Four: Transforming the World One Story at a Time is the latest anthology of stories designed to inspire others to keep moving when life dishes out challenging situations. They are stories of heartbreak and hope that celebrate human resilience, says Stamper.

The book features stories by well-known authors in the transformational and self-help genre such as Neale Donald Walsch, Marci Shimoff, and Christine Kloser. An international group of authors contributed their stories as part of a year-long mastermind program directed by Christine Kloser. Stamper is one of those authors. Within the first week of its launch on Amazon in June 2015, *Pebbles In The Pond Wave Four* achieved International Best Seller status in nine countries: US, Canada, India, Australia, UK, Germany, France, Spain, and the Netherlands.

Stamper credits Christine Kloser’s book-writing program with changing her life. After a lifetime of reading books, she found herself writing one. On a lark, she signed up for an online class about writing and publishing of-

fered by Christine Kloser. The group of people involved in the program convinced her to sign up for the Mastermind Program designed to teach participants how to write and launch a book from start to finish.

Julie explains, “I had a grand time flying to Baltimore or LA for writing retreats and working with my writing family. We had group coaching calls every month and kept in touch via Facebook. The process was inspirational and challenging on every level. There is no way anyone can imagine how naked a person feels when their words are on the printed page for all the world to see. It is frightening and exhilarating at the same time.”

Following the launch of *Pebbles In The Pond*, Stamper became involved with other book projects. She is currently in the editing process of her first book and working on a second. Additionally, Stamper has two other book projects that are collaborations: one a children book, the other a book for teachers entitled “The Conscious Classroom.”

Prior to moving to Westcliffe, Stamper was a middle and high school teacher teaching history, psychology, and home economics in Jefferson County Schools. She was also a high school counselor for 10 years and a fitness instructor for 16 years. In addition to writing, Stamper enjoys traveling, mixed media art, and gardening. She enjoys living in nature with her husband, Mark, their dog, and two cats.

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