

Helmet Saves Man’s Life On Crestone Needle Fall

Press Release

Custer County Search and Rescue teams were again stretched thin this past week, with missions spanning five consecutive days.

CCSAR was activated, when at 10:22 on Friday, August 12th, for a fall with injuries in the west couloir on Crestone Needle, at 13,700 feet. Utilizing FFL’s “Lift Ticket” program, the first three ground teams of technical climbers and EMT’s were inserted by helicopter to Cottonwood Lake. Additional resources, including four persons from Western State Mountain Rescue Team



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CCSAR crews rescue the injured climber on the Crestone “Needles”.

Photo courtesy of CCSAR

CCCS: 2 Out of 3 CMAS Scores Fall Below State Averages

by George Gramlich

Last Spring’s Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) Science test didn’t go too well for our Custer County School students, with the three grades that took the test all falling below the state average.

The CMAS Science test was taken by grades 5, 8 and 11. As usual, the bureaucratic grading standard used, the “Percent Met or Exceeded Expectations” is a little blurry (e.g., what exactly is “Expectations”?). But, it is what it is.

Grade 11: Although the percent that met or exceeded expectations was only 29.2%, which seems low to us tax payers, it still beat the state percent of 24.3%, so it is good news.

Grade 8: Not good news here at all. The state average was 30.2%. The CCCS Grade 8 score was an abysmal 19.4%. Way, way below the state average. A lot of improvement needed here. Plus CCCS’s Grade 8 score was 5.6% points less than 2015’s.

Grade 5: Very disappointing results here. In 2015, exactly 50.0% of the students met or exceeded expectations which was an excellent result. This year, 2016, the percentage dropped to a horrible 18.2% - a huge 31.8% drop from 2015. Poor results for sure.

So, CCCS has one win, Grade 8, and two pretty big losses with Grade 5 showing a massive drop in score. Much work needed here, folks.

Nathan On The Law:

The Sentinel’s Court Report DA LeDoux Dismisses Byers’ Assault Charge

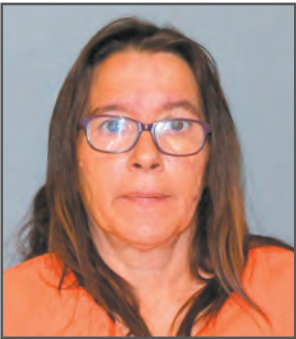
by Nathan Thomas

People vs. Catherine Byers, [2016M42]
Custer County Court, August 8, 2016
Presiding Judge: Judge Amanda Hunter

Ms. Catherine Byers was charged with assaulting Mr. Kenneth Day at Chappy’s Bar and Grill. District Attorney Thom LeDoux dismissed the charge, citing insufficient evidence as the reason. Mr. LeDoux indicated that some of the witnesses’ statements were contradictory and that he felt the contradictions, among other things, would undermine his ability to secure a conviction at trial. When asked by Judge Amanda Hunter about the contradictions, Mr. LeDoux stated that some witnesses claimed Ms. Byers threw something at Mr. Day before punching and slapping him, but that other witnesses claimed she did not throw anything before assaulting Mr. Day. Ms. Byers’ attack was allegedly

in response to something Mr. Day’s teenage daughter said to her.

During discussion of a case dismissal, Mr. Day stomped out of the courtroom, tak-



Catherine Byers at booking on assault charges.

Photo courtesy of CCSO

ing his daughter with him. The court brought him back in to hear his complaint.

In his address to the court, the visibly upset Mr. Day objected to the charge being dismissed and asked for an explanation as to how District Attorney LeDoux could dismiss the charge.

Previously, Mr. LeDoux

argued that under Colorado law, district attorneys have wide latitude in deciding which cases to prosecute or dismiss. Ms. Byers’ attorney, Public Defender Wexler, also argued for dismissal saying that in the absence of any evidence of “bad faith” in Mr. LeDoux’s decision to dismiss the charge, the court was powerless to prevent the dismissal.

After extensive discussion, Judge Hunter affirmed that the court was powerless to prevent the dismissal in this case, but noted that the charge would be dismissed without prejudice. This would allow Mr. LeDoux to refile the charge against Ms. Byers in the event that the evidence became sufficient.

Mr. Day is also facing charges related to the incident. He is accused of stalking and harassing Ms. Byers, apparently as a re-

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And it shall come
to pass
That whoever
calls on the name
of the Lord
Shall be saved.

Acts2:21
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.

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Our Opinion... From the Editorial Board



Amendment 69 Swallows Your Wallet

by Larry Luikart,
Guest Editorial

This November, Amendment 69, a proposed Colorado constitutional amendment, will be on the ballot. This amendment will create a single – payer (tax-payer-funded, socialized medicine) healthcare system in Colorado.

Proponents are saying this new system will solve the Obamacare problems while creating a better system that will guarantee coverage for all Coloradans. Be careful, my friends, of those who propose grand things. I am reminded of another guy who said, “you can keep your doctor and your insurance if you want.”

You might ask if there have been any previous attempts at a state system like the one proposed in Amendment 69? Vermont attempted a similar plan in 2011. They abandoned it when it became clear it would take a 151% tax increase to fund the plan. Betsy Bishop, president of the Vermont Chamber of Commerce said, “the 11.5% payroll tax would have crippled small companies that amount to most of the state’s employment.”

Now I realize numbers are the height of boring for most of you. There is no other way to register the impact of this Amendment on your wallet without pushing through the math. Remember, this is not someone else’s money, it is yours. If this Amendment passes most of us will be going to the bank for a note to pay our state taxes.

It is very interesting that the bulk of the funding for Amendment 69 will come from a new 10% payroll tax and another 10% on other income, (including a 10% tax on real estate sales), over and above the current payroll tax structure. The tax will be assessed at 3.33% for individuals and 6.66% for employers. Self-employed individuals will pay the full 10%. These new taxes will generate \$25 billion in the first year. Additional funding will come from current federal health care covered programs, mostly Medicaid at \$7.1 billion. Members who opt for this plan will make additional copayments to use the plan; another \$3.9 billion. The total cost of this gargantuan new plan will come in

at \$36 billion dollars in the first year. ColoradoCare, as it is called, will bring the state income tax to 14.63%, the highest in the nation and 3.1% higher than the proposed plan for Vermont.

The Colorado Health Institute, a non-partisan group, has studied the proposed plan, indicating even with the tax increases and proposed savings the plan will lose around \$250 million dollars in the first year with the losses accelerating over the next ten years. The projected 25 billion in 2019, (the first year of actual operation) is projected to grow at 4.5% per year. By 2028 the revenue will increase to \$36.6 billion. Health care costs are projected to grow between 6.0% and 6.8% per year during the same period which will result, (considering all revenues and projected savings,) in a whopping \$7.8 billion deficit in 2028. How do you think they will make up the deficit? How about reduced health coverage, larger copayments and more tax increases? You have to marvel at the sheer audacity of the boneheads who come up with this stuff. Really!

The Colorado Health Institute based their projections on more than 50 factors, of which these six key factors would make the largest difference to the bottom line: administrative costs, use of health care, federal funds, out-of-pocket costs, participation rate and future tax revenue. They created a computer program to model their assumptions indicating this is not just addition and subtraction. A small change in a key factor can make a large difference in the bottom line. If more people decided to keep private insurance, say 10% instead of the projected 5%, ColoradoCare would show a \$1.4 billion surplus in 2019, instead of a \$250 million dollar loss. This is not likely, considering the staggering taxes associated with this new plan.

Finally, let’s talk a moment about the governance of this plan. A board of 15 interim individuals would be chosen to get the plan off the ground and to administer the 0.9% initial payroll and other income tax which will generate \$4.9 billion for the plan. A permanent board of 21 will be selected by the ColoradoCare mem-

bers from seven districts across the state. This board will then determine how much care is given and to whom, as well as how doctors and health providers are compensated. This is not insurance and it places in the hands of 21 people, the entire health care system for Colorado. This is an unfathomable amount of power for such a small group of people. The possibility for abuse is immense. Remember, “if power corrupts, then absolute power corrupts absolutely.”

ColoradoCare is the test case for the very idea Obamacare has not been able to accomplish. Create a single payer system where all the private insurance is pushed out of the equation leaving only the government to administer health care. If the government gets control of your body (health care,) then taking complete control will be easy.

ColoradoCare is, by any stretch of the imagination, the worst idea ever proposed for Colorado. Please vote “no” on Amendment 69 in November.

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Then and Now

Many people come to Custer County and talk about how much they love it. Then something strange happens. They decide to run for some public office and decide that what the County needs is change. They never specify what kind of change. Just change.

And leadership. Whatever that means.

Over the years we have seen lots of changes and change just for the sake of change isn't necessarily good. There was a time when a mainstay of Main Street Westcliffe included Jennings Market which had great fresh meat and Harold treated everyone with respect and courtesy. And if you forgot your wallet or were short until payday, it wasn't a big deal because Harold would extend credit. Another backbone of Main Street was Suzy's. A great restaurant that had been there forever and had the walls papered with posters from the movies that were filmed up here. And who could forget Evie's? What an eclectic compilation of merchandise! On Second Street we had Daylight Donuts, where you

could almost always find the ranchers before the crack of dawn and of course Jerry and Jerry playing cribbage. And the mortuary was said to be haunted.

Yes, we've seen lots of changes. There were two hardware stores - Valley Ace and F&S Hardware (both in town). And if you ever had trouble with a repair, you could count on F & S helping you jerry-rig a great solution. Up until a few years ago, all the ranchers baled small bales, now they've almost all switched to the big round bales. That was a decision based on less work and sensible business decisions made by the individuals.

There was a time when the Ambulance Corps had the respect of all the southern Colorado hospitals, had a great cadre of volunteers and would never have had trouble getting a second crew to respond to a gunshot wound. But change is better, even if severe injuries can't get qualified responders.

And time was when there was only one paper. And it sucked. Oh, wait. It still

does. It was always very slanted to Jim's liberal point of view and pretty much only took letters that agreed with that slant. Oh wait. It still does.

But new folks in politics talk like they know it all. When they know less than a little about life in these parts. Heck, even I only know a thimble full about this amazing place.

Are there things that need updating? Maybe. Cell service would be nice. But there was a time when you only needed four numbers to get hold of anyone around these parts. Those were the numbers that came after 783 and if the folks weren't home, you called back.

Some change is good. Some change's is bad. Some change is neutral. When you talk about change, you need to specify what needs to change and why. This change for changes sake is counterproductive. And, it's almost always just a political talking point to get elected. They don't even know what change they want.

Dan Bubis

On Modern Anti-Semitism; Christian Silence is Complicity

In the 1930's many in Germany caved to the dangerous political agenda of the time.

The last time I was in Jerusalem, I spent some time at Yad Vashem (Holocaust Museum). This time I learned more about the Nazi leadership. For the most part they were young and very educated, a high percentage with advanced degrees. They bought into the lie that they were a superior race (ubermensch), which was bad enough, but they also believed in the inferiority of others. This led to mass exterminations, including the "final solution," the plan to kill all of the Jewry.

Unfortunately, Hitler borrowed heavily from Luther's book "The Jews and their lies" 1539. Luther's writings paved the way for Kristallnacht (night of broken glass), destroying all synagogues and other Jewish property.

As the Third Reich grew, the German Faith Movement gave in to Nazi ideology. Hanns Kerrl, the Reich's minister for church affairs

said, "Adolph Hitler gave us back our faith, he showed us the true meaning of religion - - Adolph Hitler is the true Holy Ghost".

We could discuss the Inquisition, the Pogroms, the Crusades, the "blood libel" fiction, but why? Because the times are not so different, many who are sounding a warning believe much of Europe is as poisonous as it was in Germany in 1938.

Today, many Christians turn away when they hear the newest forms of anti-Semitism, anti-Zionism. Christians of the "emergent church" who join the peace and justice activists and embrace a cause (pro-Palestine/anti-Israel) they think is just. And there are Christians who are swayed by the fashionable attitudes of the "progressive left."

Anti-Semitism is beginning to shake the world again. We don't need to look any further than college campuses, certain areas of the market place, within government agencies and the United Nations—how about the Israeli athletes at the Olympic

Games?

As Christians we must be engaged in remembering the past and being aware of the current overt hatred of Israel and the biological brethren of our Lord Jesus.

There were Christians who rose to the Biblical mandate and hid Jews during WWII, but far too few. Will we rise to the occasion? When violence occurs, it is too late to sort out our thoughts. It must be done ahead of time.

A current tactic of Satan is the BDS movement, (Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions,) against Israel, Israeli companies and Israeli citizens. It's a worldwide phenomenon.

As believers we must see, pray and stand, otherwise we may be judged for complicity in evil.

Excerpts from: "Antisemitism, Jesus and Christianity" by Carla Brewington Algeimener as it appeared on the Jerusalem connection website, July 28, 2016.

Hal Crossley

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Ephesians 3:20 NKJV

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Kids Clothes To Our Kids

Our school students need all the support we can give them so that they are prepared to excel in their studies. This includes nice appropriate school clothes. Accordingly, I have been donating my grandsons' outgrown clothes to the Share Center to be ready for the back to school distribution program at school which was operated by the

Share Center in coordination with the elementary school principal. Now I find that the Share Center has changed their focus and given all the kids' clothing, including my grandsons', to Goodwill where it is not easily accessible to Custer County school children.

Please join me in making an extra effort to collect outgrown school appropri-

ate clothing and / or purchase new clothing for the substitute collection bin in the school parking lot. It is a shame that the distribution will not be ready in time for the first day of school this year. Better late than never.

Thank you!

Susan Pitman
Rural Westcliffe

For 'Good' People To Do Nothing

“In order for ‘evil’ to prevail, all that need happen is for ‘good’ people to do nothing”. This is a direct quote from Edmund Burke. It seems that this is where we are in our county right now. People talk the talk of not letting things get out of hand, but when asked to do something about it, they say, “Oh we are afraid of retribution”. They would rather sit on the side lines and let the county government (and federal government) do just as they wish. They forget that elected officials serve at our pleasure. We are their bosses and the elected officials are paid by U.S. via tax dollars. What ever happened to PUBLIC SERVANTS? The tail is wagging the dog and I for one, am very tired of this. It seems to have become the norm for anyone in political office to think nothing of lying to accomplish their goals. The letter to the editor Jay Printz authored

scared people into thinking if they signed a petition to recall Bob Kattnig, they would be targeted. Our only recourse is petition to right what we perceive as not working. People who sign the petition are exercising their rights under the First Amendment. “First Amendment” “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.” Franklin D. Roosevelt stated “that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself” and that is what Jay Printz engendered in the folks here in Custer County! Stand up folks! Don’t just talk the talk, but walk the walk. I will add one additional quote that I feel is relevant here. “Silence in the face of evil is itself

evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak .Not to act is to act.” — Dietrich Bonhoeffer Don’t you think it is time to act? Don’t you think it is time stand up for our rights? What are you afraid of? How many of you go before the commissioners? How exactly are they going to exact retribution? Raise our taxes? They are planning on doing that anyway to fund Broadband. Come on people! Wake up and stand up for our rights. Mr. Kattnig is not fit to represent us. He truly is incompetent and his bully tactics are quite evident. When I think of a bully, I realize they are insecure and must lord it over us to make themselves feel worthy. The more he can intimidate us, the better he feels, when in actuality he is just diminishing himself in the eyes of the public.

Dee Wilhite
Rural Custer County

Hillary for Prison Sign

Dear Editor,

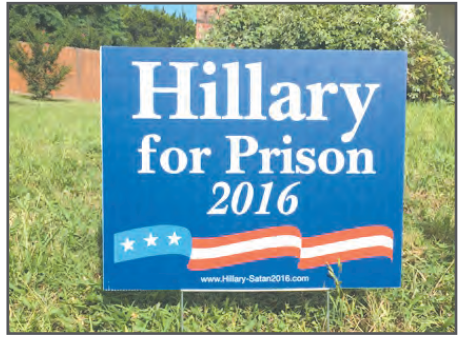
I am writing to you as a concerned educator in hopes that you will be able to help heal the political climate in which we find ourselves. These next few months will be divisive and just plain nasty everywhere. I hope we can find a way to keep our town above the worst of the hatefulness and teach our young people to debate the issues, evaluate the facts, study the platforms, and consider the experience of the candidates.

I do not debate your right to post a sign that says “Hillary for Prison”, but I respectfully request that you remove the sign outside the *Sentinel* office. It glorifies the negative, hateful political talk that destroys any

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Local Mountain News & Notices

New Growth On The Hayden Pass Fire



by John Nichols, PIO2
Hayden Pass Fire

August 9, 2016

Even before the wildfire is declared totally out, new plant growth is already sprouting on the Hayden Pass Fire. This fire burned over 16,700 acres of forested area, including part of the Sangre de Cristo Wilderness in the mountain range by the same name.

Crews are still working on the wildfire, flames and smoke are still a part of the Hayden Pass Fire, yet through the ash there is evidence of green life. And what to expect after that? Animal life of all kinds. Wildfire releases nutrients, contained in the ash and decaying plant

life. It also opens up areas to allow new plant life to get a "foot-hold". Many seeds need wildfire to open cones and seed casings in order to germinate.

The fire is just over a month old and the grasses and other plant life are already providing food for wildlife. When these photos were taken there were deer in the area watching the firefighters and waiting for them to leave so they could resume grazing their new food sources.

To see more photos or download as a pdf, see https://groups.google.com/a/state.co.us/forum/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=footer#!msg/haydenpassfire/Y71hdV5t-Ss/gf_0FE-JAQAJ

Photos show what firefighters have already discovered in the past days within the Hayden Pass Fire. Wildfire is not just about devastation; it is about renewal – a natural process. Bottom right; New oak sprout.

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Press Release

Some of the folks at St. Patrick's in Westcliffe have a bad book problem. For some, the solution to any problem, emotional, spiritual, financial or for just plain enjoyment, is to buy a book. Over the years, these small pleasures add up to a big pain, as houses fill up!

That is a small problem. A big problem is that Christians are suffering in many places throughout the world, bravely worshiping in the open spaces after their churches have been bombed, or because they are too poor to put a roof over their heads, and would rather spend the small amount of money they scrape together feeding the orphans of AIDS victims and the refugees that have resulted from years of civil and religious strife.

That is why the St. Patrick members have decided to sell as many of their books as possible to raise money for the Missionary Society of St. Paul. The books will be offered for sale Saturday, August 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Patrick's Anglican Church, located in

Westcliffe at 401 S. Second Street. Refreshments will be served. The books range from detective fiction to children's books, from philosophy tomes to joke books. There will probably be some DVDs, also.

If it can be pulled off, there will be horse rides available, also.

Each quarter, in the publication *The Trinitarian*, one can read the heroics of clergy and lay folk in places like Nigeria, Pakistan, South Sudan, the rest of Africa, Colombia and the Philippines. Without complaint, bishops and clergy share stories of sewing machines purchased to provide income for widows, bicycles provided to clergy to make harrowing journeys to meet with the faithful, and the ingenious ways these persecuted peoples all over the poor parts of the world find to serve those who are in even greater need than their own.

St. Patrick members hope that the folks of Custer County will be glad of an opportunity to help those for whom they undoubtedly pray with material support.

Custer County Community Sharing Center



by Carol Clemenson

The Custer County Community Sharing Center has a new look and phone number (719-783-3303) yet same location at 102 N. 3rd in Westcliffe. A board decision some time ago to no longer accept material donations fit into the requirements for a food bank. Distributing food is now the main focus of the Sharing Center.

Anyone can come to the commonly called "Share Center" to pick up food bank items once a week from 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays without any qualifications other than signing up. In addition to the food pantry, monthly senior boxes for qualifying seniors can be picked up at the same time. Information about qualifying for the senior boxes can be obtained at the front desk for those age 60 and over.



The Share Center now has a 'coffee bar'.

Photos by Carol Clemenson

Recently, a USDA inspector from Colorado Care and Share conducted an informal inspection and was pleased with the changes; the increase in the number of food items distributed each week, and the consistent rotation of the items to replenish

the shelves. Those asked about the changes made to the Share Center were happy with the new look, including the 'coffee bar' which includes water and lemonade and this past weekend included donuts and the newly implemented book exchange.

Star Party Highlights the Conjunction of Venus and Jupiter August 27th

WESTCLIFFE / SILVER CLIFF, Colorado

—August 15, 2016

Your local Dark Skies organization is holding a Star Party on the evening of Saturday, August 27th. They invite you to watch the conjunction of Venus and Jupiter at the new Smokey Jack Observatory at The Bluff at the west end of Main Street in Westcliffe starting at 7 p.m. MT.

A spectacular conjunction (close pairing) of Venus and

Jupiter will be visible low in the western sky at late dusk. The two bright planets will be extremely close, appearing only 0.06 degrees apart. Look for this impressive pairing in the western sky just after sunset as they will quickly set behind the mountains about 8:15 p.m. Plus Mercury will appear close to the pair.

In recent years, the dark night skies over the towns have come to be recognized by locals as a natural resource worth preserving. The towns of Westcliffe

and Silver Cliff have come together to protect a shared natural resource — their dark night skies. In the first effort of its kind, the towns worked side-by-side to ensure preservation of dark nights for the benefit of future residents. As a result of their efforts, the towns have earned Colorado's first International Dark Sky Community certification from the International Dark-Sky Association.

About Dark Skies of the Wet Mountain Valley

In 1998, a group of citizens

concerned about the protection of this natural resource formed Dark Skies Incorporated, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. In the years since it was founded, Dark Skies has drawn attention to the threat of light pollution, offering solutions and engaging local government, businesses and residents in protecting the area's night skies. The results equally benefit those who appreciate astronomy and those interested in promoting regional eco- and astro-tourism.

Contact: Wilson Jarvis (Vice-President), wilsonjarvis@pdq.net

Dark Skies, Inc. Makes the NY Times!

Our local group preserving the "nightness" in Custer County, Dark Skies, Inc., made it to the "big time" last Friday, August 12th, when *The NY Times* ran a great story on them and their efforts. Entitled, "Colorado Towns Work to Preserve a Diminishing Resource: Darkness", and written by Jack Healy, the story opens with the group on the 'Bluff' watching the Perseid meteor shower. The story then goes into their Dark Skies preser-

vation efforts primarily in Westcliffe and Silver Cliff.

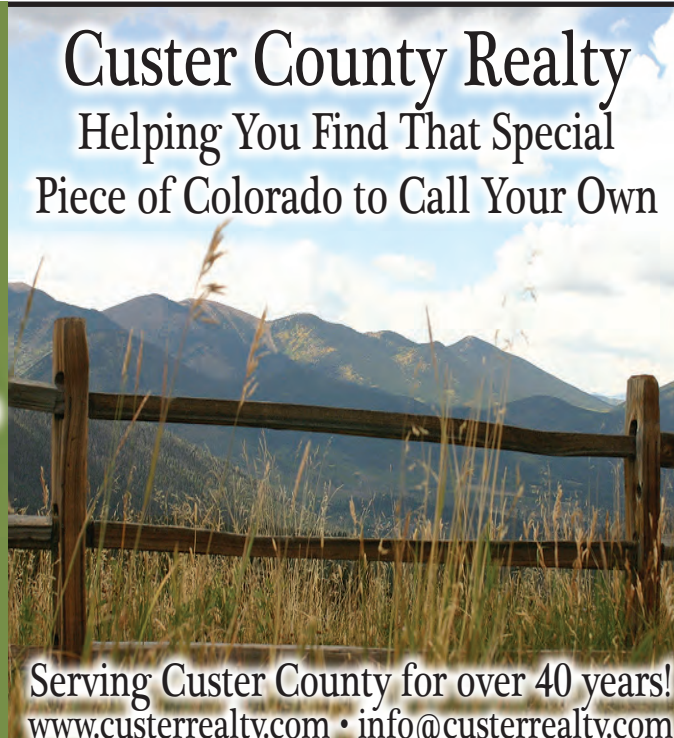
Congratulations Dark Skies, for spreading the good news, and to our two towns for collaborating to make the Dark Sky community designation possible.

See the NYT article at: http://mobile.nytimes.com/2016/08/13/us/colorado-dark-sky-project-stars-perseid.html?_r=0



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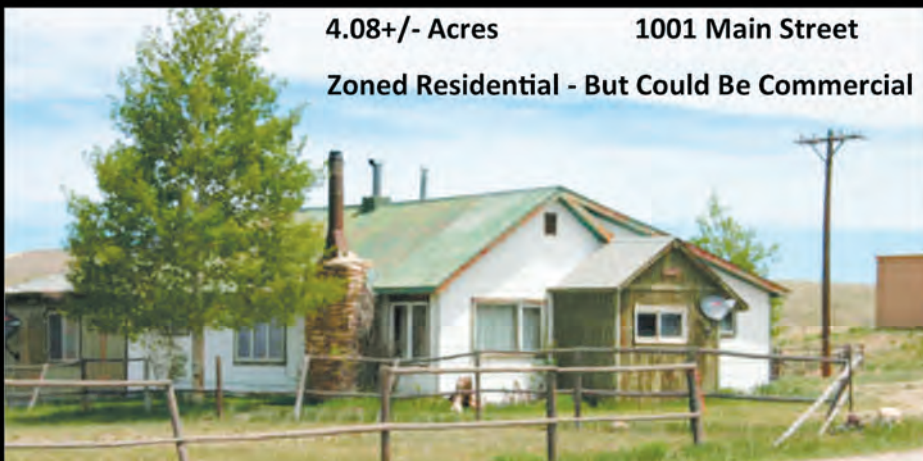




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Gymkhana this Saturday!

**The Wild West Cowboy church
is holding another gymkhana event
for children this Saturday!
Sign up at 8 a.m. and the action starts at 9 a.m.
All are welcome**

Custer County Schools Seek Accountability Committee Members

The Custer County School District is seeking members for the School Accountability Committee. The school is responsible for establishing a School Accountability Committee (SAC) and should consist of at least the following seven members:

- The principal of the school or the principal's designee
- At least one teacher who provides instruction in the school;
- At least three parents of students enrolled in the school;
- At least one adult member of an organization of parents, teachers, and students recognized by the school; and
- At least one person from the community.

The Custer County School Accountability Committee (SAC) generally meets the first Monday of each month (however in September it will be on the 12th due to Labor Day) at 4:30 in the school library and new members are welcome at that meeting. We ask that any potential members realize they will be appointed by the board (in September or October) and will serve for the entire school year.

By law, the School Accountability Committee has a number of functions which include:

- Making recommendations to the principal on the school priorities for spending school moneys, including federal funds, where applicable;
- Making recommendations to the principal of the school and the superintendent concerning preparation of a school Performance or Improvement plan, if either type of plan is required;
- Publicizing and holding a SAC meeting to discuss strategies to include in a school Priority Improvement or Turnaround plan, if either type of plan is required, and using this input to make recommendations to the local school board concerning preparation of the school Priority Improvement or Turnaround plan prior to the plan being written (no Custer County Schools currently have this accreditation rating);
- Publicizing the district's public hearing to review a written school Priority Improvement or Turnaround plan (no Custer County Schools currently have this accreditation rating);
- Meeting at least quarterly to discuss whether school leadership, personnel, and infrastructure are advancing or impeding implementation of the school's Performance, Improvement, Priority Improvement, or Turnaround plan, whichever is applicable, and other progress pertinent to the school's accreditation contract;
- Providing input and recommendations to the DAC and district administration, on an advisory basis, concerning principal development plans and principal evaluations;
- Publicizing opportunities to serve and soliciting parents to serve on the SAC;
- Assisting the district in implementing at the school level the district's family engagement policy; and
- Assisting school personnel to increase families' engagement with teachers, including families' engagement in creating students' READ plans, Individual Career and Academic Plans, and plans to address habitual truancy.

An outline of monthly meeting topics has been drafted and will be available at the first meeting on September 12th. For additional information please contact Superintendent Mark Payler at Custer County Schools at 719-783-4951.

Open House Sunday August 21th 11:00am to 3:00pm



446 Panorama Drive - Eastcliffe Subdivision

Directions: From Westcliffe, South on Highway 69 to Rosita Rd (CR 328). East on Rosita Rd to Antelope Rd (CR 323). South on Antelope Rd (which curves east) to Panorama Drive. North on Panorama Drive (which soon curves east, property is on the right (south) side of the road.



**For Information Contact:
Custer County Realty, Inc.
(719) 783-9221**



Bobcats Sport Schedule

Volleyball Game AWAY @ La Veta,
Fri, August 26, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.,
La Veta

Volleyball Game AWAY @ South
Park, Fri, September 2, 9 a.m. –
12 p.m., South Park

Volleyball Game AWAY @ South
Park, Fri, September 2, 9 a.m.
– 12 p.m., South Park

HS Cross Country - CM Stampede
(time TBD), Fri, August 26, 9 a.m.
– 5 p.m., Colorado Springs

MS/HS Cross Country - Husky
Invite (time TBD), Sat, September
3, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Avon

Football Game AWAY @ Rocky
Mountain Lutheran, Saturday, Sep-
tember 3, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., Rocky
Mountain Lutheran High School,
10391 Luther Court, Commerce
City

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Bobcat Menu • August 22-August 25. 7, 2016

**Monday
Breakfast**
Choice of Cereal
Fruit
Milk

lunch
Soft Shell Chicken Taco
Mexican Rice
Corn & Fruit
Milk

**Tuesday
Breakfast**
Choice of Cereal
Fruit
Milk

lunch
Corn Dog
Oven Fries, Baked Beans
Fruit
Milk

**Wednesday
Breakfast**
Choice of Cereal
Fruit
Milk

lunch
Meat Pizza
Salad, Green Beans
Fruit
Milk

**Thursday
Breakfast**
Sausage Gravy
W.G. Biscuit
Fruit, Milk

lunch
Ground Beef & Mac
W.G. Roll
Veg. & Fruit
Milk

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

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

KIDS

Friday, August 19, 2016

August 20, 1911

First Around the World Telegram

Today we live in a world of communication; land-line phones, cell phones, smart phones, emails, Facebook, Twitter and on and on. Some of us old fogies remember a time when we had phones with a party line. A party line was a phone line that was shared between several families; there were different rings for different households. This meant zero privacy because neighbors, who shared phone lines, could pick up the phone and listen to conversations. Some of us can even remember a time when there were no phones. Communicating with family and others through letters, took anywhere from a week to a month.

Then came the telegraph. The telegraph was the first form of communication that could be sent from a great distance and was a landmark in human history. Samuel Morse was a professor of arts and design at New York University in 1835, when he proved that signals could be transmitted by wire. He then developed a code (Morse Code) that assigned a set of dots and dashes to each letter of the English alphabet and allowed for the simple transmission of complex messages across telegraph lines.

In 1838, Congress funded \$30,000 to construct an experimental telegraph line from Washington, D.C. to Baltimore, Maryland, a distance of 40 miles. Before the line had reached Baltimore, the Whig Party held their national convention there on May 1, 1844. The news of the nomination of Henry Clay was hand-carried to Annapolis Junction (between Washington and Baltimore) where Morse's partner, Alfred Vail, wired it to the Capitol. This was the first news dispatched by electric telegraph. On May 24, 1844, the completed line was officially opened when the message, "What Hath God wrought?" was sent by Morse Code from the old Supreme Court chamber in the United States Capitol to Morse's partner in Baltimore.

On August 20, 1911, a dispatcher in the *New York Times* office sent the first telegram around the world via commercial service. They wanted to determine how fast a commercial message could be sent around the world by telegraph cable. The message simply read, "This message sent around the world". It left the dispatch room on the 17th floor of *The Times* building in New York at 7 p.m. on August 20th. It traveled more than 28,000 miles, was relayed by 16 different operators, through San Francisco, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Saigon, Singapore, Bombay, Malta, Lisbon and the Azores—among other locations—and the reply was received by the same operator 16.5 minutes later.

Our present day ability to communicate in minutes around the world to anyone, was made available to us by the creative minds of inventors like Samuel Morse.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: History.com, personal.psu.edu, inventors.about.com.

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*I have fought the good fight, I have finished
the race, I have kept the faith.*

2 Timothy 4:7 NKJV

Local Mountain News & Notices

ALZHEIMER’S SEMINAR

Sponsored by The Deer Mountain Red Suspenders
August 24, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Deer Mt. Fire Station #1, 6181 CR 28, Copper Gulch Road
A light lunch will be served
For reservations please call Patti at 719-942-3115

Speaker: Ann Carter from the Alzheimer’s Association in Pueblo

The first session will begin at 10:00 a.m., and then break for lunch. The second session will begin at 1:00 p.m. There is no cost, but donations will gladly be accepted!

American Legion Yard Sale Fund Raiser

Press Release
by Bob Dreher,

Once again this year the American Legion Post 170 Family is hosting the Biggest Yard Sale Ever. This is our most important fund raiser of the year. The event runs Friday, August 26th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, August 27th 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wet Mountain Saddle Club located at 90 County Road 241. Donations of items to sell will be accepted on Thursday with prior arrangement. Contact Bill Hitt, 783-0593 or Ted Ballard, 783-2359. The food concession will serve Bar-B-Que and refreshments. Several large items will be available by silent auction. All proceeds go to support Veterans of Custer County, The American Legion Honor Guard, Flags for Main Street, Scholarship Programs, Children & Youth Programs and Boy’s / Girl’s State. Support for Veterans includes support of the County VSO, job assistance, travel assistance to VA Medical

appointments, initiatives to eliminate Veteran homelessness, etc. Honor Guard Uniforms: The Honor Guard is available to lead all of the parades in Custer County and presents the Colors for the parade. We have been invited to do parades in Pueblo and Walsenburg, giving exposure for our community. Further, the Honor Guard performs funeral services for all Veterans providing the family with the American Flag and firing the 21-gun volley in honor of the Veteran. We do funeral services for all Veterans, whether or not they are an American Legion member. All Veterans are properly honored. Consistent uniforms for the Honor Guard gives a professional appearance. The Flags on Main Street project is a community project of the Westcliffe Post of The American Legion. We have purchased 60 American Flags that we display on all lighted power poles on Main Street from Silver Cliff through Westcliffe. Our goal is to have enough flags to have one on every

single utility pole on Main Street and on Hy 69 south and north out of town. Flags are put up and taken down by Post members on every national and patriotic holiday. Boy’s and Girls State is a program the Legion & Auxiliary support by sending High School Junior boys and girls to the nationally sponsored American Legion Program. At Boy’s State and Girl’s State the students spend a week creating their own democratic government, pass laws; create a judiciary system and all other functions of an American Democratic government. These week long events are superbly presented and a great learning experience. All expenses are paid by The American Legion and the Auxiliary. We believe this yard sale is really a community-wide effort since the whole community benefits. Fore more information please contact Bill Hitt at 783-0593 (lyndahitt@earthlink.net) or Ted Ballard at 783-2359 (capttedballard@yahoo.com)

Local Friends of NRA Are Throwing a Party



The local Custer County Friends of NRA will be holding its inaugural fundraiser banquet at A Painted View Ranch on Saturday, August 27th. The event kicks off at 5:00 PM. The cost is \$35.00 per person which includes games, auctions, special drawings, art, limited edition firearms, outdoor merchandise and a wonderful dinner served by Alpine Inn Chef, Richard Kastendieck. A cash bar will be available.

Friends of NRA events raise grant funds for local organizations in support of Second Amendment Rights and promoting shooting sports education and ethical use of firearms. Organizations involved in helping youth shooting sports, youth education, firearm safety, range development, wounded warriors and other disabled persons are all eligible for grant funds raised from Friends of NRA banquets

A major portion of the dollars you spend at this event will be returned to Custer County through grants to deserving local community service organizations.

Tickets for this great event can be purchased online from the Friends of NRA website at www.friendsofnra.org. For more information and to order tickets, please contact Dwaine Robey at 783-9044.

Events Calendar

Saturday, August 20 All Day
Rotary Golf Tourney & Steak Fry
Annual fundraiser for Custer County Students.
Two tee times, 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Annual steak fry is at 5 p.m., includes a silent auction and awards.
St. Andrews Golf Course - Custer County \$\$

Saturday, August 20, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Cattle Barons Ball
At Beckwith Ranch, CO-69 \$\$

Sunday, August 21, 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.
SUMMER IN THE PARK - Free Concert
“The Rifters”
Westcliffe Feed Store Amphitheater & Park

Monday, August 22, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Saddle Club Gymkhana
90 Co Rd 241

Thursday, August 25. 5:30 meet and greet
6:00 p.m. presentation
Tavern style politics meeting
At Tony’s Pizza
Guest speaker: Mark Braunlich

Friday, Saturday August 26 & 27,
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

WCPA - “*The Gentleman Doc Holliday*”
The Jones Theater, 119 Main St. \$\$

Saturday, August 27, 9 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Parking Lot Sale at Club America

Saturday, August 27, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saddle Club **Obstacle Course Clinic**
90 CR 241 \$\$

Saturday, August 27, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Custer County Friends of NRA Inaugural Banquet
For more info for this event:
Contact Dwaine Robey at 719-783-9044

Saturday, August 27, 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Dark Skies - **Star Party** at the Smokey Jack Observatory, Main St

Sunday, August 28, 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.
SUMMER IN THE PARK - Free Concert
“Rebecca Folsom”

Wednesday, August 31, 9 a.m.
Custer County Commissioners Meeting
Board Room

Recurring Events

Monday
Club America — 7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training; 9 a.m. Water Aerobics; 10:15 a.m. Stretch; 11:30 a.m. Muscles; 1:00 p.m. Low Impact; 5:15 p.m. Step Aerobics
6 -7 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 Emily at (719) 371-5974.

1st and 3rd Mondays
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Writers group at the Library. If you write or would like to start writing, please join us in the Community Room for peer editing, feedback, ideas, comradery, and more.

Tuesday
Club America — 9:15 a.m. Stretch; 10:30 a.m. Zumba; 10:30 a.m. Chair Strength; 4 p.m. Kids Zone; 4 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Core Conditioning.
12 – 4:30 p.m. Bridge Club meets in the Library Community Room in downtown Westcliffe.
6 p.m. Bible Study at Wild West Cowboy Church. Call 719-783-2676

1st 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.

Wednesday
Club America — 7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training; 8:00 a.m. Kids Zone; 10:00 a.m. Low Impact; 5:15 p.m. Step Aerobics.
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Farmers Market. Jess Price Park, Westcliffe.
9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Line dancers meet at the Methodist Church. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370.
6-7 p.m. Closed Big Book Study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or

Emily at (719) 371-5974

6:30 p.m. Men’s and Women’s Bible Study. First Baptist Church of Westcliffe Call 719-783-2498.

6:30 - 8 p.m. Custer County Community Band practice in the band room at the high school.

Last Wednesday of the Month
11 a.m. Book Club meeting at the West Custer County Library. Open to the public.

Thursday
Club America — 9 a.m. Water Aerobics; 9:15 a.m. Yoga; 10:30 a.m. Zumba; 10:30 a.m. Chair Strength; 4 p.m. Kids Zone; 4:00 p.m. – 6 p.m. Core Conditioning.

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

Friday
Club America — 7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training; 9:00 a.m. Water Aerobics; 9:15 a.m. Stretch; 10:30 a.m. Muscles.
6 -7 p.m. Open Discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emily at (719) 371-5974.
7 -8 p.m. Bible Talks with Domenic Enrietta and John Hartig. At the Library Community Room. All welcome. No charge.

Saturday
10 a.m. Wet Mountain Al-Anon Family Group meets at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. Call Dee (719) 404-1851 or Jean (719) 371-1229.
2 p.m. Laughter Yoga at the West Custer County Library. Open to the public.
3 p.m. Open Drum Circle at the West Custer County Library. All ages welcome! If you have a drum, please bring it. We have a few spares.

3rd Saturday of Month
9 a.m. VFW meeting at Cliff Lanes
Conference Room for more info call Commander Randy Knight 783-9340.

Services

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Custer County Senior Center
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Silver Cliff, CO 81252
(719) 783-9508
Lunch; Mon., Tues. & Thur. at Noon. RSVP by 9:30 a.m.

Custer County Community Sharing Center Inc.
120 N. 3rd St.
Westcliffe, CO 8125
(719)783-3303
Fri.- Sat. 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources
417 Cliff Street
Silver Cliff, CO 81252
(719) 783-4357
Mon. – Thur. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Fri. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

West Custer County Library
209 Main Street
Westcliffe, CO 81252
(719) 783-9138
Tue. – Fri.: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sat.:10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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Announcements

SAVE THE DATE:
Sept. 3rd Saturday- 9am-2 pm Parking Lot Sale at Club America. Donations of gently used items of all types accepted after Aug. 20th at the club except NO TV's; will accept only near new condition, clean, consignment type clothing. No junk please. For questions about donating specific items, call Dee Shepard 719-431-3927.

Yard Sale @ St. Luke's
201 S. 3rd St. Westcliffe
Saturday September 3rd
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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TOWN OF SILVER CLIFF PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT

Eligible candidates must be at least 18 years old, possess a high school diploma or GED, have two years minimum experience or related training, possess at minimum a Colorado CDL class B with a cargo tanker endorsement, pass a background check, drug test and work flexible hours. Starting pay \$26,000.00 - \$32,000.00 a year plus benefits depending on experience. Applications and a complete job description can be picked up at the Silver Cliff Town Hall 612 E. Main Street, Silver Cliff, Monday thru Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Applications and resumes will be accepted at 612 E. Main Street or PO Box 154, Silver Cliff, CO 81252. Prefer applicants to live in Silver Cliff or Westcliffe, required to live in Custer County. For more information please call 719-783-2615 The Town of Silver Cliff is an equal opportunity employer.

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Or Email josh.walden@criticalpath-metalworks.com

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YARD SALE
2016-Annual American Legion Fund Raiser
Friday, August 26th 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, August 27th 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wet Mountain Saddle Club, Hwy. 69 North to CR 241
Donations accepted on Thursday with prior arrangement with Bill Hitt or Ted Ballard.
Great Selection...any reasonable offer accepted
Several large items available for silent auction bids
All proceeds dedicated to supporting local Veterans and Veteran's Programs
Bar-B-Que Food Concession & Refreshments
For information or to donate, please contact
Bill Hitt at 783-0593 or Ted Ballard at 783-2359

*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 4 p.m. for that week's edition.*



VFW Meeting
Saturday, August 20th
9 a.m. at the Bowling Alley
All Welcome



Sangre de Cristo Electric Association, Inc.

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 315 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 6 to EMS, and 1 to the Fire Department. As of August 14th, there were 6 males and 2 females in the county jail.

8/8/16:

Traffic Summons: David Stoltzfus of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Micah Benson of Granby, CO, was issued a municipal summons for illegal parking.

Egret Contact: A deputy was dispatched to Highway 69 N for a vehicle animal accident. A party came into the Sheriff's Office to report hitting an egret. The local Colorado Parks and Wildlife officer was notified to retrieve the remains of the bird.

8/9/16:

Traffic Summons: James Nichols of Pensacola, FL, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Stephen Shoun of Wetmore for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Mark Johnson of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Gregory Bray of Dallas, TX, for speeding 5 - 9 over.

Robert Wade of Davenport, IA, for speeding 5 - 9 over.

Kelsey Delponte of Denver for failing to stop for a stop sign.

Accident: A deputy was dispatched to South 6th

Street in Westcliffe for a minor two vehicle accident. Laura Salazar of Phoenix, AZ, was issued a summons for backing up a vehicle in a parking area when it was not safe.

Traffic Summons: Mark Rens of Colorado Springs for speeding 10 - 19 over. Shauna Kossnar of Wetmore for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Robert Anderson of Kamack, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Arrest: A deputy was dispatched to Silver Cliff regarding a disturbance. Ronald Stone of Cañon City was arrested and booked on two counts of violating a protection order, criminal mischief and assault in the second degree.

Burglary Report: A deputy was dispatched to a residence on Highway 96 to investigate a report of a burglary.

8/10/16:

Traffic Summons: Lou Gosbee of Mandan, ND, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Dale Sisco of Owason, OK, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Jay Sloan of Piedmont, CA, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Brian Shults of Oklahoma City, OK, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Hiking Death: Search and Rescue was activated in response to a report of an overdue hiker in the moun-

tains west of the Horn Creek trailhead. The body of James Beckerich of West Chester, PA, was recovered on August 11, in a valley below Fluted Peak, west of Dry Lakes.

8/11/16:

Traffic Summons: David Tucker of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Jose Raso of Houston, TX, for driving without a valid driver's license and speeding 5 - 9 over.

Allen Brown of Vernal, UT, for operating an unsafe/defective vehicle.

Michelle Paganoo of Murphy, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

8/12/16:

Traffic Summons: Maci Belisle of Grand Junction for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Walter Olmstead of Pueblo for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Danancio Ortiz of Las Vegas, NM, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Climbing Incident: The Sheriff's Office received a 911 reporting a male climber fell approximately 20 - 30 feet while climbing the Needles. Search and Rescue was activated and the Wet Mountain Fire Department was dispatched to establish a landing zone for Flight for Life.

SHERIFF
see page 24



Cake Wars: Has the Left Redefined Liberty as a Social Issue and Are Unalienable Rights Evolving?

Join us for Liberty Rocks *Tavern Style Politics meeting on Thursday, August 25th. We will meet at Tony's Pizza at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 6 p.m. Come eat, drink, learn and ask questions. Our guest will be Mark Braunlich, an attorney with a passion to preserve our unalienable rights of conscience, as enumerated by the First Amendment.

Our rights are being incrementally eroded and an excellent case study is Colorado's own *Masterpiece Cakeshop*, a case currently on appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. Although Mr. Phillips has clients of all races, creeds, and sexual orientations, he has consistently chosen not to create specialty cakes for events having a message with which he disagrees. In 2012, Mr. Phillips chose not to make a wedding cake for two men. The State of Colorado is prosecuting Mr. Phillips for illegal discrimination and intends to force him to contract to create same-sex wedding cakes.

The evening will focus on how to articulate a defense to this kind of assault on our rights of conscience; and, what we can do to fight back.

You don't want to miss this educational opportunity and gathering of liberty lovers. The evening's entertainment will include humor (for those who are too serious), the 30 second soap box, and general political discussion. Just like our founding fathers did.

*During the founding of our country, taverns were the avenues of open debate and discussion. The brushfires of liberty were fanned in these settings and culminated in the greatest nation in all of recorded history.

School Board Meeting Corrections

A few corrections for last week's CCCS School Board meeting report:

1. The Board did NOT pass a new marijuana

policy. They decided to stay with the state guidelines and will visit the subject again in the future.

2. The winning bidder

for the school's propane needs was San Isabel Propane Services, not ENXX.

The Sentinel apologizes for the mistakes.



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
5:00 p.m. Worship
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
Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Mtg.
Wednesday, 7 p.m., Bible Study
0157 County Rd. 27A
Cotopaxi
719/942-3462
719/942-3526

Come and Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sangre de Cristo Fellowship
Sundays, 9 a.m. Meet and Greet
Sundays, 9:15 a.m. Service
120 Jerry Court
Westcliffe
719/783-0903

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



Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Diocese of Pueblo
Saturday Mass 3:00pm
Highway 69, Gardner

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

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

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

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

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

Eateries

Alpine Lodge
6848 CR 140 • Westcliffe
719-783-2660
Wed. - Sat., 5 - 10 p.m.
Sunday Brunch
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Reservations recommended

Badger Clan Café
S 2nd St. • Westcliffe
Mon-Sun, 730 am-230pm.

Belle's Diner A Family Restaurant
215 Main St., Westcliffe
719-783-0505
Sun. 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Mon-Sat. 7 a.m.- 8 p.m.

Candy's Coffee
106 S. 2nd St. • Westcliffe
719-783-9516
Mon. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Feed Store
116 N. 2nd St. Westcliffe
719-783-3033
Tues - Sat 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and
4p.m -8 p.m.

Hwy 96 Road House
404 Main St. Silver Cliff
719-783-3331
Sun - Thurs 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Fri - Sat 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Rancher's Roost at Cliff Lanes
25 Main St. • Westcliffe
719/783-2147

Mon. - Sun, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
St. Andrews Golf Course Café
800 Copper Gulch Rd.
Westcliffe
719-783-9410
Open Daily * Call for Hours

Silver Cliff Mountain Inn
700 Ohio Street • Silver Cliff
719/783-2688
Sat. - Wed., 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Thurs. & Fri., 7 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Open 7 days a week

Sangrita
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fri-Tues.
212 Main Street • Westcliffe
719-371-0938

Subway
(inside JR's Fuel Stop)
425 S. 6th St. • Westcliffe
719/783-2748
Mon.-Sat. 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sundays, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sugar & Spice Mtn. Bakery
411 Main St. B • Westcliffe
719-783-4045
Tues. - Fri., 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat., 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Tony's Mountain Pizza
630 Main St. • Silver Cliff
719-783-9300
Mon.- Tues. 4 p.m.-8 p.m.
Wed. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sundays, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. For He is our God,

And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand

Psalm 95:6 NKJV

Local Mountain News & Notices



CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 2013205

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

SPECHT FAMILY LIVING TRUST DATED 8-10-05
SILVER-WEST HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 22nd day of November A.D. 2013, the then County Treasurer of the County of Custer, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Kevin Giedd & Kathy Giedd, the following described real estate situate in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 22 SILVER WEST ESTATES

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Kevin Giedd & Kathy Giedd;

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2012;

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Specht Family Living Trust for said year 2012;

That said Kevin Giedd & Kathy Giedd, on the 3rd day of August, 2016, 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 Kevin Giedd & Kathy Giedd at 10:00 o'clock AM., on the 15th day of December, A.D. 2016, 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 10th day of August, A.D. 2016.

Suzanne Coleman
Custer County Deputy Treasurer
For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer

1st Publication Date: August 19, 2016 in the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 2013168

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

JEFFREY SAMUELS

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY - INTERNAL

REVENUE SERVICE

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 22nd day of November A.D. 2013, the then County Treasurer of the County of Custer, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Douglas Alan Bair, the following described real estate situate in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT SIXTY-FIVE (65) IN SILVER CLIFF HEIGHTS
SUBDIVISION NO. 15

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Douglas Alan Bair;

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2012;

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Jeffrey Samuels for said year 2012;

That said Douglas Alan Bair, on the 3rd day of August, 2016, 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 Douglas Alan Bair at 10:00 o'clock AM., on the 15th day of December, A.D. 2016, 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 10th day of August, A.D. 2016.

Suzanne Coleman
Custer County Deputy Treasurer
For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer

1st Publication Date: August 19, 2016 in the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 2013145

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

ESTATE OF MORGAN S TYLER JR

ESTATE OF STEVEN G TYLER

STEVEN G TYLER

PAMELA H TYLER SEPARATE PORPERTY TRUST,
DATED OCTOBER 2, 2007

PAMELA H TYLER, AS TRUSTEE

PAMELA H TYLER

MORGAN S TYLER III

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 22nd

day of November A.D. 2013, the then County Treasurer of the County of Custer, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Azure Land Company, the following described real estate situate in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT SIXTY-FOUR (64) IN BLUMENAU SUBDIVISION FILING NO. 2

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Azure Land Company;

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2012;

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Pamela H Tyler Trustee & Estate of Morgan S Tyler Jr, etal for said year 2012;

That on the 5th day of August, 2016, said Azure Land Company assigned said certificate of purchase to Northern Ridge LLC.

That said Northern Ridge LLC, on the 5th day of August, 2016, 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 Northern Ridge LLC at 10:00 o'clock AM., on the 15th day of December, A.D. 2016, 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 11th day of August, A.D. 2016.

Suzanne Coleman
Custer County Deputy Treasurer
For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer

1st Publication Date: August 19, 2016 in the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel.

NAME CHANGE LEGAL NOTICE

Be it known, that the Custer County Court, Westcliffe, Colorado has ordered the following publication regarding the following name change:

1. Name of Laura Louise Green is requested to be changed to Laura Louis Frevert.
2. Pursuant to statute, public notice of this change of name shall be published three times in a legal newspaper published in this county. This publication is to be made within 21 days of the date of this order.
3. Proper proof of publication shall be filed with the Court upon final publication to receive a Final Decree for a Change of Name.

Date: 7/22/16

Judge Amanda Hunter

Published in the Sangre de Cristo Sentinel, Westcliffe, CO on 08/12/16, 08/19/16

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Julie at 269-8608**

Western Roundup at A Painted View Ranch

August 12-14, 2016



The sun dipped down on the western horizon and the darkened Sangre's range was silhouetted against a blue southern Colorado summer sky as the music rose up from the covered arena. It was approaching dusk and time for a Texas two-step as the band struck the chords announcing the start of a Westcliffe weekend at A Painted View Ranch. Yessir!...it was Friday night and cowboys of every age were stepping out for some down-home fun and dancing to the musical mastery of The Atomic Fireballs. This was one of the big summer shindigs hosted by A Painted View ranch whose proprietress, Ms. Donna Hood, was on hand to ensure every detail was perfect for another successful event of The Wet Mountain Western Roundup from August 12 to 14. Throughout the weekend the host band Sons and Brothers musically backed guest performers including Don Edwards, Andy Nelson, Jim Young, Jon Chandler, Ron Lynam & CowTown, and CowBop. Five authentic chuck wagons served up awesome palate pleasers in the old cowhand tradition of succulent steaks, juicy burgers dripping with flavor, and other old west delicacies. Some of the visitors camped for the night in the grassy parking area, in tents and RV's, as more than five hundred guests, mostly in western duds, attended the weekend long party. It was another colorful event at A Painted View Ranch as the photographic evidence shows ample and delightful proof.

Story by Fred Hernandez



Local Mountain News & Notices

Mara Roberts: A Tribute to a Patriot

by Michael Hume

This spring, southern Colorado lost one of its most ardent defenders of liberty.

Mara Roberts.

She was a patriot, well-known to anyone in this area who champions liberty's cause. Roberts along with her husband Jack, helped found the Southern Colorado Tea Party. She was active with the Pueblo County Republican Party, started and energized ambitious undertakings like FreedomTalk Netcast and Liberty Action Group, and worked tirelessly to bring both information and inspiration to her fellow Americans.

"She was a very fine woman. A very Christian woman," said Joe Santoro, Colorado leader of Oath Keepers (a non-partisan organization supporting uniformed Americans to uphold their oaths to defend the U.S. Constitution), and Mara Roberts' close friend.

"It was a great loss."

ESCAPE TO FREEDOM

Born August 21, 1948, in a German displacement camp (where her parents fled from their native Latvia), Mara survived the early years of her life under the most brutal forms of oppression: Soviet communism, and fascist statism. Her parents immigrated to the United States when she was two years old, and Mara had the good fortune to be raised in the Denver area.

Few young immigrants could be said to have taken advantage of their escape to freedom the way Mara did. She excelled in school, mastering the English language

with almost no help (there were no ESL – "English as a Second Language" – programs in those days). Mara earned top academic marks, and even skipped a grade to graduate from Denver's East High School early. She later majored in English at the University of Colorado in Boulder, starting as a freshman at 17.

Mara was even younger when she had her first experience with the American dream through entrepreneurship. Her father, a doctor in the old country, was not allowed to practice medicine in America – so he and Mara's mother operated a window-washing business in a Latvian community in Denver. Mara's father developed alcoholism, withdrew, and left the burden of the business to his wife – and to Mara. Mara and her mother kept the business afloat for many years, and together they were able to provide for the family through their own hard work and sacrifice.

AN ENTREPRENEURIAL "FREE SPIRIT"

Mara was always an entrepreneur. Aside from washing windows, she started and ran a coffee shop, ran an import/export business, studied for licensure and became a successful realtor, aced the licensure exam to become a mortgage agent, became licensed in securities, and was a successful seller and manager of a variety of other businesses from home improvements to time shares... all during a long career that spanned decades, as well as spanning the American continent from California to Florida.

"She was an excellent salesperson," said Jack Roberts, who met and fell in love with Mara when the two were working in the time share business in Vail. "But she wasn't always successful with her own investments, and struggled at times financially. That's just part



Mara Roberts

Courtesy Photo

of being a free spirit."

Eventually, Jack and Mara wanted a change of pace. They moved to Pueblo West in 2001. At that time, Jack recalled Mara being content in life and in business, though not particularly active in politics or patriotism.

But that September, things started to change for Mara Roberts.

GETTING INVOLVED: A PATRIOT'S CALLING

"She wasn't that much more involved than the rest of us, you know," Jack said. "Her life was going fine, and she was just going about her business. It wasn't until 9/11, really, that we all started to wake up."

As her sense of patriotism began to stir, Mara threw her considerable energy and talent into looking for ways to help protect

American liberty.

"Mara realized it had to come back to the people," Jack Roberts said. "Our politicians weren't going to save us. We figured the only way we were going to make a difference was with the people themselves. Getting involved."

After the election of Barack Obama, the Roberts' helped form the Southern Colorado Tea Party, and quickly felt they wanted to do more than simply attend meetings.

"Mara and I wanted to start an educational effort," Jack said. He recalled the day he and Mara became inspired to start FreedomTalk Netcast, an internet talk show that, at its peak, garnered over 100,000 weekly listeners.

"It may sound corny, but Mara and I felt a real calling," Jack said. "We just somehow raised the money, bought the equipment, and launched FreedomTalk Netcast."

Among the nationally-prominent luminaries to appear on FreedomTalk Netcast were Brigitte Gabriel (of Act For America), Pam Geller and Robert Spencer (a prominent activist and author, respectively, speaking out against Islamic extremism in America), Stuart Rhodes (founder of Oath Keepers), and Trevor Loudon from New Zealand (author of *"Barack Obama and the Enemies Within"*).

Another effort grew out of the Roberts' involvement with FreedomTalk Netcast: Liberty Action Group. "We wanted also to reach out with this educational effort locally," Jack said. "Mara brought in these heavy-hitter speakers...

we often packed the place."

Liberty Action Group's regulars included Oath Keepers' Joe Santoro, who recalled Mara's passion in leading the group. "She came from a place where there was no freedom," he said. "Mara could never figure out why our leaders were always willing to give away our freedoms with both hands."

"It was very inspiring," Jack Roberts added.

GONE, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN

Last Christmas, Santa was not kind to Mara Roberts. What she received was a diagnosis no one wants, nor would wish on anyone.

Cancer.

Mara chose to fight the disease through prayer and natural medicine. "She never complained about it," Jack said. "She just accepted it... but we fought it with everything we could do within our means. But she went out gracefully."

"Mara's life was about a fierce and growing patriotism," Jack said. "She just wanted to pull out all the stops to energize people and to get people involved in saving the country."

Mara Roberts continued that work to the very end of her life. The last big Liberty Action Group event was planned just a month before her death. But her husband said that's the way she wanted it. In the end, Jack Roberts says Mara left a legacy of inspiration that will long endure.

"We did everything we could possibly do."

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sult of his attempt to prevent her from leaving the restaurant after the alleged assault.

People vs. Hiey Le, [2016T39]

People vs. Robert Henson, [2016T36]

People vs. Hanna Krabbe, [2016T38]

People vs. Warren Stuedell, [2016T55]

Custer County Court,
August 8, 2016

Presiding Judge: Judge Amanda Hunter

Mr. Hiey Le, Mr. Robert Henson, and Ms. Hanna Krabbe all pled guilty to driving defective vehicles. Mr. Le received a \$75 fine and a speeding charge was dismissed. Mr. Henson received a \$50 fine and charges of careless driving and driving without insurance were dismissed. Ms. Krabbe received a fine of \$50 and charges of speeding and driving under restraint were dismissed. Mr. Warren Stuedell pled guilty to a reduced charge of speeding 5 to 9 miles per hour over the speed limit and received a \$150 fine. Mr. Stuedell was originally charged with speeding 25 to 39 MPH over the limit.

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(WSMRT), hiked into the scene.

Tim Hunek, age 57, from Rexford, NY, had fallen on descent. His son was brought to safety by ground teams, while other SAR resources worked the technical terrain throughout the night. Hunek was flown from Cottonwood Lake to Pueblo at 9:30 on Saturday morning. He was later transferred to a Denver hospital for further treatment. Hunek's climbing helmet was credited by FFL medical personnel as having saved his life, although he also suffered numerous fractures and other injuries. The mission concluded at 2:00 p.m., with all personnel back at base. CCSAR members further supported the Western State team, by shuttling them back to Gunnison.

On Wednesday, August 10th, CCSAR was activated to search for a Pennsylvania man, who hadn't been heard from in a week. Family and friends became concerned when the man didn't respond to text messages wishing him a happy 70th birthday. James Beckerich, from West Chester, PA, hadn't been heard from since August 3rd, when he sent a text message saying he had turned around short of his summit bid and was working his way down the moun-

tain. An accomplished climber, Beckerich, was training for an upcoming guided trip in Washington State. He had also been to Everest on a failed summit bid, as well as many other successful climbs, to his credit.



Black Hawk Helicopter from HAATS (High-Altitude Aviation Training Site) in Eagle County, Colorado, involved in the search on August 11, 2016.

Photo courtesy of CCSAR

Flight for Life assisted ground teams in an aerial search on Wednesday afternoon and both the man's vehicle and campsite were located the first day. Beckerich had also signed into the Horn Lakes Trail register, indicating that he planned to summit Flut-

ted Peak. Ground crews failed to turn up any additional clues on Wednesday.

Plans for the next day, included support by an additional team from WSMRT and logistical support from the Colorado State

inserted ground teams along the ridgelines, via a UH-60 Blackhawk, while another three man team hiked back into the Horn Lakes drainage.

SAR teams located the man, just before noon on Thursday, August 11th. He had apparently fallen to his death while descending midway along the ridgeline on August 3rd. The recovery concluded at 4 p.m. with all teams back at base.

On Sunday, August 12th, CCSAR resources were again deployed. This time in support of Pueblo County, for an ankle injury below Lake San Isabel at a popular "natural water slide". Ground teams transported the injured 31-year-old woman by litter to a CCSAR ATV, who brought the woman to the waiting ambulance for transport. That relatively short response, concluded at 3:45 pm.

The subjects of these recent missions did not have CORSAR cards which to help the team recoup expenses. The Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search and Rescue card provides funding support to county sheriffs' departments statewide to ensure that SAR teams have the equipment and training to help lost and/or injured people. They can be purchased online, or at any of 300 vendors statewide, including CCSAR and Take a Hike, locally.



Colorado State News



Are Green Activists Secretly Hoping Colorado's Anti-Fracking Measures Fail?

by Chris White,
Daily Caller News
Foundation

Wealthy green activists are staying far away from an activist-generated campaign to force anti-fracking measures on Colorado's November ballot.

Billionaire environmentalist Tom Steyer, who spent \$8.5 million in Colorado during the 2014 election, has not donated any money to the anti-fracking campaign currently being pushed in the Centennial State.

Similarly, the League of Conservation Voters' Colorado has made compli-

mentary comments about one of the ballot initiatives but, like Styer, is not committing money to the effort. Nor is the Environmental Defense Fund, which has been far less critical to natural gas than Steyer.

Steyer and the others are likely avoiding the high profile push to get ballot initiatives 75 and 78 placed on the state's ballot. If approved by voters, one of the initiatives would add language to Colorado's state constitution allowing local governments to all but ban fracking. Initiative 78 meanwhile, would require a 2,500-foot distance between hydraulic fracking and public areas like parks

or hospitals.

Environmentalists are starting to murmur about possible negative backlashes if the bills get churned through, Politico reported Thursday. Activists are concerned the campaign will prompt the oil industry to dump massive amounts of money on Colorado in an attempt to quell the state's anti-fracking movement, according to the report.

"If they don't get on the ballot, I think it's better for the environmental movement, because if they do get on the ballot, the oil and gas industry will just pummel this state. Democrats and moder-

ate Republicans won't want to touch this issue for quite some time," one Colorado environmentalist told Politico.

The anti-fracking campaign has managed to raise a mere \$424,000 as of Aug. 1st, including \$25,000 from Democratic Colorado Rep. Jared Polis, which pales in comparison to the massive amount of money the well-heeled entrepreneur-turned-lawmaker gave to anti-fracking initiatives back in 2014.

On the opposite end, energy companies Noble and Anadarko have forked over more than \$11 million this year to Protect Colorado, a group hashing out battle lines against the controversial initiatives. Opponents have managed to pony up \$15 million this year to fight the anti-fracking push, according to Politico.

Some chalk up Steyer's decision to sit out the fight to his desire to slowly and quietly purchase influence in Colorado's state legislature. Were Steyer to leap into a highly

controversial ballot initiative process, analysts claim, then he might hurt his chances of acquiring pull in the state.

Steyer's stealth on the issue is understandable given the unpopularity of the initiatives, Simon Lomax, an analyst with the Colorado-based non-profit group Independent Institute, told *The Daily Caller News Foundation*.

Steyer can get more bang-for-the-buck if he focuses on the legislature, Lomax said, and avoid supporting a set of controversial measures that "Colorado voters would almost certainly reject."

The wealthy activist, wannabe politician has certainly made no bones about his intention of turning the state blue.

Steyer, a billionaire hedge fund manager who began his career at Goldman Sachs in the 1980s, made three \$200 personal contributions to Democrats in crucial state Senate races in July. Democratic senatorial candidates Rachel Zenzinger, Jenise May, and Daniel Kagan were the recipients of Steyer's do-

nations. May and Kagan are running for open seats, while Zenzinger is trying to unseat an incumbent Republican.

Steyer can only contribute a maximum of \$200 in Colorado to state House or Senate candidates during the primaries, and another \$200 during the general, for a total of \$400 during the entirety of an election. Colorado's primary was June 28th. The rather small donations present a veiled threat to Republicans and others, take on these candidates at your own peril.

Steyer uses his super PAC, NextGen Climate Action to direct nearly all of his donations. He has spent more than \$13 million through the group so far this election year, according to OpenSecrets.org. Those lofty numbers are likely to balloon further northward as the election trudges on.

Please see: <http://daily-caller.com/2016/08/13/are-green-activists-secretly-hoping-colorados-anti-fracking-measures-fail/#ixzz4HJ13JfHz>

On the Ballot: Coloradans Will Vote on Minimum Wage Hike in November

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

The Secretary of State's office today announced that the initiative to raise the state's minimum wage over the next few years to \$12 per hour. If passed, the minimum wage would increase immediately to \$9.30 per hour, and go up 90 cents per hour each year, until hitting \$12 per hour, which would happen in 2020 (after which this year's ballot initiative supporters would start another campaign to raise the minimum wage).

Organizers claimed to have submitted 200,000 signatures for verifica-

tion, but a spokesman for the Secretary of State said that the office received 189,419 signatures. The validity rate was a low 57%, and it appears that there were some forged signatures in the five percent sample that the Secretary of State's office used in its calculation.

But this useless measure will be on the ballot this fall, and if passed, we expect it to crowd out younger workers, unskilled workers, and many others on the bottom rung of the economic ladder. But it should be a boon to union coffers.

(Editor/GG: ANYBODY with ANY kind of eco-

nomics background, knows that a minimum wage hurts the young, minorities and the poor the most. It KILLS entry level jobs. These Living Wage advocates are soooooo wrong - not all jobs can possibly provide a "living wage" if we are to have any kind of economic prosperity at all. EVERY time this happens it creates more unemployment and destroys businesses. VOTE NO.)

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Welcome Newbies: Californians Pack Bags, Bring Baggage to Colorado

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

You know all those stories about Californians moving to Colorado...well they're true, according to a new Westword article outlining the top originations of Colorado transplants.

It turns out that three of the top six counties in America that sent transplants to Denver last year were all in California: Los Angeles County, San Diego County, and Orange County.

After enduring decades of smog, traffic jams, hyper-expensive housing, a suffocating tax regime, and a government that has become downright predatory, we can hardly blame them.



We're happy to share, but could you please leave your high taxes and crappy political policies back in California? Thanks.

(Editor/GG: Oh no! According to the Westword article, it looks like a left wing migration from major metro areas! Number 2 county is Cook County, IL.

Number 3 county is Dallas County, TX. Close the roads to Custer County! Stay up in Denver/Boulder please, we have enough problems here.)

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Florence City Council Tables Water Contract

by Charlotte Burrous

During a special meeting, the Florence City Council tabled discussion on a water agreement with Sonnenschein Groupe until the August 15th meeting.

As part of unfinished business, Sonnenschein President Mark Musso, announced that several companies intend to build a 1- million square foot facility; a 600,000 square foot building, while others have scaled down plans to a 50,000 square foot facility on land east of Sumo Golf Course. In order to do that, Florence City Council plans to annex the land and supply water to these companies.

He noted the main product would be tomatoes, lettuce and flowers, but he also said there are several nondisclosure agreements with companies that he could not tell the community who or what their plans are.

During the public hearing, former City Manager Tom Piltingsrud said he had some concerns about the annexation and the water rights.

“If you’re going to take water out of the Minnequa Canal, using the City of Florence water rights, that constitutes a change of the point of diversion and that requires a trip to water court,” he said. “There are two kinds of cases of changes in water court --- simple and complex. Nothing in water court is simple. This is probably going to be a complex case, but nobody in this room is going to determine that. Only water court can. The reason the City of Florence is going to have to go to court is because it’s your water rights. You’re proposing to change it at the point of diversion. The water is going to be taken out of the Union Ditch and put in the Minnequa Canal.”

That necessitates less water running through town in the Union Ditch and more water running in the Minnequa. The reason this might not be a simple case is because Rainbow Park Ditch Company has the diversion between

the point where the water is introduced to the Minnequa Canal and the water that is taken out. They were the prominent objector in the last water case, which took nine years to settle.

“My point is, Rainbow Park is going to be an objector,” Piltingsrud said. “Once you file your case in water court, every interested party in the State of Colorado has 30 days to object. If they don’t object, they have no standing in the case. That means everyone will object. You will see Aurora, Fountain, Pueblo Board of Water, Colorado Springs Utilities, Rainbow Park and Penrose as objectors. Then your water attorney will have to deal with them individually. I did not see any discussion of water court in the agreement. It also needs to include who’s going to pay the attorney fees, the engineering fees and the court costs.”

Piltingsrud said the city would have significant water fees, engineering fees and court costs if they make this agreement.

“I submit they [Sonnenschein Groupe] should pay for them,” he said. “I submit the taxpayers of Florence should not, so I’d like to see it in the agreement.”

Then he turned to Mr. Musso and asked if the company would pay all water court fees; Mr. Musso sidestepped the question and said whatever the agreement is.

Piltingsrud asked if the city had talked to the owners of the Minnequa Canal, but Patterson said they had contacted the owners.

“Before you drop a pump in Minnequa Canal, you’re going to have to get (their) approval,” he said.

When Piltingsrud asked who was going to pay for the water lines and the installation, Patterson said there had been no agreement about who would take care of the costs of installing water lines or any other related expenses out to the companies.

“If it creates jobs, then (we’ll share the expenses),” he said. “If it’s 1 million square foot facility that’s going to create a whole bunch of jobs, I think that’s pretty good opportunity. In my perspective, it makes sense to assist with the utilities if you’re talking about jobs that are non-marijuana related.”

During the hearing, Jerry Hanson, who lives in Sumo, said he would be shocked if there’s a person in the room that thinks this is about anything other than putting in a marijuana grow. Otherwise why bother annexing it?

“We all know the county will not allow any more marijuana grows outside city property,” he said to Musso. “The only reason you want to annex property is to be in the City of Florence so you can put in a marijuana grow. I believe you’re going to find out that this little Podunk town is not as cooperative as you think it is. Because I live out there, I know what condition those roads are in and they’re in bad shape.”

About ten or eleven years ago, there was another developer from out of state that was going to come in and put that side road in, but it hasn’t happened. When he asked if they would put the road in, Musso said they would not.

Patterson said they had to bring in jobs to make it happen.

“Do you really think you’re going to create high paying jobs growing lettuce and tomatoes?” Hanson asked Patterson. “If all you were going to do is put in greenhouses to grow vegetables, I don’t think there’s a person in this town that would oppose it. Marijuana scares us all and I think it’s going to drive down property values.”

Several others spoke against annexation and providing water for marijuana grows in the area.

The council also approved the intent to annex the land during the meeting, but would work on the details in future meetings.

Events August 19 -September 9

Tuesdays —**Cañon City Farmers Market** will begin June 7 and continue weekly from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in Veterans Park, featuring local farmers, bakers, artisans and nonprofits.

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

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

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

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

August. 20, Boys & Girls Club Sixth Annual Bids n’ BBQ will be held from 5-8 p.m. at Harrison School.

Aug. 20, Park After Dark will feature *Gin Blossoms* at 8 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park.

Aug. 20, Star Country Soap Box Derby will host a practice run at 8 a.m. near Harrison School. For more information, contact Charlie Brown at 431-2187.

Aug. 27 Hot August Nights will offer a street dance, beer food, Kids Corner, the Elks Drug Awareness Trailer and Elroy the Elk from 4-11 p.m. in the 100 block of Petroleum Avenue in Florence. Dreamland Express will play the music

Aug. 27, Elks Soccer Shoot will begin with registration at 9 a.m. at Pathfinder Park in Florence. Soccer Shoot starts at 10 a.m. First place winners will receive a meal and an opportunity to shoot at district competition in Trinidad.

Sept. 3 Animal Swap takes place the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Tractor Supply at 1919 E. Main St.

Sept. 9, The Fremont Campus of Pueblo Community College and Cañon City High School invites the public to join in an **Observance of 9/11** from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Citizens’ Stadium at CCHS at 1313 College Ave.

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FBI Confirms IS at the Border, White House in Denial

August14, 2016

Despite constant denials from the “president” and his administration that the Islamic State is a threat, indications are quite the opposite. Beginning 18 months ago, *The Daily Jot* reported that IS operatives were setting up camp just 8 miles south of El Paso, Texas. Several sources, including the watchdog group *Judicial Watch*, law enforcement, and various state and government officials, all confirmed that IS was operating in conjunction with the Juarez Cartel, a human and drug trafficking gang. Now *Judicial Watch* reports that the stories are confirmed by a captured IS operative in Ohio, even still the White House denies the presence of IS and its infiltration of the Southern U.S. Border.

On April 15, 2015, *The Daily Jot* quoted *Judicial Watch*, “Mexican intelligence sources report that ISIS intends to exploit the railways and airport facilities in the vicinity of Santa Teresa, NM. (a U.S. port-of-entry). The sources also say that ISIS has “spotters” located in the East Potrillo Mountains of New Mexico (largely managed by the Bureau of Land Management) to assist with terrorist border crossing operations. ISIS is conducting reconnaissance of regional universities; the White Sands Missile Range; government facilities in Alamogordo, NM; Ft. Bliss; and the electrical power facilities near Anapra and Chaparral, NM.” Fast forward to today.

Amidst White House denials of IS at the border, there is an arrest in Ohio. 35-year-old Erick Jamal Hendricks, was arrested

last week and charged with conspiring to provide material support to the Islamic state. The Department of Justice (DOJ) says in its complaint that Hendricks created a sleeper cell with at least ten members and that some of his jihadist “brothers” are just south of the U.S. border in Mexico. The complaint says Hendricks tried to “recruit people to train together and conduct terrorist attacks in the United States.” One of those recruits confirmed that IS had people across the border in Mexico and they were likely connecting to the Garland, Texas terrorist attack in May 2015.

Some 18 days after *Judicial Watch* exposed, and *The Daily Jot* reported, that there was an IS terrorist cell eight miles from the U.S. border, the Garland, Texas, attack occurred.

Now a DOJ arrest and affidavit confirms a connection between IS in Mexico and this terrorist attack in the U.S. But the White House is still in denial. The “president” and the current Democratic candidate for President, Hillary Clinton, are both on the same page when it comes to immigration, border security and the Islamic State. Why are these leaders intent on denying that IS is using Mexico as a staging ground for attacks in the U.S.? Will Clinton protect our national security? As Jesus said in Matthew 24:4, “Take heed that no man deceive you.”

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson

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Everything You Need to Know About America’s Future

by Simon Black, Sovereign-Man.com via ZeroHedge.com

Long ago in the Land of the Free, if you wanted to start a saloon, you rented a space and started serving booze.

You didn’t have to go through years of petitioning a bunch of bureaucrats for permits and licenses.

If you weren’t qualified or good enough at your job, your reputation would suffer and you’d go out of business.

This is the way it used to be for just about every industry and profession.

It wasn’t until 1889 that the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Dent v. West Virginia* that states had the right to impose “reasonable” certifications or licenses for various professions.

At first, most states only licensed physicians, dentists, and lawyers.

In fact, by 1920, only about 30 occupations in the U.S. required any sort of licensing.

By the 1950s, about 5% of U.S. workers required a license to perform his/her job.

Today that number has risen to 30% and is climbing.

Some of our modern examples are completely insane.

According to the Brookings Institute, the state of Nevada requires 733 days of training and a \$1,500 fee for a license... just to become a tour guide.

Over in Michigan, it takes 1,460 days of education to become an athletic trainer.

Forty-five other states have license or certification requirements for athletic trainers. All fifty states have licenses for barbers and cosmetologists.

Thirty-six states require licenses for make-up artists, 34 states license milk samplers, and a mere 33 states license auctioneers.

These license requirements continue to grow,

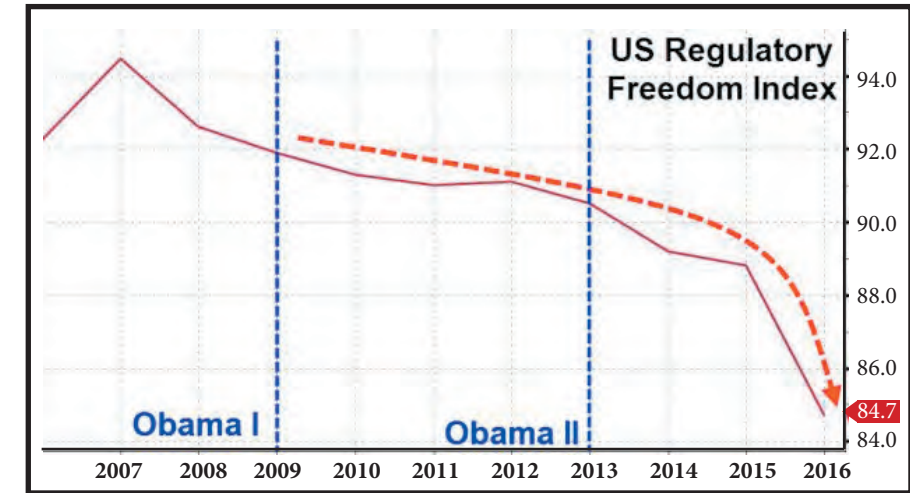
along with the overall level of rules and regulations in the Land of the Free.

Just this morning the U.S. government published an extra 227 pages of rules, regulations, and proposals.

This happens every single business day in America.

Last week the government published over 2,000 pages of new rules, many of which border on absurdity.

To give you an idea, USDA’s Agricultural Marketing Service proposed a rule about minimum and maxi-



mum diameters of potatoes that are sold in the State of Colorado.

Yes, I’m serious.

This is the sort of madness that government bureaucrats churn out on a daily basis: **more rules, more licenses.**

Needless to say, the more of these rules they create, the more difficult it becomes for people and businesses to produce.

So it wasn’t exactly a big surprise when the U.S. Labor Department released statistics a few days ago showing that, for the third straight quarter in a row, productivity in the Land of the Free declined.

In other words, U.S. workers are producing less than they did before.

We haven’t seen this trend since 1979. And it’s the exact opposite of what’s supposed to happen.

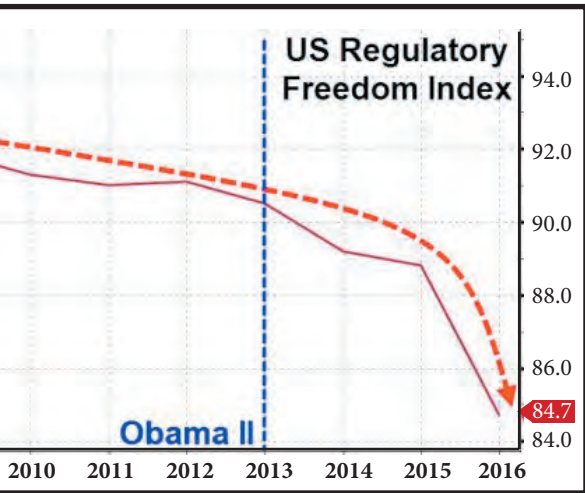
As workers get more experienced and technologically advanced, productivity should grow.

But it’s not. U.S. production is buried under countless pages of regulations and licensing requirements. And the trend has been negative for quite some time.

From 2000 through 2007, U.S. productivity was about 2.6%.

Between 2007 and 2015, it shrank by half to about 1.3%, barely keeping up with population growth.

Now productivity is actually



shrinking. America is going backward.

But there’s another side to this story.

Because while U.S. economic growth has practically halted and productivity is shrinking, **DEBT CONSUMPTION is up.** Way up.

Americans are once again indebting themselves, often to buy useless things they don’t really need.

Auto loans and credit card debt are just two categories registering significant upticks.

(Not to be left out, the U.S. government is leading the way with an absolute explosion in federal debt...)

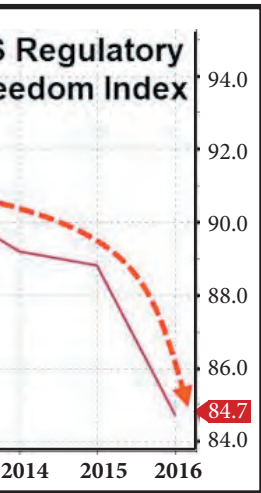
So what we’re basically seeing now in the Land of the Free is people going into debt to consume more, while simultaneously producing less.

This is a pretty dangerous trend.

Human beings realized 10,000 years ago that if they wanted to survive, they had to produce more than they consumed.

During the Agricultural Revolution our early ancestors learned that, instead of constantly hunting for game, they could plant seeds in the ground and produce more food than they could possibly eat.

You and I wouldn’t be here if they hadn’t figured out this simple principle.



I call it the Universal Law of Prosperity, and it applies to governments, businesses, and individuals alike.

Any nation that fails to produce more than it consumes is in for serious trouble. And the government’s own data is showing that this is happening.

They create countless rules, regulations, and licensing requirements to make it more difficult to produce... and we can already see the results with (lack of) GDP growth.

Meanwhile they’ve slashed interest rates down to zero to incentivize people to consume.

It’s not hard to see where this trend is going.

Please see: <http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2016-08-11/trend-tells-you-everything-you-need-know-about-america-s-future>

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Obamacare on “Verge of Collapse” As Premiums Set to Soar Again in 2017

by Tyler Durden, Zero-Hedge.com

If Obamacare enrollments continue their current trend and insurers continue to hike premiums at alarming rates then Republicans may not have to worry about “repealing and replacing Obamacare” as it might just work itself out “naturally”. The 4th open enrollment period for Obamacare begins on November 1, 2016 and industry experts are warning that another year of tepid demand from “young and healthy” Americans could force more insurers out of the exchanges effectively marking the end of Obamacare as we know it. According to a story published by *The Hill*, 11 million people bought health insurance through the exchanges for 2016 which was drastically below the Congressional Budget Office’s initial projection of 21 million.

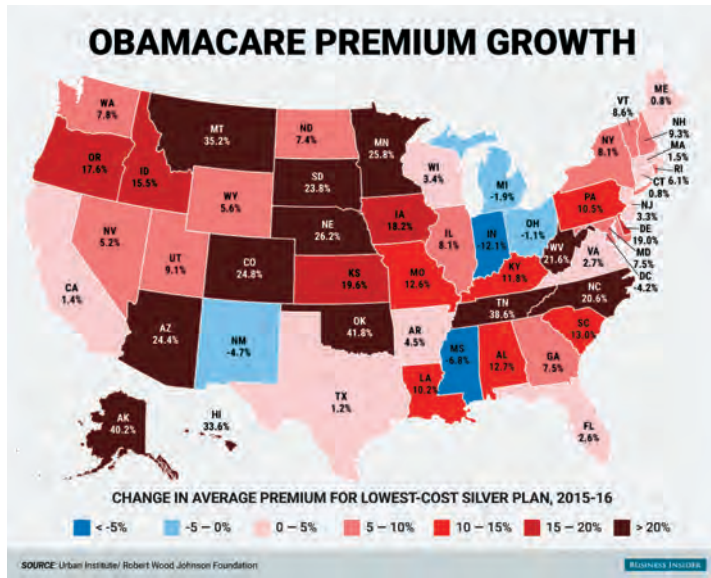
Well we’re shocked! Turns out that whole “adverse selection bias” was a real thing. So you’re telling us that young, healthy people

don’t want to pay for insurance they know they’ll never use? We guess America’s youth can actually do basic math, after all. Apparently, they were able to figure out they would rather take the lower tax associated with Obamacare penalties than the larger tax associated with buying a healthcare policy they’ll never use. We guess Millennials are a little less enthusiastic about embracing socialism when the costs are coming out of their pockets.

With America’s youth continuing to shun health insurance, insurers are all racking up massive losses on the exchanges. For many insurers the losses will simply result in massive premium hikes but others have decided to withdraw from the exchanges all together. In fact, UnitedHealthCare recently announced plans to exit most state exchanges by 2017 (see our post titled “Largest U.S. Health Insurer Exits California, Illinois Obamacare Markets”). Per

The Hill:
In the last month, two major insurers – Aetna and

a healthcare strategist with Numerof & Associates, who consults for insurers including UnitedHealthGroup.



Anthem – both reversed course on their plans to expand in the marketplace. Now, all five of the nation’s largest insurers say they are losing money on the exchanges.

“From a policy point of view, we’re basically seeing the exchanges unravel,” said Michael Abrams,

2016, average premiums were up substantially in most states (see map above) and, with no one making money, 2017 seems no better.

According to *The Hill*:

Already, many insurers this year are proposing substantial rate hikes with the hopes of making up for

higher recent medical costs. The average premium increase next year is about 9 percent, according to an analysis of 19 cities by Kaiser Family Foundation. But some hikes are far higher: Blue Cross Blue Shield has proposed increases of 40 percent in Alabama and 60 percent in Texas.

For her part, Hillary Clinton has vowed to stick with Obamacare insisting that taxpayers just need to spend more money on advertising to drive higher enrollments:

Clinton has already laid out plans to help boost enrollment by making coverage more affordable for people who are still priced out of ObamaCare.

Like Obama, she vowed to invest in advertising and in-person outreach to help more people enroll. Clinton would also increase ObamaCare subsidies so that customers spend no more than 8.5 percent of their income on premiums – down from 9.5 percent

under current law.

She has also proposed a tax credit of up to \$5,000 per family specifically to offset rising out-of-pocket costs – a side effect of cheaper plans offered under ObamaCare.

Right, more advertising should fix it because no one in the country is familiar with Obamacare. As Obama likes to say when things don’t go as planned, it’s not that Obamacare is bad it’s just that we’ve failed to explain it properly. No, we think people get it and they just don’t like it.

We also find it hard to understand how a Clinton administration could make healthcare cheaper than “free?” Perhaps we should start paying people to take taxpayer subsidized healthcare? If at first you don’t succeed, throw more taxpayer money at it...

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Medicaid and Medicare: Unsustainable

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.Org

Last year Medicare and Medicaid had an unbridled explosion in expense, as I’ve documented previously and which is a continuing pattern, not a one-year or two-year aberration. This year, thus far through May, it has continued with the two programs up **8.93%** in spending against this time last year. And no, it’s *not* just about people getting older; **Medicaid** block grants are up 5.5% this year so far.

Let me remind you that federal **receipts** (income) this year are up only 1.68%.

That’s a growth rate of spending on these two programs that is 5.3 times that of tax receipts.

These two programs are 32.5% of the total expenditures of the government thus far this year; 1/3rd, almost exactly. Social Security increased 3.2% over last year; the while that exceeds tax revenue increases as well, it is not Social Security that will blow up the government and the economy, it is the medical scam system.

Folks, at a nearly 9% rate of increase (last year’s full-year increase was 9.25%, or statistically **identical**) within the next **four to five years** the federal budget will collapse.

It will collapse because Medicare and Medicaid will grow to require \$1,830 billion (\$1.8 trillion) or an increase of more than \$500 billion annually within the next four years while tax receipts will only accelerate at present rates by *less than half that amount*. Social Security will consume a huge chunk of that revenue acceleration all on its own.

This will blow a roughly \$400 billion and exponentially **accelerating deficit hole** in the budget; a 10 year projection will show that hole to be not a \$400 billion deficit hole but, closer to **\$2 trillion annually**.

That is, within 10 years Medicare and Medicaid will require more than **\$3 trillion** annually out of \$3.8 trillion in projected federal revenue. Adding in Social Security *will exceed all federal revenue*. There is **no possible way** to fiscally survive this event and within the next President’s term it will be evident to everyone in the market for both government and private securities along with **all** business executives, that this outcome is inevitable.

The market and economy **will** collapse when, not if, recognition of this fact occurs -- not when the actual wall is hit.

What’s worse is that as I have pointed out for the last several years insurance companies are finally coming clean on how badly they’re getting *monkey-pounded* on their bond ladders. Put that out another 4-5 years with “ultra-low” interest rates and **you’re looking at a very real risk of a mass annuity-carrying insurance company collapse** into the maw of the government’s funding problems.

There is exactly one way to address this that can work, and that is to *investigate and prosecute*

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by The Constitution Center

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Doctor Ablow: Transgender Extremism Is the Biggest Issue in America

by Keith Ablow, MD,
A Commentary Column
from The Blaze

I believe I was the first person in America to predict that the issues at the core of transgenderism would not only come center stage, but cause deeper discord than nearly any other issue facing the United States.

Well, now the Department of Education is warning states that public school students of any anatomic and genetic gender should be allowed to use any restroom at school that they choose — and states that resist could potentially lose federal funding. North Carolina is suing the federal government, and the federal government is suing North Carolina, over the state's law insisting people use the restroom corresponding to their gender at birth.

percentage of the population that they are locked in the wrong bodies could end up dictating that all female Americans must accept using bathrooms alongside people with male anatomy (and vice-versa). This includes our children.

The assertions of transgender Americans that they are locked in the wrong bodies is in no way, in my opinion, proven scientifically. No researcher has ever demonstrated convincingly—not one time—that a single transgender individual shows any irrefutable physiological evidence, whatsoever, of being the gender opposite to their DNA and anatomy.

Transgender individuals, believing themselves to be female, despite having XY chromosomes, or male, despite having XX chromosomes, seems to me to be

or those with anorexia who believe they are fat (even when they are thin as a rail) or those with body dysmorphic disorder who believe that their noses are imper-

bathroom beside adults who are physically of the opposite gender. Why would a country that does that have any moral standing, whatsoever? Why would our ene-

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fect and attempt to coerce plastic surgeons into one cosmetic procedure after another.

Turning our culture upside down to favor such individuals will truly, in my opinion, carry the risk of gradually making our entire nation hostage to irrational and firmly held beliefs. And if this culture caters to those beliefs, in the absence of a convincing groundswell of evidence that we ought to, then our foundation in the truth will be gone. Our worthiness as a people will be gone, too.

Let me put this starkly: America may no longer be a country worth dying for in a war against extremists if we simultaneously, psychologically abuse millions upon millions of our children by insisting that they go to the

mies not point to that reality and mock us for criticizing darkness in their own cultures? Really, what could be worse than the Department of Education commanding schools to let anatomic boys use the girls' locker rooms and restrooms?

This country better get its head screwed on straight, or it is either going to be taken hostage by extremists of our own (like the transgender community, insisting on a takeover of our culture and good sense) or by extremists outside our country who can assert that we, not they, represent a scourge that could topple all truth.

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Freedom Movement Loses Important Voice with Passing of Mike Vanderboegh

by David Codrea,
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com, Oath Keepers.

Mike Vanderboegh passed away peacefully early Wednesday following a long and devastating illness. The Sipsey Street Irregulars blogger, self-described “smuggler” and patriot was perhaps best known as the founder of the Three Percent movement, and as a citizen journalist who first reported on a link between the murder of a Border Patrol agent and ATF’s criminal Fast and Furious “gunwalking” operation.

As a longtime friend and colleague, and as one who has reported on Mike’s deteriorating health and urged supporters to return value for value received

wasn’t about being praised. He believed in letting the work and the ideas speak for themselves.

True, the man had a strong (some would say “cantankerous” at times) personality. But underlying it was a calling – I don’t know what else you’d call it – and fierce devotion for the truth. It was seeing others ignore that truth – particularly when doing so for gain at the expense and abuse of others – that brought his unyielding sense of justice to the fore.

It’s also true he could at times be impulsive in his response to perceived injustices. There are more affronts to liberty and wrongs to right than any of us could hope to even hear about, let alone do anything about. When one

do what he could to defy.

Where do I begin with a synopsis of all the areas where Mike’s efforts, knowledge, insights, talents and will made a real difference? It’s a bit like coming up with acknowledgments — I’m sure I’ll be forgetting some that others who were touched by the man’s work believe deserve being emphasized.

We’ve already mentioned Fast and Furious: Seeing as how contemporary recognition for his achievements has not been forthcoming (it’s not like establishment media ever wanted to actually dig into that and the guy isn’t even mentioned in the Wikipedia entry), those will need to be the province of historians. Perhaps the best place to start is with our Journalist’s Guides in which we attempted to influence widespread deliberate indifference, now relegated to the Wayback Machine Internet Archive, awaiting rediscovery or obscurity depending on how history works out. Another (surprisingly) fair synopsis was published a few years back on BuzzFeed.

We shouldn’t overlook Mike’s proud affinity for “patriotic resistance” smuggling, bringing “banned” magazines into states like Connecticut, Colorado and Washington, and his leadership in the new (old, actually, just not something the rice bowl gun groups have vested interest in promoting) paradigm of the

“I will not comply” movement.

We could talk about Mike’s leadership in the militia movement (he was a consulting authority for and subject of Prof. Robert H. Churchill’s “To Shake Their Guns in the Tyrant’s Face.”) We could reflect on his work getting to the

as good as being admired by the admirable.”

Ultimately what drove Mike was evident in a fundamental question he posed continuously on his blog:

DOES THE GOVERNMENT SERVE THE PEOPLE OR DO THE PEOPLE SERVE THE

lead and how to even frame things, and there are plenty of anecdotes about experiences and conversations that could be shared, but the truth is, it’s time for me to go and spend some quiet time reflecting on the loss of my friend, and dealing with a growing sadness that had to be kept at bay while there was this necessary task to be done.

Please join me in sending prayers and love to Mike’s family, his steadfast wife Rosey, his beautiful, strong daughters, Hannah and Zoe, his capable and knowledgeable son and blog heir, Matthew, and his wonderful mother, now facing a loss no parent should ever have to.

(Editor/GG: Mike blessed us with two visits to our area. He came to the Westcliffe Independence Day Parade three years ago, marched with the Southern Colorado Patriots Club 2nd Amendment section and gave a stirring speech at the end. He stayed with some of us for a few days and we got to know this patriot a bit. Then two years ago, Mike, sick with cancer, drove all the way out from Alabama, by himself, to give a speech at the Cañon City Patriots Day event. He also “smuggled” in a box of 30 round AR mags and gave them out at the end of his speech. We will all remember that day forever. God bless Mike. See you on the other side. And thanks to David Codrea who wrote the above piece. Well done, sir.)



Mike Banderboegh at Cañon City’s 2015 Patriot Festival.

Photo by G. Gramlich

hidden truths behind the Oklahoma City bombing, and his investigation into the cover-up behind the related murder of Kenneth Trentadue.

We could look at some of the individuals and groups that earned Mike’s wrath and contempt over the years, but there’s no point in naming names in a memorial. Suffice it to say he was proud to have earned reciprocal scorn, adhering to a maxim by colleague Kurt Hofmann:

“I believe that being despised by the despicable is

GOVERNMENT?

He knew what the answer to that question should be, but was also driven to ensure that those who called themselves “Three Percenters” were committed to the principles of the movement he founded. Even while he knew his end was near, he was doing everything he could to emphasize the importance of his Three Percent Catechism, and to lay out his vision for those of us carrying on after him in his Valediction.

I could go on – I started this unsure of where it would



Somewhere in Custer County after the 2014 Independence Day Parade, Mike attended a celebration party in rural Custer County.

Courtesy photo.

in his time of need, it’s probably expected for me to say something profound about this man who had been such a great influence on my own work over the years. H3!!, I expect it of myself.

But the truth is, Mike

came across Mike’s transom, he was on it like a pit bull, even if already overburdened – and that tendency was something he would not ease up on until the weakness of the flesh stripped him of any choice – and even then he would

Concealed Carry Permit Holders Are Most Law Abiding Demographic: Even Better Than the Police!

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Concealed-carry permit holders are the most law-abiding demographic of U.S. citizens, according to a recent report by the Crime Prevention Research Center.

The report, titled “Concealed Carry Permit Holders Across The United States 2016”, compared permit holders to the general population and then to police officers in Florida and Texas, two states which largely mirror the rest of the country.

The data revealed that from 2005 to 2007, “there were 103 crimes

per 100,000 police officers,” while the U.S. population’s crime rate is 37 times that number.

Permit holders are convicted of felonies and misdemeanors at less than a sixth of the rate of police officers, according to the study. Officers also commit firearm violations, 16.5 per 100,000, seven times more frequently than permit holders, at only 2.4 per 100,000 in Texas and Florida.

The report also shows that crime declined in states that do not require permits to carry. It reads, “Indeed, the murder rate was 31 percent lower in the states not requiring permits. The violent crime rate was 28 percent low-

er.” Currently, several groups, such as Everytown for Gun Safety and the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, are targeting concealed-carry laws as a part of broader gun-control measures.

Michael Bloomberg’s Everytown for Gun Safety recently boasted of its achievements in defeating proposals in 16 states that would allow citizens to carry without a permit. Similarly, the Brady Center argued that concealed-carry permit applicants should prove to state and local governments that they have a “good cause” to carry a handgun in public. President Dan Gross referred to arguments in favor of concealed-carry permits as “repugnant lies and wild

west fantasies peddled by the corporate gun lobby.”

Gross made these comments in a speech after a D.C. circuit court ruled that permit applicants should prove “good cause” to carry.

Prominent economist and researcher John Lott, the man behind the new study, said permit holders are “reluctant to use the guns in a wrong way because they have a lot to lose if they do something wrong,” in an interview with *The Daily Signal*, elaborating that he was not surprised with the report’s results. Persons undergoing the rigorous concealed-carry application pro-

cess would likely be upstanding citizens, Lott conjectured.

Permits issued by state and local governments have gone up 215 percent during Obama’s tenure in office, according to the study. Over 14 million Americans applied for permits during this time.

“Indeed, it is impossible to think of any other group in the U.S. that is anywhere near as law-abiding,” Lott concluded.

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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.



Bernie's Beatitudes

Bernie Sanders served his purpose after which he was summarily dispatched to lurk around in the swamp of ignominy. The heavy-weights of the Democratic Party never held the slightest intention of allowing Comrade Bernie to upend Queen Hillary from her appointed throne. The problem was that the Sander's choo-choo was picking up enough steam to actually remove some of Hillary's varnish. Not to worry.... the Democratic Gestapo has "reassigned" Bro. Bernie to K.P. duty with an "Atta boy" for aiding the Socialist Democratic Alliance in moving the party platform further to the left. The queen's entourage has declared this new manifesto to be the most "progressive" ever. Hurray!

The bellwether of Bernie's Beattitudes was "free stuff." Utopia living featured free health care, college education and a government provided safety net. The antithesis for all of this wonderful benevolence is, of course, the dirty little word "work." Naturally, to convince the naïve, jobs had to be mentioned, but the track record of the last eight years suggests there is no real interest in creating them. The bottom line reasoning is to maximize government giveaways and minimize genuine job opportunities. Beads and blankets must be periodically distributed to keep the peasants voting for the nobility. Honest labor produces a sense of self-worth and human dignity that can be dangerous for the gentry. Those who live from the efforts of their own toil tend to become independent thinkers which never bodes well for the privileged class.

The philosophical tree of covert subjugation has a tap root that runs deeper than most would surmise... it's anti-God! Every person in the Scriptures of any consequence had a job, occupation or mission; the great exception is Satan who "hangs out" constantly seeking mischief! When God concluded the mighty work of creation He said: "and on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all his work which He had made." (Genesis 2:2) The Lord's endorsement of labor began with his own exertion which was in turn reinforced in Adam, the first man: "And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it." (Genesis 2:15) The Devil, not encumbered with any particular job description, made an entrance to lead a protest against a mean spirited God who placed unwarranted restrictions on His created beings. Even though the first couple were placed in a garden of unparalleled beauty and unimaginable abundance, the tempter sought any excuse to sow seeds of discontentment.

In similar fashion we live in a nation that has enjoyed a plethora of natural resources and an accommodating geography that initiated a house of great reputation. Great energy, elbow grease, imagination and applied creativity were bound together to produce "America the Beautiful." But alas, old split hoof is always available to suggest that God's plan is insulting and spiteful. The clamor for "free stuff" is in reality a rejection of a work ethic that is representative of the character of God. What's new? When attacking the plan is risky, character assassination is the next best approach. Those who subscribe to the "free stuff" modus operandi have defined their own character, which is unmistakably opposed to God's.

History indicates that Conservatives have little time to gather on the streets to protest, riot, burn businesses and generally participate in mobocracy. They are busy working! When they do orchestrate an occasional "Tea Party" to form a collective voice against taxation abuse, to support the sluggards, the liberal establishment shouts them down with accusatory venom. The mainstream media is well described by Solomon: "The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason." (Proverbs 26:16) The application is obvious— the combined common sense of a farmer, contractor, businessman, mother, teacher, police officer or veterinarian cannot penetrate the conceited arrogance of deadbeats or those who defend them.

The good news is that in these perilous times (see II Timothy 3:1-7) God is still working. Cosmic creation, as marvelous as it is, claims the description of finger work: "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained:" (Psalm 8:3) In the light of divine estimation, six days of the Lord's labor was light duty compared to thirty-three years of God Incarnate who "has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:4,5) Convincing sinners of the need of salvation is God's arm work: "And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore, his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him." (Isaiah 59:16) An omnipotent arm continues to swing a Gospel hammer against the anvil of hard human hearts resulting in an occasional spark setting a fire of redemption in a lost soul. My, oh my, what a work indeed!

A Sheepdog Barks!

I mean no disrespect to the Olympic athletes. Some of them train harder in four years for their few moments of glory than I did in my entire life. But the games themselves are flawed and in some cases even silly and stupid. Let me give you a few examples in no particular order.

Greco-Roman Wrestling. I wrestled in college. It was called freestyle. It was tough and it was real, while pro wrestling and WWE are fake. The point was to take your opponent off his feet, control him down on the mat and then turn him over against his will and pin his shoulders to the mat for one or two seconds. Now I just forced myself to watch the Olympic Greco-Roman Wrestling. It was really stupid and boring. It goes something like this. While standing up, push against your opponent like you are dancing for as long as you can without doing anything else in the hopes your opponent will get penalized for doing even less than you are doing. Then when he belly flops on the mat you grab him around the waist in a bear hug and try to roll over a few times. If you roll him over and even though his back is three or four feet above the mat you get two points each time. Wow! And get this even if you can't roll him over, you may get two points from the judges because you tried hard. Really? Now it becomes more like diving and judges can award you points. Most boring six minutes in sports. These guys are strong and I wouldn't want to mess with one of them but the rules are stupid. I would actually prefer this sport be replaced with Sumo wrestling!

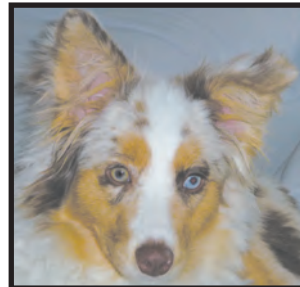
Swimming. I must again mention synchronized swimming. C'mon, I've seen little schools of fish do this for years on the Discovery Channel. Thousands of them sometimes in perfect rhythm! I'm just not impressed with a dozen or so "athletes" with nose plugs sticking their legs up out of the water. Silly! And let me say one more thing about swimming. The commentators were griping about more events need to be added. That's almost shameful. There's enough already and if

they could figure out how to put a timer device in the middle of the pool I'm sure there would be 25 meter events. Stop already!

Now for **Track and Field.** I'll start by saying Usain "Insane" Bolt (what a great name for a sprinter) is the Michael Phelps of running. He is so big and his legs are so long that it's almost unfair to the rest of the guys competing. I was told he only has to take 41 strides in the 100 meter while his competitors take 45. Regardless, he is something else. Now for the silly stuff! The Steeplechase. What is this really about? It's just another long race with wet track shoes. I understand jumping over tall things every few hundred meters but why the water that they have to land in? It's stupid. Don't see the point.

The Hammer Throw. How did that get named? It should be called the Ball-on-a-Chain-Sling! Did they used to really throw hammers? Anyway a very strange event – but hey what the heck, remember there is ping-pong and badminton. And now they need to recognize a new event. The 190 meter run/10 meter dive event. That's right; apparently the rules in running allow a competitor to take a dive at the end. That is plain stupid. Something just doesn't seem right about that and it cost one American athlete her gold medal.

I really don't mean to bash the athletes. Like I said before they train very hard to be the best in the world at something. In fact, I think having only three medals is wrong. Given all the time, energy and money to prepare for and then compete in the games I think the IOC should give out five medals. Being fifth best in the world for anything is pretty darn good! It would be easy to recognize two more finishers – and with my proposal wouldn't increase the cost much. The Fourth place medal would be Pewter and the Fifth place medal would be Aluminum. The gold medal really isn't very gold anyway. It's only one percent gold plated and 99% composite of silver and copper. Many think that they are solid gold, silver



and bronze. Sorry, they are not. It wouldn't cost much to dip a few in pewter and aluminum. Adding two more medals is not extreme and doesn't even come close to the LPSD idea about Olympic Participation Medals. Please! I saw a report that it's not even the gold content that makes the medal valuable. To serious collectors gold medals are worth around \$30,000. A Ukrainian boxer sold his 1994 gold medal for \$1,000,000. A member of the "Miracle on Ice" U.S. Hockey team sold his for \$40,000. Go figure. Michael Phelps' medals are estimated to be worth at least \$100,000 each.

I'll end with the worst and stupidest thing of all that I learned about the Olympic medals. The United States awards prize money to each athlete that medals: \$25,000 for gold, \$15,000 for silver and \$10,000 for bronze. The medals at today's commodity values are worth \$675, \$385 and \$5 respectively. Now here is the insane part. The United States TAXES the athletes on their prize money and their medals. I'm not kidding! Most American medalists fall in the top income bracket of 35% and under U.S. Tax Law must claim their prize money and their medals as taxable income. So get this. The tax burdens are: Gold \$8,986, Silver \$5,385 and Bronze \$3,502. That is really insane. The United States is reportedly the only developed nation that taxes "worldwide" income earned overseas. You would think that Congress could find room for one more little exclusion paragraph in the 75,000 pages of the tax code to stop this. It is wrong. Olympic glory for Old Glory and then stick it to the winners. Shame on Congress. This needs fixed. WOOF!

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15% of GDP, which would be formally recognized as an economic depression and millions of jobs would disappear.

However, that aspect of GDP would be rapidly reallocated to other sectors of the economy and those jobs would follow. The adjustment would be brutal and immediate, but it would bring a 15% improvement in every American's purchasing power, an immediate and permanent elimination of the Federal Deficit, real interest rates would go up, over time the resulting surplus and debt paydown would bring even more improvement to every

American's purchasing power and it would reduce business operating costs by up to 20% which would make the United States the most-competitive nation among the developed economies when it comes to cost-of-doing business, even if there was no other tax relief or other policy change.

Good luck getting politicians -- or the DOJ for that matter -- on board with this. When you are 20% of the economy your ability to threaten and bribe politicians is literally off-the-charts and without the Rule of Law constraining behavior that is exactly what has and will continue to

happen right up until the lights go out.

Staving off fiscal and economic collapse, which is otherwise inevitable, is just part of the general issue our nation faces. The foundation of all of this and more is far more simple and pervasive: Nobody ever goes to jail if they are politically or corporately connected at a sufficiently high level no matter what laws they violate and in fact they are rarely even arrested!

You want me to be "outraged" at Trump responding to someone who attacked him while running

an intentionally false narrative and for both political and personal financial purpose?

Oh h3!! no. Not while this den of thieves generally known as the U.S. political, financial and medical system continues to thrive on fraud, theft and outrage.

Hillary Clinton is "just the tip", and to whom I say, along with the media, Paul Ryan, John McCain, the RNC generally and the rest:

S***w You.

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Colorado Dems Attempt to Distance Themselves from Amendment 69

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Today, Democrats will host a press conference to explain why they are coming out against Amendment 69, which would bring Colorado single-payer (read: government-run) health care. Headlining the presser are ProgressNow, NARAL, and Rep. Crisanta Duran, who is viewed as a rising star in the Democratic firmament.

And, it's true that there is a growing chasm between the (loud) far-left Democrats and mainstream Democrats as witnessed

in the fracking fight. Even far leftists like fractivist Maria Orms have joined this fight.

But try as they might, Democrats at the state Capitol cannot fully distance themselves from this terrible ballot initiative – and they should not be allowed to do so. This is craven political convenience.

Some of the consultants working on the ballot initiative are affiliated with well-known entities. For example, Martha Tierney, who served as the attorney for the Colorado Democratic Party, and Dave Sa-

bados, who founded Compass Strategy Group, who works (worked?) with Jovan Melton and sits on the executive board of the Denver Young Democrats. Nothing wrong with these folks earning a buck, but these are not fringe elements.

Some of Colorado's best-known Democratic politicians, past and present, already donated to the effort, including: Sen. John Kefalas, Rep. Dan Kagan (who has a very tough race ahead of him), Sen. Irene Aguilar, former Sen. Jeanne Nicholson, and more.

While some liberal blogs whine that the right has employed misinformation – here is one fact that voters in Senate District 26 should not ignore: Rep. Dan Kagan donated to the endeavor. That's as good as an endorsement, and there's no running from that.

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Robin Young Receives the Achievement Award

Press Release

Robin Young recently received the 2016 Achievement Award from the National Association of County Agriculture Agents during their Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference held in Little Rock, AR. This award is given to Agents with 10 years or less of service in Cooperative Extension and have exhibited excellence in the field of Extension Education. This award is only presented to

2% of the County Extension Educators in Colorado each year.

Custer County CSU Extension Director Robin Young has been awarded the National Association of County Agricultural Agents Achievement Award for Colorado. Robin has served as the Extension Director for five years and is responsible for all areas in Extension including agriculture, natural resources, horticulture, and 4-H and youth development.



Custer County CSU Extension Director, Robin Young.

Courtesy photo

SHERIFF Cont'd from page 10

8/13/16:

Traffic Summons: William Baker of Westcliffe for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Sonny Howard of Pueblo for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Municipal Summons: A deputy on routine patrol in Westcliffe observed a parked and unattended vehicle on Main Street. The deputy issued three municipal summons to Jennifer Contreas of West-

cliffe for parking contrary to signage, for parking on a public roadway while displaying expired plates, and for parking too far from the curb.

Disturbance: A deputy was dispatched to Main Street in Westcliffe for a verbal disturbance.

Bad Dog: A deputy issued a summons to Ralph Stewart of Westcliffe for the unlawful ownership of a dangerous dog.

Municipal Summons: Larry Hall was issued

municipal summons for double parking and parking too far from the curb.

8/14/16:

Municipal Summons: Donald Decker of Sanger, TX, was issued a municipal summons for obstructing a traffic lane.

Assault: A deputy met with a party in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office who wished to file a report about an assault that occurred the night before on French Street in Silver Cliff.

THE TOWN OF SILVER CLIFF

Invites you to a Dedication Ceremony of the Silver Cliff Commemorative and Community Park

Fourth and French Street

Saturday, August 27, 2016
10:00 a.m.

Tours and Refreshments to follow.

Market

Your Neighborhood Grocery Store

Grower's Pride Orange Juice
59 oz.

\$1.79

Spam Luncheon Meat
12 oz. Can

\$2.37

Chips Ahoy Cookies
9.5 - 19.5 oz.

\$1.98

Tide Simply Liquid Detergent
125 oz.

\$5.49

U.S. #1 Russet Potatoes
10 lb. Bag

2 FOR \$4.00

Fresh Bone-In Sirloin Cut Pork Chops

\$1.49 lb.

WOW!! Pak