

Andy Mast: A Pencil and a Passion

by George Gramlich

A gentleman stopped by *The Sentinel* a few weeks ago and said I should really go over to Yoder’s Furniture store and see this young Amish fellow who draws with pencil and has his drawings for sale there. The gentleman also left a single page handout with some examples of the artist’s work and a brief biography. When I looked at the handout, the first word that came to my mouth was “Wow”! Guess it’s time for a visit to Yoders.

Andy Mast was raised in an Amish family in Belle Rive, Illinois. They were farmers using, raising, breeding and selling draft horses. Their draft horse

breeding trade name is “Goshen Trail Percherons”. Andy was drawing before he even started school. He was self-taught from the beginning and used every spare minute he could muster to draw, primarily with a pencil.

Finally, in 2009, he entered his first drawing of a human being, Abraham Lincoln, in a local, regional museum competition and received an Honorable Mention award. It was a big boost for a young artist.

Also, in 2009, tragedy struck. As Andy was taking a horse out to pasture alone, an incident with the

ARTIST
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Award winning artist, Andy Mast, with a work in progress.

Photo by George Gramlich

Americans for Prosperity Rate Our Legislators: Wilson - “B”, Crowder - “D”, Grantham - “C”

by George Gramlich,
Analysis and Commentary

The Americans For Prosperity - Colorado (AFP - CO), is part of the 2.75 million person organization. Americans For Prosperity has come out with its ratings and analysis of Colorado’s state House and Senate voting performance for last year’s 2015 - 2016 legislative session.

The AFP analyzed 32 legislative issues for the 2015/2016 session. AFP’s focus is on economic freedom and opportunity, and in that regard, they have developed a rating system based on what they call “6 For ‘16 Public Policy Agenda” that centers around the following core doctrine, “...economic freedom is the freedom to choose how to produce, sell and use your own resources, while respecting the rights of others to do the same. A society characterized by economic freedom experiences low taxes, limited government, properly prioritized government spending, only necessary regulations, protection of individual rights and free markets over cronyism. States with more economic freedom experience greater economic growth leading to more prosperity for its citizens.”

Their “6 for ‘16 Agenda” is summarized as:

1. Protect the “Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights”
2. Hold Colorado’s Obamacare Exchange Accountable
3. Block Obama’s Energy Mandates
4. Protect Access to Reliable and Affordable Energy
5. Create An Equal Playing Field For Public Schools
6. Repeal The Business Personal Property Tax

The report lists the 32 bills/issues, whether AFP - CO supported them or not, and each legislators’ votes on them. It is an eye-opener.

For our own local state politicians, two of our elected officials aligned with our previous article on conservative voting performance which featured ratings by the Colorado Union of Taxpayers (CUT) and the Principles of Liberty (POL) organization while one politician did significantly better. But please note, CUT and POL both had different criteria and rating methodologies.

Representative Jim Wilson (House District 2): Rep. Wilson got a very good score of 87% (“B”) from AFP - CO for his voting record on economic freedom and opportunity. This is in stark contrast to the “F” grade that CUT gave him

for the last session (again, note that their criteria and rating systems are different). A good job by Rep. Wilson on these issues.

State Senator Larry Crowder (State District 35): Senator Crowder gets a very poor grade of 63% or a “D” from AFP - CO. This, coupled with an “F” grade from CUT doesn’t look too good for a “republican” state senator.

State Senator Kevin Grantham (State District 2): Senator Grantham scored a poor 72% just grabbing a “C” from AFP - CO. Tie this together with an “F” grade from CUT, and we have some conservative voting issues here. Hopefully in Senator Grantham’s last year, we will have a voting record that helps Colorado’s economic freedom and opportunity.

The Americans for Prosperity - Colorado’s “2016 Colorado Legislative Score Card” report is well detailed and quite informative. It can be found at the link below. If you don’t have Internet access, please come to *The Sentinel*’s office and you can view it there.

Please see: <https://americansforprosperity.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/CO-Scorecard2016-DIGITAL-V3.compressed.pdf>

VFW Post 12063 to Administer 2016-2017 Veterans Trust Fund

Press Release

Spencer-Young VFW Post 12063 has applied for, and been awarded, a state funded grant which can ONLY be used to aide veterans who are in need of assistance with necessities.

electric, food, etc. To apply, contact County Veteran’s Service Officer (VSO), Tim Swartz, 719-783-9470. Disbursement of funds will be controlled by the VFW Grant Administrator.



L-R: VFW Vice Commander Burt Daniels, Commander Randy Knight, VSO Officer Tim Swartz (who is assisting the grant committee), and Quartermaster Ivan Brooks, Grant Administrator. Also on the committee but not present are Anna Orgeron and Dan Hoffman.

Photo by George Gramlich

For the past seven years, the Veterans Trust Fund Grant to benefit Custer County vets has been administered by Westcliffe American Legion Post 170.

The VTF Grant is not an entitlement program and not a VA benefit. *This is a GIFT!* It is in place to offer assistance to our local veterans within the strict guidelines set out by the state.

Veterans in need may apply for assistance for necessities, such as mileage for travel to medical/dental appointments, firewood, propane,

To begin the process, if you have not applied for VTF assistance in the past, you will need to take a copy of your DD-214 to the VSO office. Requests for assistance will be accepted at the CVSO office located at 615 Rosita Ave. during regular office hours: 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Monday of each month. We expect funds to be available to begin processing applications starting the second week of September.

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a light into the
world,
that whoever
believes in Me
should not abide
in darkness.”*

John 12:46 NKJV



We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not granted to us by politicians or governments. Freedom demands responsible behavior of all citizens and must be consistent with the truths expressed in the great moral and governing guides as The Ten Commandments, The Declaration of Independence, The U.S. Constitution, and The Bill of Rights.

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

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

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

He's Not a Politician!



That's the good news. The bad news is Trump has made many "rookie" mistakes that are harming him. He has uttered strong words and statements before he was totally aware of the total picture. That kind of rhetoric appealed to many in the primary season. A gaffe by a seasoned politician is telling the truth accidentally. Seasoned politicians have learned that they must talk in complete circles so that they cover everything and everyone, never answer a yes or no question and obfuscate, distort and deny at all times. Trump's problem for many Americans is that he hasn't learned that yet. However, the alternative to Trump is just more of the same.

A good example is his confusing statements on immigration. ALL politicians pivot, evolve or even flip flop on many issues by the time they get to the general election phase. Look

at Hillary Clinton and gay marriage, trade deals and inner-city crime. She's now against many things her husband did as president. Is that pivoting or evolving or flip flopping? You choose. It's all the same. It's all about pandering to get votes. Actions prove beliefs. Trump's immigration thoughts were formed when he realized he had hit a real hot nerve in American's unhappiness. They were also formed before he had really thought through and learned what the realities are in dealing with between 10 and 20 million illegals, some that have been here for decades. Of course his thoughts and plans will have to change some as he develops a workable solution with any Congress. The important thing is we can believe he will surely do something about this serious problem. NO president will ever get everything they want even when they also

share the legislative branch of the government. The difference is we know that Hillary eventually wants open borders and unlimited refugee immigration. That's the real difference between the two candidates and what we should base our votes on. One will do something different, and it won't actually involve removing 20 million people from America, and the other one will do nothing to change the current mess. This is how citizens must view this election. Forget the campaign rhetoric and look at the party differences. Trump planned to speak on Wednesday on his immigration policy. No matter what he said, things will change and evolve once he is president and is actively trying to do something about it. The Democrats won't change anything from Obama's current policies. That is what is important, not pivoting, evolving or flip flopping.

Donald Trump is largely an unknown. He's been a businessman. He has not been a politician. He says bullish, radical and harsh things. He has not learned "political speak" yet and

therefore shoots himself in the foot with many of his remarks. We understand that. What's the alternative? A candidate that has been involved in scandal, alleged corruption and possible criminal behavior for over 40 years! A candidate that has learned how to speak carefully to obfuscate and distort the truth! Remember the "You mean with a cloth?" And then we learn she had her "personal" emails about yoga and bridesmaid dresses destroyed with the most professional software on the market to ensure utter and total destruction. (She should get some money back because it didn't work 100%). Who among us would go to such extremes to destroy just personal emails? Not many. But we are asked to believe her when she says that she turned over ALL her official emails and that the Clinton Foundation never influenced her State Department decisions. Utter nonsense. The real difference here is that Hillary is a known entity. We all know exactly how she will operate as president and that will not be good for America. It's laughable when she says

she will be the president for ALL Americans even those that vote against her. That's actually not possible for any candidate to say and she knows that. She is indeed very experienced and the result of that experience is bad for America. She is an experienced deceiver and liar. We see that every day as her dishonesty drips into the public's view more and more. She won't have a real press conference because she knows what would be asked. She doesn't want to answer the questions that need answered and is blatantly running the clock out. We can only hope the debates will hold her accountable.

We are not really voting for Trump or Clinton. We are voting for an ideology of opposing parties. One will continue Obama's failing economic and national security policies and the other one won't. That's an easy choice for us. We hope the majority of Americans will understand and vote the same way. Forget the daily spin and opinions we hear and see in the news. Vote for a more conservative America.

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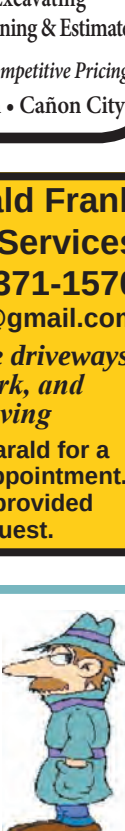


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Glorification of the Negative ... or 'Hillary for Prison' Signage

In the August 19, 2016 issue of this paper, Lissa Miller submitted a letter to the editor titled Hillary for Prison Sign. One such sign is displayed outside *The Sentinel* office (across the street from the public school). Ms. Miller stated the sign to be glorifying the negative, destroying any meaningful debate. She is correct in that it is a negative form of political advertising. However, only closed minds would destroy meaningful debate. Negative political ads (or attack ads as they are sometimes called) have been around since the inception of television. Media ads are used to identify potential risks associated with a political figure. This then should encourage all of

us to dig deeper into a candidate's history, especially a presidential candidate. This critical examination allows us to learn. Learning allows us to make cognizant decisions. I dare say most political candidates will not disclose anything bad about themselves. We should [then] encourage our youth to become actively involved in the democratic process that has defined this nation from its birth. James Madison (a Founding Father) stated thus: **"A well-instructed people alone can be permanently a free people."**

Monica Luikart

Rural Custer County

Deputy Brenda Abbott Retires from the SO

On August 30th, 2016, the Sheriff's Office gathered to congratulate Deputy Brenda Abbott on her retirement from the county. Brenda began her employment in October of 2000 and retired in July of 2016. She served the residents of Custer County for 16 years and her knowledge and commitment to our citizens will be missed. We would like to congratulate Brenda and her husband, Tom, and wish them both the very best as they enjoy the time off together.



Tom and Brenda Abbott (above) and Deputy Abbott surrounded by Sheriff Byerly and Deputies (below).

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Silver Cliff Commemorative and Community Park Dedication

by Fred Hernandez

It was a picture perfect morning on a summer Saturday, August 27th, when Silver Cliff town gathered to dedicate and celebrate its Commemorative and Community Park. Former Mayor Larry Weber, whose vision it was to erect this park, was present to see his pet project dedicated and presented to the town folk and all the residents of Custer County. The event began with a solemn presentation of Old Glory as it was slowly raised on the center flag pole against a backdrop of the majestic Sangre's range under a canopy of blue skies from horizon to horizon. As if on cue an eagle, or a large hawk, flew lazy circles in the sky above the town while the flag fluttered in the breeze as it reached the top of the pole. The Colorado Colors and the Veterans

flag where then simultaneously raised on either side of the center pole. A wreath was brought up and placed front and center and the invocation was delivered by Mr. Roger Squire. The Star Spangled Banner was sung by members of the High School Choir.

Mr. Weber then gave his remarks thanking all members



Former Mayor, Larry Weber.

Photo courtesy of Steve Lasswell.



Local residents attend the dedication.

Photo courtesy of Steve Lasswell.



Silver Cliff Commemorative and Park Dedication held on August 27th, 2016.

Photo courtesy of Steve Lasswell.

of his former staff and residents who helped bring this project to fruition. He then introduced Mayor Steve Lasswell, who thanked former members of the board of trustees for the good job done in the development of the park. Mr. Lasswell went on to say that plans are ongoing to make optimum use of the park and its facilities all year long.

The program continued with several readers who stepped up to read Flag Quotations from different well-known

authors, followed by Benediction and the final number of the event when the same members of the High School choir, Michael Batson and Holly Wenger, led a rendition of 'America the Beautiful' with most of the audience singing along. Refreshments were then served under canopies set up by the local Rotarian's to whom the town is grateful. Much appreciation is also due to Ms. Kaya Huffman who photographed the proceeding for posterity from start to end.

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II Samuel 22:47 KJV

Local Mountain News & Notices

Obituary JD Teague

Jimmy Dean Teague of Westcliffe, Colorado, passed away on August 23rd, 2016, in Westcliffe.

"JD" was a fixture here in town, being a long time being member of the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club.

JD was born in Wabash, Indiana, on February 2, 1954 to Coy Lee Teague and Barbara Lee Painter Teague.

JD previously lived in Indiana, Oklahoma, Arizona and Arkansas and had

a job history of working in the maintenance industry, care-taking, and horse training.

JD married Nona Warren in Mountain Home, Arizona on August 9th, 1991.

A Celebration of Life event is being held at the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club on Friday, September 2nd at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Custer County Ambulance/EMS.

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Obituary Helen A. Story

Helen A. Story was called home to be with her Lord and Savior on August 27, 2016.

Beloved wife of Irvin Story, she was born on March 16, 1929 in North Dakota. Most of her happy childhood was spent growing up in South Dakota as the ninth child of eleven. In 1970, Helen met the love of her life, Irvin Story and later married on September 18, 1972. Together they made their home in Hillside, Colorado, where they

remained until her passing. Helen was a woman of strong faith and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Recitation of the Rosary, 9:30 a.m. followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church, Westcliffe, Colorado. Interment to follow at Hillside Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care of Holt Family Funeral Home.

'Quilts of Valor' Recipient Jack K. Nichols



Sunday, August 28, 2016, Jack K. Nichols turned 90 years old. Jack was in the U.S. Army and served his time in WWII at the Battle of the Bulge. He served in the 328 Infantry Division Company "F", Patton's 3rd Army, known as the Rainbow Division. Jack resides at Vali Assisted Living in Silver Cliff, CO.

He was presented a Vincent Quilt by Jewel Ainsworth from the Fremont Victory Quilters. This group of about 30+ ladies meet regularly at the Florence Elks Lodge to make quilts. They makes quilts for Quilts of Valor here in Colorado.



Jewel Ainsworth presents quilt to Jack Nichols.

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Acts 1:8 ESV

Local Mountain News & Notices

Custer County Cross Country Team Competes at Cheyenne Mountain Stampede

by Jesse Taylor

Custer County Cross Country began Friday, August 25th, with a very strong season opener at the Cheyenne Mountain Stampede. Sophomore Kayla Carter started the day out on the beautiful winding 3.1 mile course, through the woods and over bridges, crossing the stream four different times. Carter ran a consistent race from start to finish and the consistency lead to an 11th place finish in a time of 23:09 which was over a minute faster than her time on this same course last year.

Next up the Varsity boys competed against 12 other teams. Competing with only three Custer County runners meant each runner had to make their places count and they delivered! Senior J.T. Taylor led the trio and for that matter, the entire field of runners, as he took control of the race early on and by mile number two had a 30 second lead on the second place runner. Taylor, setting himself up as one of the top state

runners in 2A, would continue to push hard through the third mile and finish first in a time of 16:33, nearly 30 seconds ahead of the runner-up. Running very strongly in their first ever high school competition were freshmen Luke Canon and Elias Zeller. Canon and Zeller each ran very smart races, not starting too fast but gradually catching runner after runner. The smart pacing led to a 13th place finish for Canon, who was the first finishing freshman in the race, in a time of 19:28. Zeller, with a "bolt-like" finishing kick, was 18th in a time of 20:07.

The day was capped off with a novice, 1.5 mile race. Running for the Bobcats was freshman Tristen Button. Button, running his first race in his life, finished in a very respectable time of 15:09 for 16th place.

The Bobcats compete again with both middle school and high school teams this coming Saturday on a very challenging course in Avon, CO.



CCCS Cross Country Team members in their warm-up gear. L-R- Assistant Coach Ruth Taylor, J.T. Taylor, Elias Zeller, Luke Canon, Kayla Carter, Tristen Button.

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BACK TO SCHOOL



Fifth graders recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Second graders on the first day of school. Left to Right; Gianna Tomassoni, Marlee Simms, Keely Huffman, Aurora Straight and Krissten "James" Cain.

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McKensie Penkoff
Courtesy of CCCS

by Greg Cravens,
CCCSHead Volleyball Coach

The trip to La Veta was one of those trips we will remember forever. Volleyball-wise the day was a normal volleyball match. The JV played very hard but lost 0-2. The bright spot was that they have been working on a new rotation and didn't get called for being out of rotation at all.

As for the varsity, the results were the same, 1-3 lost, and the effort was great but we couldn't keep La Veta out of system enough to get the win. The Bobcats were led by McKensie Penkoff with six kills. Elizabeth Mullet followed with five kills. Penkoff and Halie Lemons had two aces a piece. Tish Schlabach had 15 digs. Serenity Ham ended the evening with 18 assists.

The trip home provided the excitement for the day. With the bus breaking down, we had an hour to have some quality team bonding as we waited for our new ride. It was a good time for all. Custer County is back in action on Friday, September 2nd in Fairplay against the South Park Burros. The action gets started with the JV at 1 p.m.

Custer County C-1 Special School Board Meeting

by Larry Luikart, reporter

The Custer County School District Board met in special session at 9 a.m. on August 29, 2016 at the Jerry Court Pre-School Building. Roll was called with Board members Bob Jolley and Brian Cline absent. President Davis declared a quorum. The Board proceeded to the one Action item on the Agenda:

"The Custer County School District Board of Education declare the contents of the Jerry Court Pre-School Building as excess surplus materials and equipment and ask the administration to dispose of accordingly by (1) offering staff oppor-

tunity to remove and utilize in their classrooms any materials they feel appropriate and (2) offer the remaining items for sale to the public in September as to prepare for the Jerry Court Building for renovation. Items included as surplus or excess are, (not a comprehensive list and consolidated for space:)"

Tables, stove, file cabinets, desk and chair, games, books, Play center, wooden hutch, child chairs, overhead projector, oven – table top, portable stereo, toys, copier-printer-scanner, lots of paper, storage container, lighting fixtures, cabinets, sinks, cleaning supplies, pro-

jector screen, coat racks, folding chairs and more.

The Board agreed to the public sale on September 9 and 10, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. All items are being sold on a first-come first-serve basis. All sales are cash and carry. Larger items will be subject to a silent auction.

The renovation is being done to create up to four apartments for teachers coming to the district. Affordable housing is a problem and this project, when completed, will add another incentive for quality teachers to come to the Custer County School District.

Bobcats Sport Schedule

MS/HS Band Perform @ Rockies Game

When: Sat., September 3, 12 p.m. – Midnight

Volleyball Game AWAY @ South Park

When: Fri., September 2, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Where: South Park

MS/HS Cross Country - Husky Invite

When: Sat., September 3, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Where: Avon

Football Game AWAY @ Rocky Mountain Lutheran

When: Sat., September 3, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Where: Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School, 10391 Luther Court, Commerce City, CO

Elementary Volleyball

When: Wed, September 7, 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Where: West Gym

Volleyball Game HOME v Cotopaxi

When: Thu., September 8, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

HS Cross Country - Liberty Bell (time TBD)

When: Fri., September 9, 3 p.m. (Depart 10 a.m.)

Where: Littleton

Volleyball Game HOME v Sanford

When: Fri., September 9, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Football Game HOME v Sangre De Cristo

When: Sat., September 10, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.



Bobcat Menu • Sept. 5- Sept. 8, 2016

Monday
Breakfast
Holiday

lunch
Holiday

Tuesday
Breakfast
Choice of Cereal
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Chili
Corn Bread
Corn
Fruit
Milk

Wednesday
Breakfast
Choice of Cereal
Fruit
Milk
lunch
Scrambled Eggs & Waffle
Potato Patty
Fruit
Milk

Thursday
Breakfast
Sausage Gravy
W.G. Biscuit
Fruit, Milk
lunch
Meat Pizza
Salad
Green Beans
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, September 2, 2016 Railroad Days in Custer County

After the Civil War, General Palmer decided not to return to the railroad position he held back in Pennsylvania. He had dreams of "Conquest and Development of the West". Working for the Kansas Pacific Railroad on the railroad's construction into Denver he made many trips into Colorado and decided to make his fortune in this mountainous area. After completing the Kansas Pacific line to Denver he severed his ties with the Kansas Pacific with plans to build his own railroad.

During this time in Custer County, silver was found in Rosita, and gold was discovered several miles to the north and the town of Querida was formed. Then, in the heart of the Wet Mountain Valley, horn silver deposits were found in the black-stained cliff by what is now known as Silver Cliff. This was the Geyser mine.

With these discoveries, General Palmer saw great potential and need for freight trains. In 1870, he traveled to England and visited a narrow gauge railroad line in Wales. After consultation with engineers, he decided only narrow gauge tracks would be practical in mountain country.

So, Palmer organized his own railroad construction company, the Rosita and Silver Cliff Railway, to come across Grape Creek and Texas Creek. His narrow gauge railroad succeeded in reaching Custer County when others failed. However, after many spring run-off washouts, it was abandoned in 1890.

In 1901 there were still no paved roads into the Wet Mountain Valley. The Denver Rio Grande began construction of a standard gauge line from the nearest highway at Highway 50 and the Texas Creek Junction. It was decided to place a depot at the old narrow gauge depot grounds in Westcliffe.

At 10 a.m. the train would leave Westcliffe for the Texas Creek station. The engine would be turned around in the switching yard and ready to be returned at 5 p.m., Westcliffe, however, did not have a switch yard so the engine would have to be backed up to a 'Y' to be turned around and then be stored in the engine house.

The old engine house remains on Rosita Street and has been restored. The depot is located on Main St. Westcliffe. This Saturday, September 3rd, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., All Aboard Westcliffe will be hosting an open house at the DR&G Depot on Main St.

For more in-depth information on the history of the railroads serving Westcliffe, Irene Francis' book "Hear the Whistle Blow" is an excellent resource. See her ad on this page of *The Sentinel*.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: "Hear the Whistle Blow" by Irene Francis

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*The name of the Lord is a strong tower;
The righteous run to it and are safe.*

Proverbs 18:10 NKJV



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Local Mountain News & Notices

CarFit Presentation Open to the Public *What is CarFit for the Older Driver?*

Press Release
—American Legion

CarFit is an educational program sponsored by AAA, AARP, and AOTA that offers older adults the opportunity to check how well their personal vehicles fit them. Gushikawa Forand, a technician for CarFit, will speak at the monthly meeting of the American Legion at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6th, at Cliff Lanes. The public is invited.

She and Terra Raye Carter are trained CarFit Technicians with Colorado Drive

Smart along with several other people in Custer County. CarFit is a FREE, interactive and educational program that teaches participants how to make their personal vehicle “fit” them to increase safety and mobility when they hit the road. This is not a driving test or vehicle mechanical inspection. Older drivers are often the safest drivers in that they are more likely to wear their seatbelts, and less likely to speed or drink and drive. However, older drivers are more likely to be killed or seriously injured when a crash does occur due to their greater fragility.

With the assistance of trained CarFit technicians, a CarFit check session will review 12 key areas of how you fit in your car such as: adequate space from the steering wheel/airbag, proper seat belt adjustment and use, proper mirror adjustments to eliminate blind spots, and properly adjusted head restraints. Learn how to use and adjust your safety devices. Each checkup takes about 20 minutes.

Gushikawa and Terra Raye are available for personal CarFit checks for you and your household with an appointment. The phone number is 783-9451.

The Wet Mountain Valley Community Chorale

The Wet Mountain Valley Community Chorale invites all singers to join in this year’s community Christmas concert. Rehearsals will be every Tuesday evening from 6:30-8 p.m. in the school music room (north set of double doors at the west end of the building). Rehearsals will begin Tuesday, September 13th.

Any community member interested, is welcome and encouraged to join! There will be two performances at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 4th at Hope Lutheran Church.

Free Resources for Seniors, Caregivers

Press Release
Cathy McCarthy,
West Custer County
Library District

Locals may not be aware of the wealth of helpful and free services available to seniors and caregivers through the Upper Arkansas Area Agency on Aging. To get the word out, the West Custer County Library is hosting an informational event on Friday, September

9th at 3 p.m. in the Community Room at 209 Main St. in Westcliffe.

Stephen Holland, the agency’s director, said the organization offers financial assistance for vision and dental work, medical appointment transportation, and caregiver respite as well as in-home and legal services. Holland will go over the available tools and finish with a question and answer session.

“In the last few years, additional state funding has allowed us to increase our outreach efforts and services to Custer County,” said Holland. “That’s allowing us to further assist seniors throughout the region in maintaining health, dignity, independence and quality of life.”

For more information on this free library event, please contact Cathy McCarthy at 719-783-9138.

Custer County Cares About Cancer

Annual Fundraising

*Walk / Run / Bicycle
Park to Park Trail*

**Saturday, September 17th at 9 am
Meet at Silver Cliff Park**

**Proceeds raised benefit Custer County
residents and their families
For more information call
Julie at 269-8608**

Events Calendar

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday
September 1, 2, 3, 4
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. **Free Admission**
**18th Annual Labor Day Weekend
Quilt Show & Boutique**
The Olde Schoolhouse Quilters
Historic Old Westcliff Schoolhouse
320 S. 4th St.

Friday and Saturday, September 2 and 3,
at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 4, at 2 p.m.
“Jason Bourne”
Action | Thriller | PG-13
At the **Jones Theater** \$\$

Friday, Saturday & Sunday
September 2, 3 & 4, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fiber Art Show & Sale
Greenstone Art Works, 95 Main St. Rd.

Saturday, September 3, 7:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
**Red Suspender’s Labor Day
Breakfast and Bake Sale** at
The Deer Mt. Fire Station
6181 CR 28, Copper Gulch Rd.

Saturday, September 3, 1 p.m.
Deer Mt. Fire Department
Open House and Potluck Lunch

6181 CR 28, Copper Gulch Rd.
bring a dish to share.

Saturday, September 3, 8a.m. - 4 p.m.
Yard Sale for St Luke’s, 201 S 3rd St.

Saturday, September 3
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
All Aboard Westcliffe - Open House
At the DR&G Depot, Main St.

Saturday, September 3, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Sangres Art Guild **Fall Show Reception**
59000 N. Highway 69

Sunday, September 4
2 p.m. - 7 p.m.
SUMMER IN THE PARK - Free Concert
Westcliffe Feed Store Amphitheater & Park
Entertainment: “Tom Munch”

Tuesday, September 6, 9 a.m.
BOCC Meeting/Boardroom

Wednesday, September 7, 9 a.m.
BOCC Meeting/Boardroom

Saturday, September 10
12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
High Peaks Music Festival
Westcliffe Feed Store Amphitheater & Park
116 N 2nd St.

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

Club America 50 E. Main Street Silver Cliff, CO 81252 (719) 783-0750 Public Swim hrs. – Mon. thru Sat. 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. \$2 PER PERSON	Custer County Community Sharing Center Inc. 120 N. 3rd St. Westcliffe, CO 8125 (719) 783-3303 Fri.- Sat. 1 p.m. – 4 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.
Custer County Senior Center 612 Main St. Silver Cliff, CO 81252 (719) 783-9508 Lunch; Mon., Tues. & Thur. at Noon. RSVP by 9:30 a.m.	Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources 417 Cliff Street Silver Cliff, CO 81252 (719) 783-4357 Mon. – Thur. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Fri. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Wet Mt. Rotary Van Service For transportation needs, contact Van Dispatch (719) 783-2343 Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Local Mountain News & Notices

Classifieds

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SAVE THE DATE:
Sept. 3rd Saturday-
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Help Wanted

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Or Email josh.walden@criticalpath-metalworks.com

Announcements

Yard Sale for Fellowship Hall for Cody Park
Community Church. Saturday September 3rd 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Held at the corner of CR 28 and 27A, Copper Gulch. All proceeds go to the Hall fund. Numerous items from Knick-knacks to tools & everything in between.

Yard Sale @ St. Luke's
201 S. 3rd St. Westcliffe Saturday September 3rd 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds go to the outreach program for Custer County elementary students

Run the 2nd Annual Lucky Hermit 13K (8 miles) or Half Hermit or the Hermit Pass Marathon on Sat. Sept. 17 at A Painted View Ranch on Hermit Road. Register online at www.imathlete.com/events/hermit2016 or call Barbara at 719-371-8001 for details.

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.

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horse occurred that Andy can't remember. When he didn't return home, his father, Mahlon, came to look and found Andy on a mangled steel gate with severe head injuries. He was air-lifted to St. Louis where he was unconscious for two days. The recuperation period extended to five years with Andy incapable of doing any physical labor during that period. But what he could do was draw.

Finally, after recuperating,

Andy began again to enter art shows with his work, and won several awards at the Cedarhurst Center for the Arts' Annual Fine Art Competition in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. And after several years there, the Center actually gave Andy a gallery for a one-man show. Then in 2014, Andy was invited to the famous Old West Museum in Cheyenne, Wyoming, for their "Western Spirit Art Show & Sale", he traveled there and entered one of his drawings, 'A Long Day' at the event. To his shock, he won first place at the extremely

prestigious show.

Andy is now in his second summer in Westcliffe, drawing and exhibiting his work at Yoder's Furniture on Highway 69 just south of Westcliffe. He even won a first place award at last year's Sangre de Cristo Art Guild's Summer Show. This year he will participate in the most anticipated event in the Valley: 'Art for the Sangres' at A Painted View Ranch on September 23rd and 24th.

There are many of his works on the walls of Yoder's Furniture store and

most of the time Andy will be at his round table near the back of the store drawing and talking to visitors. This is an opportunity of a life time to see and visit with a world class pencil artist and even, perhaps, purchase one of his prints, which are reasonably priced. Yoder's Furniture is open Monday thru Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and their phone number is 719 783-0988. Andy Mast's contact info: 7155 N. Goshen Lane, Belle Rive, IL 62810 and his phone number is 618-246-2964.

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Custer County Cares About Cancer

GolfTourney September 10th ♦ WalkRun/Ride September 17th

Press Release

The date has changed for this year's Custer County Cares About Cancer fundraising walk. The annual walk/run/ride is being held Saturday, September 17th. As always,

the walk /run takes place along the park-to-park trail; the horseback ride route will be announced at a later date. Additionally, the golf tournament that also raises funds for the worthy cause is scheduled

for Saturday, September 10th, at St. Andrews Golf Course.

The Custer County Cares About Cancer Foundation was organized in 2009 with the subsequent fundraising walk/

run/rides taking place on Labor Day. All proceeds raised each year are distributed to local residents battling cancer. With the date change, organizers look forward to a bigger and better event in 2016.

Help me, O LORD my God!

Oh, save me according to Your mercy,

Psalm 129: 6 KJV

Local Mountain News & Notices

Red Suspenders' of Deer Mountain

Red Suspenders' will be holding their annual Labor Day breakfast and bake sale, September 3rd at the Deer Mt. Fire Station, 6181 CR 28, Copper Gulch.

Fire Department Open House
Breakfast 7:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Potluck 1 p.m.
Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and biscuits and gravy!! for \$6.00!

Also on September 3rd, the Deer Mt. Fire Department will be holding their open house. At 1 p.m. there will be a potluck lunch served. All are welcome to come see the new building at 6181 CR 28, Copper Gulch Rd. Chicken will be furnished. Please come and bring a dish to share!

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

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

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

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 186 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 14 to EMS, and 10 to the Fire Department. As of August 27th, there were 5 males and 2 females in the county jail.

8/22/16:

Accident: A Sheriff's deputy, EMS, and the Wet Mountain Fire Department were dispatched to Highway 96 MM 17.5 for a single vehicle accident involving a pickup truck pulling a camper. EMS processed a refusal to transport.

8/23/16:

Traffic Summons: Eric Price of Monument, CO, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

EMS: Dispatch received a 911 call for an EMS response to Main Street, Westcliffe for a male in his 60's who passed out. A good samaritan was performing CPR when the emergency units arrived. The county coroner was dispatched to the scene.

Hardscrabble Fire: Dispatch received several 911 calls reporting multiple grass fires along Highway 96 between mile markers 21 and 28. Fire units were dispatched from Wetmore and Florence as well as the Wet Mountain Fire Department in Westcliffe. EMS was also dispatched to the scene. Highway 96

was shut down for several hours between Highway 67 in Wetmore to Highway 165 at McKenzie Junction. Fires were determined to be most likely accidental.

8/24/16:

Fire: Dispatch received a request from Fremont Regional Communications for an agency assist involving a structure fire on Mears Road in Fremont County. The Wet Mountain and Deer Mountain Fire Departments were dispatched to the scene, along with deputies from Custer County and Fremont County, and Custer County EMS.

8/25/16:

Fire: The Wet Mountain Fire Department, EMS and Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a structure fire on Little Horn Road in Juniper Hills.

Dispute: Deputies were dispatched to a verbal dispute on CR 341.

8/26/16:

Traffic Summons: Edward Bustillos of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Marta Ballen of Sante Fe, NM, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Drew Hoover of Cañon City for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Arrest: A deputy on

routine patrol in Westcliffe stopped a white pickup truck he had observed weaving. George Parkinson of Stillwater, OK, was arrested and issued a summons for driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs or both, failing to drive in a single lane, and prohibited use of weapons.

Accident: A Sheriff's deputy and EMS were dispatched to a two vehicle accident at S. 6th Street and Hermit Road in Westcliffe. EMS processed a refusal to transport. Cassidy Wilkinson of Land-o-Lakes, FL, was issued a summons for failure to yield the right of way when proceeding from a stop sign.

8/27/16:

Traffic Summons: Edward Truitt of Canyon, TX, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Cardiac Arrest: Dispatch received a 911 call requesting Flight for Life for a male who suffered a cardiac arrest. Flight for Life was dispatched to the scene along with a Sheriff's deputy and EMS. The Wet Mountain Fire Department was also dispatched to establish a landing zone. The patient was transported to St. Francis Medical Center in Colorado Springs.



Come and Worship



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

Church of Christ
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
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

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. Wednesday Mass
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Wedn. 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, 10 a.m. Meet and Greet
Sundays, 10:15 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

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719-783-2660
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215 Main St., Westcliffe
719-783-0505
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Mon-Sat 7 a.m.- 8 p.m.

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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
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Fri - Sat 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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Sundays, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Agenda
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016
9:00 AM
Meeting Location:
County Courthouse /Commissioners Room

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

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Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Agenda
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016
9:00 AM
Meeting Location:
County Courthouse /Commissioners Room

Call Meeting to Order
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Roll Call
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NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 2012266

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

LOREN C REYES
 CENTENNIAL RANCH AND ASPEN
 MOUNTAIN RANCH ASSOCIATION

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

RANCH 73, CENTENNIAL RANCH, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED THEREOF

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Otto Luis Parets;

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

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Loren C Reyes for said year 2011;

That said Otto Luis Parets, on the 10th 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 Otto Luis Parets at 10:00 o'clock AM., on the 12th day of January, A.D. 2017, 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 25th day of August, A.D. 2016.

Suzanne Coleman
 Custer County Deputy Treasurer
 For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer

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NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 2013118

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

AGOSTINO D MASTROGIUSEPPE JR
 FAITH CORLETT DEMOE
 ESTATE OF FAITH CORLETT
 OLITA D HARRIS
 SOLOMON F HARRIS JR
 DEAN L CORLETT
 DEAN CORLETT
 STEPHANIE WAMHOFF

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 32 IN SILVER CLIFF HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION #16

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 Faith Corlett DeMoe, etal 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 12th day of January, A.D. 2017, 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 25th day of August, A.D. 2016.

Suzanne Coleman
 Custer County Deputy Treasurer
 For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer

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NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 2013155

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

AGOSTINO D MASTROGIUSEPPE JR
 FAITH CORLETT DEMOE
 ESTATE OF FAITH CORLETT
 STEPHANIE WAMHOFF
 DEAN CORLETT

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 ONE (1) 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 Agostino D Mastrogiuseppe Jr & Faith Corlett DeMoe 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 12th day of January, A.D. 2017, 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 25th day of August, A.D. 2016.

Suzanne Coleman
 Custer County Deputy Treasurer
 For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer

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NOTICE OF INTENT AND PUBLIC MEETING

Custer County will file an application with the USDA Rural Development for financial assistance to develop the community kitchen in the Wetmore Community Center. A public meeting for comments will be held at 10:00 AM on Sept. 12, 2016 at the Wetmore Community Center building to discuss the proposed project and to provide the opportunity for public comment.

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NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 2013184

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

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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:

LOTS TWELVE (12) AND THIRTEEN (13), TARA – J FIRST FILING, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION FILED FOR RECORD IN THE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER'S OFFICE ON JULY 17, 1961 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 Opal D Williams Ltd 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 22nd 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 18th day of August, A.D. 2016.

Suzanne Coleman
 Custer County Deputy Treasurer
 For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer

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For Financial Transparency information for Custer County School District C-1, please see link at custercountyschools.org.

“The Eyes of My Horses Feel Like Windows to My Soul”

Andy Mast

Andy Mast is an “artist in residence” at Yoder’s Furniture store on Highway 69, just south of Westcliffe for the summer. His pencil drawings are simply stunning. Andy grew up in rural southern Illinois in an Amish Community and has won many awards including first place at last year’s Sangre de Cristo Art Guild Summer Show. He will be one of the featured artists at the Art for the Sangres event, September 24th, held at A Painted View Ranch. Please stop by Yoder’s to see his amazing work. (Also, please see an the accompanying article about Andy on the front page of The Sentinel.)



Local Mountain News & Notices

Friends of NRA Dinner

by Carol Clemenson

On Friday evening, August 26, 2016, at A Painted View Ranch there was a wonderful celebra-

County FRIENDS OF NRA COMMITTEE: Chair: Dwaine Robey, Vice Chair: Mike Smith, Secretary: Lee Kreibaum and Treasurer: Jamie Kelly. The members

baum, Christine Smith, Dan and Pam Hunsaker, Donna Hood, Ivan Brooks, Jay Printz, Logan Winn, Roger and Marci Gregg, Ron and Diane Dudley, Sam Hepp, Steve Broeckl and Tom Clements.

They had a wonderful dinner catered by Alpine Lodge. Also a great Auctioneer Darrell Neu, with FFL dealer, Jay Printz – Loan A Ranger LLC. The proceeds from Friends of NRA events are used to fund local clubs and organizations in their efforts to promote youth programs, shooting range development projects, firearm safety training, responsible firearm ownership, competitive shooting and more! Fifty percent of the proceeds stay in Custer County.

Friends of the NRA honored the veterans who were present. The oldest veteran there was Chris Ueberroth, age 79. He was in the army from 1959 – 1962, then in the reserves until 1965. Stationed in Bristow, California, he was a small arms repairman and has never been married.

A sign, auctioned off sold for \$475.00, was purchased by Kathy Kern, and donated to Mr. Ueberroth for his service to our country.

Liberty Rocks Topic: "Bake Me a Cake"

by Fred Hernandez

Dan Bubis of Liberty Rocks called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. on August 25th, the last Thursday of the month, at Tony's Mountain Pizza. After his brief opening remarks, he introduced Mr. Mark Braunlich, a lawyer, who recently moved to Colorado.

The subject of Mr. Braunlich's talk was not only interesting, in a way it was also rather frightening. It had to do with the ongoing, controversial case of Masterpiece Cakes, a Denver based bakery, and its owner, Mr. Jack Phillips. The quick background is simple enough: a couple of gay men who wanted to marry each other came into the store and asked for a wedding cake for their celebration. In spite of the fact that he sells his products to everyone no matter their age, color, creed or sexual orientation, Mr. Phillips respectfully declined on the basis that his conscience would not permit him to be a party to an activity, a wedding between two people of the same sex, that he believes is morally wrong and against his deeply held religious beliefs. The two men, Mr. Charlie Craig and Mr. David Mullins filed charges of discrimination with what is called the Colorado Civil Rights Commission. (More about this commission later.) The

Commission in turn found probable cause to credit the complainants with their plea. The case was then brought to The Office of Administrative Courts and oral arguments were held before Administrative Law Judge Robert Spencer in December 4, 2013. Judge Spencer found Mr. Phillips, the owner of the bake shop guilty as charged and came up with what he called a REMEDY that he wanted Mr. Phillips to comply with. The REMEDY required Mr. Phillips to adhere to the Colorado Anti-discrimination Act and, in addition, submit quarterly compliance reports to include a list of patrons denied service and the reason for the denial. This reporting was to go on for a period of two years. Mr. Phillips filed an appeal with the Court of Appeals which quickly passed it on to the Colorado Supreme Court and, in turn, the latter refused to hear the case. With no alternative left, Mr. Phillips has turned to the U.S. Supreme Court. As of this date, the matter is pending a decision of the U.S. Supreme Court as to whether or not to schedule the case for a hearing.

Mr. Braunlich was a lawyer in North Carolina when he decided to move to Colorado Springs, Colorado. His license in that state is in inactive status and he

decided not to apply for a license to practice in Colorado because of changes that have taken place in the American Bar Association (ABA). The ABA has come up with new rules regarding ethics for lawyers. These new rules prohibit attorneys from engaging in speech or being a member of any organization—even churches—that hold traditional views on marriage, sexuality and other such issues. This is an unprecedented threat to religious liberty and by making it unethical the attorney is in danger of losing his license to operate in his profession. It effectively ties both the social and professional aspects of a person's life. For this reason, Mr. Braunlich has decided not to apply for a license until final decisions are made by each state to which these new "ethics rules" have been forwarded. (Each state will make their own determination.)

With regard to the Colorado Civil Rights Commission, this is a body of unelected individuals appointed by the governor of the state and apparently accountable only to him.

Four of these seven members of CCRC, are actively involved in other LGBT organizations, no doubt creating an environment for discrimination on their part in their decisions for the commission.



Cheyenne Waldrop, Champion Team USA National Jr. Shotgun team member and Chris Ueberroth, the honored Veteran, with the sign purchased by Kathy Kern to give to Ueberroth.

by Carol Clemenson

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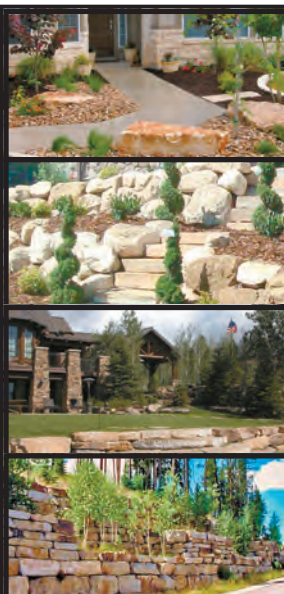
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The Women for Trump Coalition Wants You!

The Women for Trump Coalition is a grassroots initiative, seeking to gather the support of women across Colorado for Donald J. Trump, Republican Candidate for President. The Women for Trump Coalition is steadily growing across Colorado. It is a way for us to get to know potential voters in our neighborhoods, to go to them if needed, and to reach out to them in a meaningful way.

The purpose and key goals of the coalition movement is to support the increase of:

- Colorado Women Voting For Donald Trump for President
- Support respective County Central Committees in getting out the vote through such activities as: Voter Registration, Door to Door Canvassing and Phone Bank Calls, and in conducting activities to promote voter involvement and awareness, for both Mr. Trump and Republican candidates.

Fremont County has The Women for Trump Coalition whose Director is Ms. Timme Pearson. Pearson is excited about the interest already shown in Fremont County by the many women (and men) who want to get involved. Ms. Pearson sees the coalition as a critical component in helping motivate people's involvement in the upcoming

election and to help bring together the many voters involved in County Central Committees, Tea Party Groups, Young Republican Groups, and other Republican organizations, and to "GET OUT THE VOTE!" Our ultimate goal is to elect Donald Trump President, and elect additional, conservative Republicans into office this November. There are some exciting, "techy" tools available for coalition members, and this is making "GET OUT THE VOTE!" fun!!

The coalition is an opportunity for its members to meet people in their community, to engage in networking that will yield results long after the November election. Women have proven over time that when they make a decision to reach a goal, it's "GAME ON!"... and daily, women across Colorado are proving the power of their "DETERMINATION" in reaching ANY goal. They're getting interest in, and commitment from voters to "Vote for Donald Trump" and other highly-qualified, Republican candidates.

The Coalition **WANTS YOU** to join us! For more information about the Fremont County Women's Coalition for Trump, contact Ms. Pearson at 719-371-5314 and in Custer County; contact Lisa Frank @ 719-269-0644. Together "LETS GET 'ER DONE!"... **and we can!**

Denver Post Editorial Objects to Clinton, Inc!

by *ColoradoPeakPolitics.com*

Today, the *Denver Post* came out hard against Hillary Clinton’s influence peddling and asked “legitimate questions about her judgment” while Secretary of State. An AP report on the official meetings that Clinton took while leading the State Department showed that an astonishing 40 of 85 meetings that Clinton took were with people who donated more than \$100,000 to the Clinton Foundation, and 20 that contributed

\$1 million or more to the Foundation.

Coincidence? We don’t think so. There are many great charitable organizations in the world to donate money to. Calling this pattern of contributions anything other than payments for access is a joke. But will her supporters care about this blatant abuse of power? We don’t think so.

The Post brings up a number of “legitimate questions” in their analysis of Clinton’s behavior and its aftermath. Why did it

take years (and ultimately a lawsuit) for the State Department to disclose Clinton’s meetings when the AP queried? Why did the Crown Prince of Bahrain gain an audience with Secretary Clinton through a Foundation executive after normal diplomatic channels failed to secure his meeting? And by the way, the guy was supporting a \$32 million scholarship through the Clinton Foundation.

And going forward, how will a potential President Hillary Clinton unwind

the tangled knot of conflicts that have been created by the nearly \$2 billion in contributions that have been made to her family’s foundation over the years?

We couldn’t agree more with the Post’s argument in its editorial on Clinton’s corruption: “Americans should always question arrangements that allow the already powerful to gain extra advantage with their government.”

Once in a while the *Denver Post* calls something right, and we are happy to give credit here where

credit is due.

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Minimum Wage Ballot Campaign Doesn't Pay Their Own Workers the Ballot's \$12 Minimum

by *Compass Colorado*

—DENVER, Colorado

The campaign to increase the minimum wage to \$12 in Colorado reportedly didn’t even pay many of their own campaign workers that amount to get the measure on the ballot. According to a cir-

culator and wage report filed with the Colorado Secretary of State’s office by the campaign, 24 of the workers out collecting signatures to get the measure on the ballot were paid less than the \$12 per hour proponents are attempting to codify into the Colorado Constitution. The report

was obtained by Keep Colorado Working, the opposition campaign, in an open records request.

The proponents of increasing the minimum wage, Colorado Families for a Fair Wage, funded largely with union money, hired Fieldworks, a signature gathering firm, to collect

the necessary signatures for ballot access. Colorado requires a report detailing hours and pay of signature gatherers be filed with the Colorado Secretary of State’s office.

“The irony of paying someone less than \$12 an hour to stand on a street corner to mandate a minimum wage

increase to that amount is dripping off this story,” said Kelly Maher, executive director of Compass Colorado. “Unions are trying to force small businesses already operating on razor thin margins to increase pay just so they can line their pockets, and they aren’t even paying their own

workers that. The hypocrisy is palpable.”

Please see: www.compasscolorado.org/press-releases/hypocrites-minimum-wage-campaign-demanding-12-an-hour-doesnt-pay-their-own-campaign-workers-that-much

Unaffiliated Voters Getting a Say in Colorado Primaries? Two Measures Just Made the Ballot

by *Corey Hutchins, The Independent*

In March, Colorado’s chaotic caucuses caused confusion for caucus-goers. Say that one 10 times fast.

Joking aside, the messy, party-run early nominating contests for president led to plenty of questions about whether Colorado should change the way voters here pick presidents. Should we have a primary? Should unaffiliated voters who can’t participate in the Democratic and Republican caucuses have a say?

Well, voters will have a say this November, since two measures that deal with the process just made the ballot.

From the Colorado Secretary of State’s office:

Initiative No. 98 allows unaffiliated voters to participate in primary elections without having to declare being a member of a certain party, as is the current law. However, Republicans and Democrats could decide to forgo having a primary election and instead choose their general election nominees at the assembly or convention,

providing that 75 percent of the party’s state central committee agrees.

Initiative No. 140 restores a presidential primary to be held before the end of March in presidential election years, and allows unaffiliated voters to participate without declaring to be a member of a political party.

“Both measures amend state law, rather than the state constitution,” reads a statement from the Secretary of State.

So far, that means there will be seven initiatives on the ballot for Colorado voters to decide on Nov. 8th. That number could grow as the state continues to count signatures on other citizen measure’s submitted by petitioners.

In March, supporters of Bernie Sanders led to a record number of Democratic caucus goers in Colorado, which meant long lines and hundreds turned away.

On the Republican side, party leaders canceled their presidential straw poll so their delegates could go to the national convention un-

bound. The move prompted the party’s eventual nominee for president, Donald Trump, to say Colorado ran a “rigged” election.

“Colorado voters value independence and want elections that encourage participation,” said Kent Thiry, the campaign chairman for the ballot measure effort, Let Colorado Vote, in a statement. “Only 5 percent of voters participated in the March caucuses, which is not a sign of a healthy democracy. Our initiatives will fix that and allow more than 1 million unaffiliated voters to participate in elections that they currently pay for, but thus far have been excluded from.”

Unaffiliated voters are the largest group of voters in the state with more than a million registered.

Also, no need to remember these initiative numbers. They will change after Sept. 9th.

Please see: <http://www.coloradoindependent.com/160858/a-presidential-primary-for-colorado-voters-two-measures-just-made-the-ballot>



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101 N. 14th St, Cañon City

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

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

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

Florence City Council
1st and 3rd Mondays at 7 p.m.
Council Chambers
Florence

Royal Gorge Tea Party
2nd Thursday
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Fremont Republican Central Committee
4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
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Fremont County Commish Denies Modification of Premises For More Greenhouses

by Charlotte Burrous

During an hour long public hearing on Aug. 23rd, the Board of Fremont County Commissioners denied a ‘Request for modification of premises’ from Today’s Health Care/Today’s Health Care II, LLC.

Speaking on behalf of the company located at 934 C Street in Penrose, manager Kyle Wendlend presented an application for the modification.

“We currently are trying to get modification for an additional five more greenhouses on site,” he said. “The reason for the modification is not to increase our plant count. We’re trying to get more efficient and beneficial for the community. In the past, we have had a few odor complaints and we have worked very closely with code enforcement, trying to get the odor mitigation working properly. I believe they have not had any complaints (since we completed) odor mitigation.”

The additional five new greenhouses would help with the odor mitigation, he claimed, as well as with the light concerns. Over the course of the explanation, Wendlend also discussed erecting a new cure and trimming building somewhere on the property.

During the public hearing, several residents expressed their opposition to the plan, including Tina Heffner, who lives near the area.

“The Fremont County Sheriff’s Department and the State Patrol swarmed Penrose Park yesterday afternoon,” she said on Aug.

23rd. “A 12-year-old boy playing with his friends called 911 because a group of adults were having a marijuana party in the park. I understand the (owner) is in no way directly responsible for this incident but I do hold him in a large degree responsible for the downward spiral that’s facing Penrose.”

The owner moved from Arizona and purchased a piece of property with the intent of building approximately 64,000 square feet of marijuana cultivation and processing buildings. He then purchased the current location and began operating three greenhouses, Heffner added. Then he purchased another piece of property to use as a staging area.

“The smell, the daily light pollution,” Heffner said. “I don’t understand when you say those two greenhouses have no light. It’s a beautiful purple light, but it does light up the neighborhood every single night. The (company’s) operation has impacted our lives almost on a daily basis. (This company) has four stores in Colorado Springs that need product. If you approve this, it is evident, they will be back again and again to expand their operation in Penrose.”

Also speaking, Cathy Gonzales said she was against the modification, as well. “I was against having this growth facility in a residential area and I’m definitely against any expansion,” she said. “I know the owner has said odor mitigation. Well, we still smell it (day and night). In between, I don’t know if it’s his property or not, there’s a heavy toxic chemical smell. It’s so strong

with so many chemicals. They’re the only business (out there).”

Brenda Vanegmond also voiced her opposition to the expansion.

“My main concern is just hearing about their new additional buildings nobody knew about, what are they really going to be and how are they going to build them,” she said. “That just floored me. Those smells are just horrible.”

Several spoke in favor of it, including Dan, who claimed it helped him with the pain in his feet, caused by diabetes, as well as Carl Armstrong, who said he suffers from PTSD.

“What I hear you saying is these people will stop (the odor),” Armstrong said. “He’s going out of his way to help these guys so they don’t smell it.”

At the end of the hearing, Commissioner Debbie Bell made the motion to deny the modification of premises, which won with a unanimous vote. She also proposed a document be created with the findings for the denial during the Sept. 13th Fremont Commissioners meeting.

“[The attorney said] the only thing you’ve heard today was concerns about odor,” she quoted him.

“I heard much more than concerns about odor. I heard concerns about light; I’ve heard some concerns about trash. I actually believe their neighbors would perhaps say they are nuisances. So do I. I just want to make that very clear.”

Tour de Coal Towns

by Charlotte Burrous

If you like history and having fun, there’s an opportunity to combine the two when the Florence Pioneer Museum hosts its annual Tour de Coal Towns Fun Run & Poker Run on September 10th.

“This is a leisurely (nine-mile) bike ride or run (through Coal Creek, Williamsburg and Rockvale),” said a press release. “The pace is at your own speed and is not a race.”

The run kicks off at 8 a.m. with registration, followed by introductions, a brief his-

tory of Florence and directions for the tour.

Starting from the Florence Pioneer Museum, the Fun Run and Poker Run will proceed to Williamsburg, where water will be available as well as an opportunity to ask questions about the history of the community. Before proceeding, participants will receive a poker card.

From Williamsburg, the run will continue to the newly restored schoolhouse in Rockvale, where there will be water and a chance to ask questions about the history of that community and receive another poker card.

From there, the run will go into the city park at Coal Creek for water and another poker card before returning to Florence, where there will be a cookout at 11:30 a.m. and the final poker card in Pioneer Park.

A free T-shirt will be available on the day of the tour if participants are preregistered before Aug. 30th. The entry fee is \$15 per person for adults or \$5 for children 12 and under. Information packets are available at the park if applicants do not get one at the museum. For more information, call Dick Upton at 520-403-5204.

Events Sept. 3–Oct 1st

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.

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.

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.

Sept. 9, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. The fourth annual **Sons of Italy Italian Festival** on Macon Plaza. For more information, visit osiaroyalgorge2866.com or call 429-6667.

Sept. 9, Holy Scrap Chicks Scrapbooking Retreat 8 a.m. 4 p.m. Registration is due before Aug. 22 and may be made at Brenda.mckay@theabbeycc.com.

Sept. 10, 9 a.m. The John Wells Memorial Toy Run. For more information, visit fremontcommunityfoundation.org

Sept. 15, Tour of Denominations will continue with “What Is a Lutheran?” at the Sunflower Bank. All sessions meet at 7 p.m. in the Sunflower Bank building. Trcsoco.org to register and for more information.

Sept. 16th, Pioneer Day festivities begin with **Junktique** in the 100 block of Santa Fe. The festival continues with the **Florence Pioneer Day Parade** at 10 a.m. Downtown Florence. music, awards and entertainment will be featured in Pioneer Park after the parade.

Sept 17, Louie’s Street Dance in Florence in the evening in the 100 block of S. Pikes Peak Ave. For more information, call 784-6903.

Sept. 17, Soap Box Derby event will be offered all day near Harrison School at 920 Field Ave. in Cañon City. For more information, call Charlie Brown at 431-2187 or go to www.soapboxderby.org/

Sept. 17, Humane Society Breakfast Fundraiser will be held from 7-10 a.m. Get your tickets today. Seats are limited. Call or stop by Humane Society at 110 Rhodes Ave. or call 275-0663. Meals are \$7 for adults or \$5 for children 12 and under.

Sept. 24, Bikes & Brews will begin at 8 a.m. on Macon Plaza. The event combines the Royal Gorge Century Ride (50k & Metric routes too) with Micros on Macon Beer Festival. Join Fremont Adventure Recreation for an experience you won’t forget. Proceeds will benefit the continued growth of FAR.

Sept. 24, The Winery at the Holy Cross Abbey offers its 2016 Harvest Festival from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Wine, music, art and food. For more information, visit abbeywinery.com/harvest-fest/

Oct. 1, The Penrose Chamber of Commerce 81st Apple Day Festival. The theme for this year’s Apple Day is “Famous Apples throughout history.” Event consists of vendors, a parade, apple pie contest, entertainment and lots of good food being served all over town. **Apple Day** begins at 6 a.m. with the pancake breakfast at the Penrose Volunteer Fire Department, which is always a great turn-out. This year, the Penrose afghans will be for sale, which are available at the Penrose Chamber of Commerce office.

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Another Vast Right-Wing Conspiracy

In 1998, First Lady Hillary Clinton invoked the words “vast right-wing conspiracy” in defense of her husband, President Bill Clinton, amid the sex scandal that would eventually cause his impeachment. It has its own Wikipedia page. Bill Clinton also used the same terms when criticism was leveled at the current occupant of the Oval Office. Now it has been brought out of the political bag of tricks again by Democratic Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton to deflect the fact that she used her position as Secretary of State to enrich herself in a pay-to-play scheme. AP and Judicial Watch have used Clinton’s own emails to confirm that she and her aids demanded money in return for access to State Department meetings.

Whenever the Clintons come under fire, they roll out the victim card and tell the media that they are the brunt of a “vast right-wing conspiracy.” The New York Times posted a video of Clinton responding to the AP/Judicial Watch bribery scheme confirmations by attacking her “opponent” as a racist, submitting to a “reemerging racist ideology known as the alt-right.” Clinton has avoided public appearances and media contact during this truth storm, revealing her ongoing corruption and disregard for national security. When she finally came out of hiding, she employed this long-standing Clinton strategy—answer allegations with smears and conspiracy theory, while claiming her opponent is smearing her.

When Clinton and the Democratic Party operatives smear their opponent with racist and bigot allegations, they

really mean that anyone who votes for him is also a racist and a bigot. Nobody wants to be considered a racist or a bigot or part of some outrageous vast right-wing conspiracy or the alt right wing, whatever that is. So the Clintons are trying to shame you into voting for her or not voting at all because while she may be the most corrupt candidate in recent memory, at least those who vote for her are not part of a vast right-wing, alt right, racist, bigot conspiracy. Nevertheless, that’s how the left views Christians who are pro-life and believe in the right to bear arms. They have repeatedly said it.

The Clintons are experts at insinuation and painting a smear picture of their opponents. They are artful at making people lose their nerve to vote over fear of being labeled something unacceptable to society. While claiming they are the victims of smear, (which in reality is factual evidence of their wrong-doing,) they smear others and label them so the non-thinking people will shy away. This is their tried and true campaign strategy. Don’t take the bait. Ephesians 5:6,7, says, “Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things comes the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not you therefore partakers with them.” On election day, we should hit the “alt-control-delete” button on the Clinton campaign against America, and not allow her to paint Christian Americans as “alt-right.”

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
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If Trump Loses, It’s Going to Be a New America

by Frosty Wooldridge,
U.S. Defense Watch

Tucker Carlson, host and journalist for FOX News said, “If Trump loses, it’s going to be a new America.”

No truer statement could be said about America’s fate in the 21st century. If Hillary Clinton wins, she promises

with U.S. Constitutional law.

Latinos will work for Spanish as the national language because they will become the majority ethnic group by 2042—a scant 26 years from now. They will work for de facto Mexican dominance in the Southwest to return at least four states

enclaves. Nine out of 10 Muslim immigrants enjoy total welfare for their sustenance. [Living out] one of the Qur’an’s mandates: “... conquer foreign lands and live off the spoils of war.”

No one ever dreamed that Muslims would conquer America or Europe by living off the West’s welfare programs, and then, simply out birthing host countries to become dominant. Note: Belgium will become the first Islamic caliphate in Europe, followed quickly by Norway and Sweden. It’s happening right before our eyes. And, as the Mus-

food stamps, free breakfasts and lunches and Section 8 Housing—all paid for by American taxpayers. Legal and illegal immigrants dominate 60 percent of the prison population.

This scenario plays out in every major city in America: Miami, Baltimore, Atlanta, Cleveland, Denver (172 different languages in Denver Public Schools, my home town), Minneapolis, Buffalo, Boston, Seattle, Cincinnati and the list grows.

As a six continent world bicycle traveler for the past 45 years, I’ve seen

“You may call it an ‘international free-for-all’ within our country.”

to bring in 100,000 more Syrian Muslim refugees, if not more, during her four-year term. She promises total amnesty for 20 to 30 million illegal aliens. She stands with Muslims like Khizr Khan who openly advocates for Sharia Law being implemented into America to supplant U.S. Constitutional law. Hillary Clinton works for open borders to create an even greater flow of all immigrants into America.

The results of Hillary Clinton’s immigration juggernaut will be a whopping 100,000,000 third world immigrants from 190 different countries imported into the United States of America within 30 years. **We will jump from 324 million in 2016 to 438 million by 2050.** One hundred million of that number will be legal immigrants and their children, plus chain-migrated relatives. Those demographic facts face our children or anyone around the age of 30 today. (Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Population Projections by Fogel/Martin, Roy Beck, www.NumberUSA.org, www.CapsWeb.org)

If Trump loses, it will be “everybody’s America” but it won’t be America with Americans anymore. It will become a polyglot of incompatible races, cultures and religions—fighting among themselves for power and position. No one will be pulling in the same direction because they will all be pulling toward multiple directions. You may call it an “international free-for-all” within our country.

Muslims will work to establish Sharia Law as their numbers grow by using the power of the ballot box. They’ll create parallel societies completely at odds

back under Mexican rule.

Black Lives Matter and other organizations like the Black Panthers will disrupt cities with violence at the drop of a hat.

It will be a ‘new America’ but it will no longer be the United States of America. It’s coming as surely as the dawn. Note this passage from Governor Richard Lamm’s famous 2003

“It’s coming as surely as the dawn.”

speech on “How to Destroy America”:

Lamm said, “If you believe that America is too smug, too self-satisfied, too rich, then let’s destroy America. It is not that hard to do. No nation in history has survived the ravages of time. Arnold Toynbee observed that all great civilizations rise and fall, and that, ‘An autopsy of history would show that all great nations commit suicide.’”

We gallop toward that destiny!

“...all great nations commit suicide.”

One look at Detroit, Michigan, shows any American that Muslims mean business. That city now features hundreds of mosques, Arabic in their schools, displacement of Americans and the call to worship five times daily. It resembles a “Little Baghdad.” De facto Sharia law already governs Detroit in the Muslim

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lims dominate, more violence such as Paris, Charlie Hebdo massacre, Brussels, Nice, stabbings in London this week by another jihadist Muslim, rapes in Sweden, Boston Marathon, Orlando, San Bernardino, beheadings like Moore, Oklahoma, honor killings, FGM and the list grows.

In New York City today, linguistic experts show that 800 languages dominate that city with 36 percent foreign-born residents. Notice hundreds of different national flags waving in the breeze along side of “Old Glory.” Notice Eu-

“De facto Sharia law already governs Detroit in the Muslim enclaves.”

ropean-Americans fleeing the Big Apple by the thousands as crime, language and incompatible creeds overwhelm American culture.

One look at Chicago shows over 2,000,000 illegal aliens who will be given amnesty by Hillary. They will tap into more food stamps, medical care and social services with their children and other dependents. Today, Chicago remains a violent third world enclave with hundreds of murders annually. Shootouts dominate the evening news. European-Americans flee for their lives.

Take a look at Los Angeles. Over 100 languages dominate its school systems. Millions of kids subsist off

it; I watched it and I’ve cringed to see it developing at Warp nine speed into America. And, the American people don’t possess a clue as to their children’s future.

If Hillary Clinton wins, Tucker Carlson hit it dead on as to his charge that it will be a new America.” It will be a fragmented, fractured, linguistically conflicted, racially tense and religiously tormented country. It will eventually fragment into sections or degrade to third world misery—much like India.

Again, to drive it home, this passage from Governor Richard Lamm’s famous 2003 speech on “How to Destroy America”:

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The Stunning Collapse of Obamacare Coverage in 2017

by Tyler Durden,
ZeroHedge.com

Remember when Obama toured around the country telling everyone that Obamacare was going to increase competition and lower premiums? If not, here is an example to help jog your memory (comments taken from Obama remarks delivered at Prince George's Community College on 9/26/13):

Now, this is real simple. It's a website where you can compare and purchase affordable health insurance plans, side-by-side, the same way you shop for a plane ticket on Kayak -- (laughter) -- same way you shop for a TV on Amazon. You just go on and you start looking, and here are all the options.

It's buying insurance on the private market, but because now you're part of a big group plan -- everybody in Maryland is all logging in and taking a look at the prices -- you've got new choices. Now you've got new competition, because insurers want your business. And that means you will have cheaper prices.

(Applause.)
Well, as we've pointed out numerous times things are not really playing out as Obama had hoped with premiums skyrocketing (see "Obamacare On 'Verge Of Collapse' As Premiums Set To Soar Again In 2017") and "competition" collapsing (see "Tennessee Insurance Commissioner Warns Obamacare 'Very Near Collapse'").

The two maps (right) prove that point beautifully by illustrating the epic collapse of Obamacare coverage in just 1 year. A collapse that will leave a stunning number of people across the country with only ONE option for health insurance. Meanwhile, healthcare shoppers in Pinal County, Arizona, will actually be left with no options in 2017 as all carriers have abandoned service there. (charts per the New York Times) Meanwhile, the Obama administration continues to insist that all is well with the Affordable Care Act.

Per the New York Times:
The Obama administration says it is too early to eval-

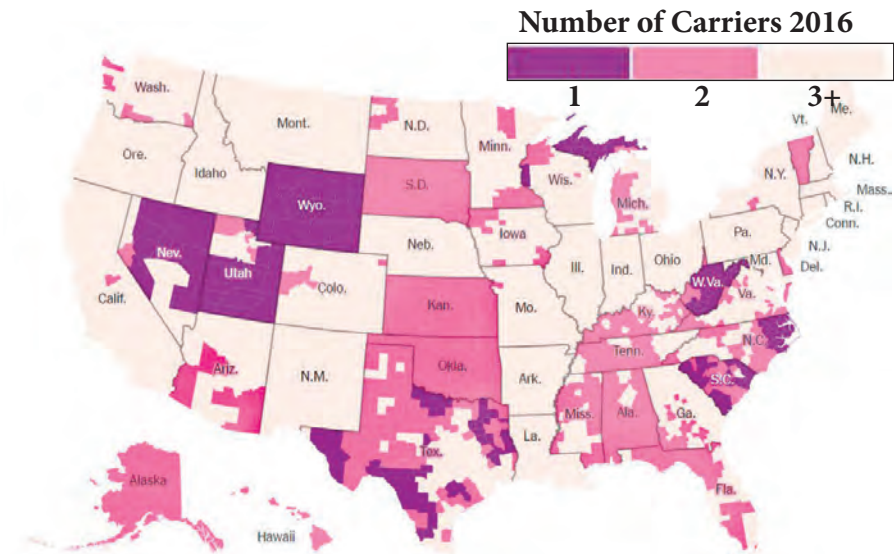
uate competition in the Obamacare markets for 2017. Marjorie Connolly, a spokeswoman for the Department of Health and Human Services, said: "A number of steps remain before the full picture of marketplace competition and prices are known. Regardless, we remain confident that the majority of marketplace consumers will have multiple choices and will be able to select a plan for less than \$75 per month when Open Enrollment begins Nov. 1."

The first step is admitting you have a problem.

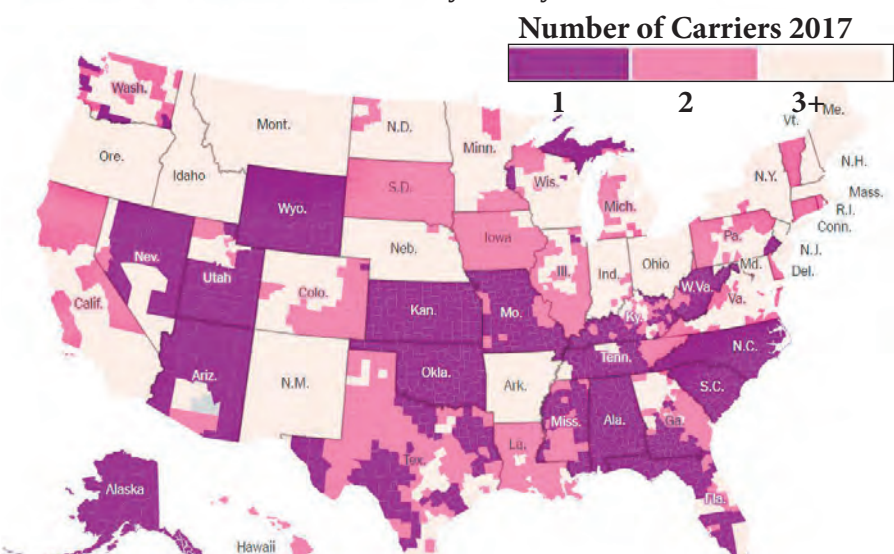
(Editor/GG: The stupidity of the people who vote for liberals is just beyond comprehension. This was ALL predicted by thousands of economists, business people, and regular folks who understand basic economics. The problem now is the republicans haven't done a darn thing about this. And won't. And I voted for them. I guess I was stupid, too.)

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2016 healthcare insurance carries by county:



2017 healthcare insurance carries by county:



Source: McKinsey Center for U.S. Health System Reform

343,916 Reasons Why The Fed Is Anything But Independent

by Tyler Durden,
ZeroHedge.com

Just a week ago we were surprised to find that current Federal Reserve Governor Lael Brainard gave \$750 in three contributions to Clinton's campaign between November and January, according to Federal Election Commission records.

And while Fed officials sometimes identify with either major political party, as Bloomberg correctly notes, "donations to a presidential candidate by a senior policy maker are unusual, particularly at a time when the central bank is trying to guard its independence from pol-

non-partisan and independent, a sitting governor has given money to Hillary Clinton.

Hardly a glowing endorsement for the apoliticalness, or for that matter intelligence, of the Fed and as Bloomberg's Craig Torres writes, Brainard's donations "could provide fuel for Republican narratives about the proximity of the Fed and the board to the Obama administration," said Sarah Binder, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution who is writing a book about politics and the central bank.

But it is not a "one-off" - very far from it...

Since the 2004 Presidential election,

uary, Fed employees in this cycle have contributed \$54,235, with 88 percent going to Democrats.

The falling Republican support comes at a time when the central bank is trying to protect its independence from critics in Congress and the top Republican candidates are calling for more scrutiny of the institution.

Trump, Rubio and Cruz have all backed legislation that would subject monetary-policy decisions to increased congressional scrutiny. Fed officials have said that would politicize deliberations that should focus purely on economics.

"I always felt that sustaining the institution against the political arena was the important thing," said Robert Smith, who retired in 2011 after working for 43 years at the Dallas Fed.

Another former Fed employee mostly agreed, but added that political outlook can sway economic research.

"If a person leans to being on the liberal side of the political spectrum they're more likely to favor intervention," said Daniel Thornton, a former economist at the St. Louis Fed and now an adjunct scholar at the conservative Cato Institute. "You'd like to say it's all based on facts, but when you talk about macro-economics, the facts are pretty fungible."

An un-independent Fed and "fungible facts" - just what we need to centrally-plan an economy!

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Muslims in America, Let's Read the Constitution

by Jake McCaulay,
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Though Donald Trump and his recent feud with the father of a decorated Muslim Army captain killed in Iraq has brought the discussion about Muslims in America to the public forum, it is not a new discussion.

During the time of our founding, Islam was a major religion in many parts of the world. Therefore, there were numerous Muslims living in America during the time of its founding. Naturally, there was great concern over Muslims taking over America's Christian value system, especially since America was in a war against Islamic terrorists - the Barbary Powers War - that spanned over the presidencies of George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison.

Concerning the fear of Muslims holding high office in America, Supreme Court Justice James Iredell, who was nominated to the Court by President Washington, stated:

But it is objected that the people of America may perhaps choose representatives who have no religion at all, and that pagans and Mahometans (Muslims) may be admitted into offices. . . . But

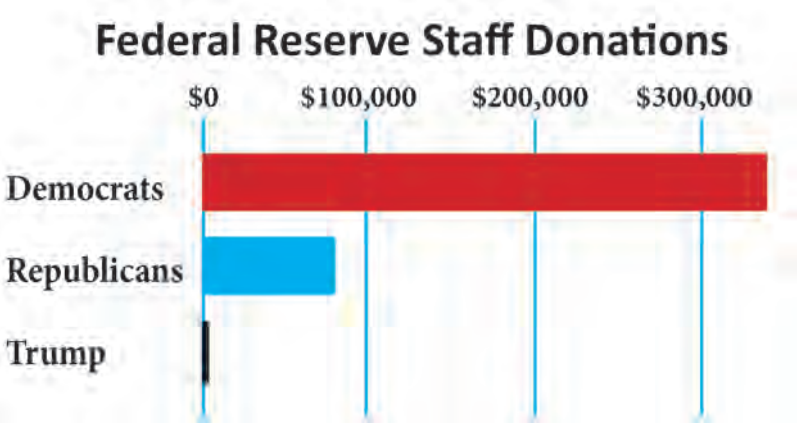
it is never to be supposed that the people of America will trust their dearest rights to persons who have no religion at all, or a religion materially different from their own.

The purpose of the clause found in Article 6 of the U.S. Constitution stating "no religious test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office or public Trust under the United States" was born out of the overwhelming concern that our new Republic might establish a national religion. This was extremely dangerous to our founders, and reasonably so! Europe and England alike had recently plunged into horrific religious persecutions sanctioned by civil governments!

The Anglican Church of England had at its head none other than the King of England, and the brutal tactics of those under his authority proved to be calamitous and tragic to Americans, who often worshiped, taught, and evangelized in churches not sanctioned by the king.

The intent of our founders was not to sanction religions outside of Christianity, but rather in words of Supreme Court Justice and Father of American Jurisprudence,

MUSLIMS
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itics. The Fed's authority has been criticized during the campaign, and both Democratic and Republican lawmakers have questioned decisions about regulation and monetary policy."

And here is the Republican soundbite for when the Trump campaign shifts to important things like the Fed:

At a time when Federal Reserve officials are making the case that monetary policy needs to be

Bloomberg reports that individuals listing the Fed as their employer have made legally capped donations totaling \$436,555 to federal candidates, parties and partisan political action committees. Of that, \$343,916, or 79 percent, went to Democrats.

And Zero went to Donald Trump...

The partisan preference has grown stronger since the 2012 presidential election. Through Jan-

Paris, 1787: It Reaches Manhattan, Doubtless Due to Continental Drift

by Fred Reed,
FredOnEverything.Org

It is easy to underestimate the peasantry, the little people. They appear well under control. All seems calm, unless one looks carefully. The means of control work smoothly: the legions, the church, the media, the secret police, the enforcers of political correctness. The serfs are cowed. Why worry about a distant peonage? Do we not have our castles? Let us dance and drink champagne.

And then comes the guillotine.

I know three young women of exceptional intelligence and talent, all of them mature and disciplined. They cannot find jobs. It is not from lack of trying, far from it. One of them is married to a hard-working man in a highly technical field usually associated with wealth. He is paid a low hourly wage and forced to work on contract, meaning that he has neither benefits nor retirement. His employers know that if he leaves, they can easily find another to take his place. They have him where they want him.

Which may prove a mistake.

Yet this has become a pattern. In a country that prides itself on wealth and justice and boundless opportunity, none of these things actually exists except for our Bourbons. The rich in their

"they are carrion birds picking the carcass clean"

palaces in Manhattan and Santa Clara prosper mightily, often by impoverishing the rest. It has happened many times in history. The results have been similar.

The guillotine was devised as a humanitarian measure to cut off a criminal's head cleanly, the ax-wielding headsmen of the time being notorious for missed strokes and subsequent horror. When the meek and mild peasantry rose in 1789, proving to be less meek and mild than believed, the humanitarian aspects of the instrument were forgotten. The populace just wanted to see their betters bleed. They saw.

In the United States of today, clouds gather as the

royalty toast each other with expensive wines. In numbers that a half century ago would have seemed impossible, the American young live with their parents, being unable to find jobs to support themselves. Waitressing in a good bar pays better in tips than a woman with a college degree can otherwise earn, assuming that she can earn anything at all. Employers having learned to hire them as individual contractors, they move into their thirties with no hope of a pension for their old age.

Desperation and hatred are close cousins.

Meanwhile, Jeffrey Bezos of Amazon makes space-ships and buys the *Washington Post* as a toy and the newspapers have reported that a Croesus of Wall Street has bought a Modigliani, it may have been, for \$55 million dollars.

Marie didn't actually say, "Let them eat cake," but might well have. Instead they ate her. But it can't happen here. Oh no.

The homeless in San Francisco are now described as "a plague." There seem to be ever more of them. But not to worry. Never worry. The stock market remains

exuberant. In nearby Silicon Valley, a man buys a new Lamborghini every year.

The Russians simply shot their royal family in a basement in Ekaterinburg. The Romanovs, or at least those Romanovs, were actually nice people, very much an Ozzie and Harriet family. Perhaps if you met Bezos, or Mark Zuckerberg or Bill Gates or Elon Musk, you would find them charming, even decent. They probably give money to charity. So did Andrew Carnegie. The Romanovs just didn't pay enough attention. Neither, perhaps, do newer Romanovs.

Unrest breeds surprises.

"And then comes the guillotine."

Maybe Louis XVI thought, "It can never happen here." Today the African population of America is openly insurgent, the middle class sinks, jobs continue leaving under the stewardship of the rich, the government either will not or cannot enforce its laws, the borders are open, half of the

country seethes in fury at the other half, and the sale of guns is at record heights.

When people realize that they really have no country, only a collection of rapacious interests, history becomes...creative. In theory, Congress and the President have the well-being of the nation at heart and at least to some extent seek to effect the betterment of the whole. Really they are carrion birds picking the carcass clean and, perhaps, planning flight to the French Riviera.

Mussolini ended as an ornament in the Italian street, hanging upside down from a meat hook. He should have paid more attention.

A short walk from the Capitol in Washington, whole housing developments lie empty, their windows sometimes bricked up to keep the derelicts out. In abandoned houses turned shooting galleries, of which there are many, empty cans of Vienna sausages and old bottles of fortified wine lie among used needles and rags stained with things better not reflected upon. You can live for a surprising time on Vienna sausages, Night Train, and Ritz crackers. Many do. Their organs eventually fail.

No one sees these things, so they cannot be important. In this best of all possible worlds the wealthy buy homes for \$100 million and sleep secure in their beds, knowing that only half of the country would love to hang them from lamp posts. True, the rise of Donald Trump may disturb the elites a bit as they enrich themselves by sending more jobs abroad. But not to worry. Trump is only Mussolini by Disney and the fury his supporters feel toward New York and Washington will go away once we have Hillary in office. Fly-over land doesn't really matter anyway.

Unless of course it does, in which case Uber should stock up on tumbrils.

(Editor/GG: Confession: I had to look "tumbriel" up in the dictionary. Does that make me a redneck? Well, a tumbriel is a two wheeled farm cart that can be tipped to slide off its load. It was used in the french revolution to bring the cloud people to the guillotine. Time to stock up.)

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Joseph Story, "The real object of the (First) Amendment was, not to countenance, much less to advance Mahometanism (Islam), or Judaism, or infidelity, by prostrating Christianity; but to exclude all rivalry among Christian sects, and to prevent any national ecclesiastical establish-

ment, which should give to a hierarchy the exclusive patronage of the national government."

Lastly, we definitely need to understand that when our founders referred to religion, they were referring to the blessed religion of our Lord Jesus Christ - the same Lord they acknowledged when signing the Constitution "in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hun-

dred and eighty seven."

Why were they so exclusive? Simple: because Christianity is the ONLY system of worship designed to bring liberty and freedom to all mankind, who were created in God's image.

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Captain John Parker, Lexington Green, April 19, 1775

'Standing Army' Oath-Breakers Attack 2nd Amendment

by David Codrea, Oath Keepers

"Veterans Are Key Allies in the Fight to Reduce Gun Violence," retired U.S. Army Gen. Peter Chiarelli writes in *Time*.

"While our gun-violence crisis is complex, there is no doubt that our weak, gap-ridden gun laws help fuel the violence by making it too easy for dangerous people to access firearms," he explains. "Right now under federal law, felons, domestic abusers and the dangerously mentally ill have the option of buying a gun without a background check and with no questions asked. Even people who are considered by the [sic] Federal Bureau of Investigation to be a known or suspected terrorist can pass a background check and legally buy a gun."

Chiarelli is, of course, an agenda-motivated liar, which is disgraceful. Anyone convicted of the crimes he cites is a "prohibited person," barred by federal law from gun possession.

"Extremist groups like al-Qaeda and ISIS have long urged their followers to use our country's weak gun laws to acquire deadly weapons and commit active shooter terrorism here in America," Chiarelli elaborates, playing the terror card to spook the herd. Why the h3!! such savages are in this country in the first place – not just "allowed," but whose presence is part of a "fundamental transformation" plot by subversives in positions of power – is a question deflected by shifting public focus to guns (and calling people who question it "Islamaphobes"). The "progressive" establishment media is, of course, enthusiastic to play along, and to

"Nightclubs have become battlefields. Schools have become combat zones. Movie theaters have become theaters of war. This should anger us. It should make us want to do better. And we can."

–Retired U.S. Army General Peter Chiarelli

Spoken like a true talking point parrot and oath-breaking tool.

Taken from (Americans for Responsible Solutions/Facebook)

help smear anyone who objects as an isolationist xenophobe and worse.

Besides, it's not like anyone but us "rightwing extremist anti-government haters" is much interested in looking more closely at that "rigorous security screening" those same subversives assure us will keep such terrorists out. That's not the kind of talk the wannabe rulers, their lackeys and their useful idiots want to hear.

What Chiarelli actually objects to is a pesky impediment to totalitarianism known as "due process." He's already proven disdain for the Bill of Rights with his gun nonsense, so subverting the rest of the Constitution should come as no surprise.

Naturally, he blames "the gun lobby." The controllers find it useful to direct their "two minute hate" at a monolith, meaning it does not serve their purposes to acknowl-

edge that "lobby" includes every one of us who believe without apology in our right to keep and bear arms.

And Chiarelli's "solution"?

Team up with Mark Kelly and Gunrabby Gabby to pose as supporters of "common sense" in what we're being told is a "Veteran's Coalition." There appear to be a lot of high-ranking veteran names on that "team," many of them prominent generals and admirals, and many of them with careers that reflect achievements and distinction, making their participation all the more insidious.

We've talked about oath-breaking veterans before, several times, including some with distinguished service records. But it's not what they did in the past; it's what they're doing now that we need to concern ourselves with. Sadly, and in the more ambitious cases unforgivably, giving aid and comfort

to domestic enemies and working against their oaths and the rights of their countrymen, is what's relevant here.

Whether motivations for supporting incremental civilian disarmament steps are sincere or self-serving hardly matters, and many would no doubt maintain they "support the second Amendment BUT." The long game agenda of those pushing a "monopoly of violence" is exactly that, and anything that allows their efforts to move closer to that goal establishes a beachhead from which to launch the next incursion.

For now, the cards the "Veteran's Coalition" is willing to show are meant to seem "reasonable," at least to anyone who doesn't inspect them too closely:

- Urging our elected leaders to close the loopholes in our background check laws that let felons, domestic abusers and the dangerously mentally ill buy guns without a criminal background check.
- Strengthening existing laws and ensuring lawmakers and stakeholders have the resources and training they need to prevent gun tragedies.
- Partnering with other groups in the veterans community on suicide prevention and mental health.

In other words:

- Lie about what's lawful and eliminate private sales in a scheme that the National Institute of Justice admits won't work without gun registration, something which all convicted criminals are exempted from

being required to do.

- Throw in a nebulous statement that says nothing but allows everything, in order to promise something that can't be delivered.
- Further screw over and disarm veterans while ignoring true due process that affords the same protections against rights being stripped as a jury trial.

It's curious to note that the first goal — the so-called "universal background check" being pushed by Bloomberg money in the states because there's no belly for it (yet) in Congress — is something the government and military "leaders" have totally dropped the ball on when it comes to America's most dangerous enemies, the very ones that it exists to protect us against.

The "Pentagon admits 'lapses in accountability' led to loss of hundreds of thousands of U.S. guns in Afghanistan and Iraq," *Zero Hedge* reports. "This is a stunning admission by the DoD of the lack of accountability in tracking assets that could ultimately be used by terrorists to fight our own troops."

That would be the same Department of Defense that can't account for \$6.5 trillion, a situation that's only grown significantly worse since \$2.3 trillion was reported unaccounted for in 2001.

These are some of the people now demanding accountability for our guns?

We know the Founders feared a standing army, and that the military is supposed to be subordinate to civilian authority. We also know the attitudes of Chiarelli and some of his partners in civilian disarmament like Stanley McChrystal, David Petraeus and Wesley Clark give cause to still hold those fears. It's fair to ask what directives those now in charge won't execute when so ordered by an administration sharing their disdain for an armed citizenry, and the non-optional mandate "shall not be infringed."

It brings home the urgency of re-dedicating ourselves to spreading the word about "orders we will not obey." It also stands as a stark reminder that at one time, one of our most respected military leaders was a guy named Arnold.

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Hillary Clinton is running the first presidential campaign in the history of the United States based explicitly on the gutting of a core Constitutional and human right.

Clinton has made attacking the human right of self-defense a key part of her 2016 campaign, and if she's elected—and down-ballot Democrats manage to take control of the Senate and/or House—she's poised to be able to destroy the gun rights of American citizens in three distinct ways.

- Place progressive, anti-gun justices on the Supreme Court
- Pass bans on a wide range of common firearms
- Repeal the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA)

Stacking the Supreme Court With Anti-Gun Justices

There is already one opening on the U.S. Supreme Court following the death of textualist Justice Antonin Scalia, and there are likely to be more justices who either retire, or simply pass on due to their advanced ages in the next four years.

Progressive Ruth Bader Ginsburg is 83. Moderate Anthony Kennedy is 80. Liberal-moderate Stephen Breyer is 78.

The next President will appoint a replacement for Scalia, and there has been some terrifying speculation on who that may be.

If the next President is Clinton, and Democrats manage to win control of the Senate in a “wave” election, there’s a good chance that she’s not only be able to appoint a left-leaning justice, but

one with radical progressive ideology. Two of the other three elderly justices (Ginsburg, Breyer) may also retire if Clinton were to take office, to be replaced by much younger and more radicalized justices. I don’t think Justice Kennedy would choose to retire under Clinton, but at 80 years old, health issues forcing retirement, or simply death, are always a possibility.

If Clinton wins, she will appoint at least one Supreme Court Justice, and plausibly as many as four. This would assure a dramatic leftward shift in the court. While it is unlikely that a “Clinton Court” will directly challenge the Heller decision, they will almost certainly decide whether the many state and local “assault weapon” bans weaving their way through lower courts are indeed constitutional. This ties in directly to the next threat of a Clinton presidency.

Banning a Wide Range Of Popular Firearms and Accessories

Clinton’s radicalized rhetoric has championed both bans on what she calls “weapons of war,” and the “Australian model” of gun buybacks under the threat of government force.

Actual “weapons of war”—machine guns and selective-fire firearms—have not been manufactured for the civilian market for 30 years, and cannot be, due to the Hughes Amendment to the Firearm Owners Protection Act of 1986 (FOPA).

Yes, you heard that correctly. Despite serial lies by Democrats and the mainstream media, actual military rifles are not manufactured for the American market and haven’t been for over a generation.

What Clinton actually wants to ban are the most common fire-

arms sold in the United States. This includes common hunting rifles, target rifles, many popular handguns, standard rifle and pistol magazines, and—if Clinton follows Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey’s deranged lead, could result in the majority of firearms designed in the past 100 years being banned.

The threat of new federal gun laws is even more pronounced if gun owners unhappy with their choice of Presidential candidates, opt to sit the 2016 elections out entirely, and Democrats manage to gain seats in the House and Senate, or even win majorities outright.

Dismantling the Protection of Lawful Commerce In Arms Act

Hillary Clinton has made it clear that her “death blow” against the Second Amendment won’t be an attempt to repeal the Second Amendment directly, but to instead drive the gun industry itself out of business.

The weapon she has chosen to attack your human right to self defense is the repeal of the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, or PLCAA.

Clinton has attacked PLCAA repeatedly on the campaign trail, and—lying about it shamelessly—claiming that it grants the firearms industry “immunity” from lawsuits.

This claim is entirely false, which Clinton well knows.

PLCAA does one thing, and one thing only: it protects the firearms industry from frivolous lawsuits filed by gun control supporters looking to bankrupt gun dealers and gun companies.

In the 1990s and early 2000s, the Brady Campaign (formerly called the National Council to Control Handguns and Handgun Control,

Inc.) used deep-pocketed gun control supporters to finance what was known as “lawfare.”

Anti-gun attorneys would look for people to use as patsies to serve as plaintiffs in frivolous civil lawsuits against gun dealers, distributors, and manufacturers. The goal of these suits were always transparent, and always the same. These gun control supporters didn’t really care if they won or lost their cases, or if their plaintiff patsies were ripped to emotional shreds; their goal was then (and remains now) to force gun dealers, distributors, and manufacturers to have to hire expensive attorneys and spend hundreds of thousands to millions of dollars in legal fees to defend themselves in court.

PLCAA was passed into law specifically to keep a handful of gun control supporting billionaires from bankrupting the American gun industry from top to bottom with frivolous lawsuits. Hillary Clinton wants to repeal PLCAA so that her allies, such as Michael Bloomberg, can then finance wave after wave of lawsuits to bankrupt gun companies with exorbitant legal fees.

If Clinton is successful in her goal of repealing PLCAA—which she could very conceivably do if she is elected in a “wave” that sees Democrats pick up seats in the House and Senate—then no gun dealer or manufacturer, or sporting goods store, or ammunition company, would be immune to frivolous lawsuits, and all would be sued out of business.

You would not be able to buy new guns, because there would be no manufacturers or importers after they were targeted, one-by-one.

In many states where universal background checks are required, you would not be able to buy, sell,

or trade existing guns, as dealer after dealer would be sued out of business.

You would not be able to buy ammunition for your existing guns, as ammunition companies would also be targeted for extermination as Brady tried to do against Lucky Gunner as recently as last year (only to have their case struck down by a judge citing PLCAA).

This truly is an “all or nothing” election, folks.

If you own any firearm of any kind, for any reason, or ever want to own a firearm for any reason, electing Hillary Clinton is simply non-viable.

I know that there are Republicans, Democrats, third-party voters and political agnostics who aren’t thrilled with their choices of Presidential candidates this year. I’m certainly not.

I will tell you that if she is elected, Hillary Clinton will seek to destroy not just your right, but your ability to own, trade, and shoot the most common firearms in the United States.

All of them, without exception.

This includes your bolt-action deer rifle, your pump shotgun, your grandfather’s heirloom revolver, the pistol you purchased for self defense, and the little .22 rifle you learned to shoot as a kid.

Consider yourself warned, and vote strategically to protect the Constitution and the right to bear arms against the most dangerous and corrupt candidate to ever be nominated for President.

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General Peter Chiarelli Invites Veterans to Violate Their Oath

by Herschel Smith,
The Captain's Journal

(Editor/GG: This is Herschel's comments on General Chiarelli's speech on why he wants to eliminate the Second Amendment. (Please read the accompanying article, "'Standing Army' Oath-Breakers Attack 2nd Amendment" first.) Sadly, the U.S. armed forces high command has become completely politicized in the last few decades with many true patriots being driven out of service. What we have now is simply career-first, uniformed socialist flag officers cowering to the corrupt oligarchs running our country. To these generals, it is NOT country or troops first, it is ME first. Read below what General McChrystal did to our troops in Afghanistan. The entire structure has been taken

over by the socialists. It will be forcibly applied to all locales in short order. Contact Left!)

So apparently, Chiarelli has joined the ranks of the gun controllers, or more probably he was always in their ranks and is of that particular ilk. He invokes the emotional “terrorist watch list” card, but he knows that there shouldn’t even be any such thing as a terrorist watch list since it is concocted out of whole cloth by the unaccountable federal executive based on suppositions and conjecture. He knows. He just doesn’t care.

He has clearly aligned himself with murderer Stanley McChrystal and adulterer David Petraeus. On these two, I have made my own position clear.

“... the irony is that McChrystal, who issued the

most restrictive rules of engagement ever promulgated on American troops, waxes know-it-all on what it takes to keep our people safe. He can micromanage the campaign, release a bunch of inept, bureaucratic, PowerPoint jockeys into highly protected mega-bases to command the troops under fire in the field, turn so-called general purpose troops into constabulary patrolmen, and become a laughingstock when his juvenile staff turned party-animal with Rolling Stone. But he didn’t manage the campaign in such a manner as to keep our children in uniform safe in Afghanistan. If he didn’t do that, why should I care what he has to say about anything else regarding my safety?

This is what happens when media stars think they know something about policy. So here is a suggestion for Mr.

McChrystal; You go read the lamentations on this article from the families and widows of SFC Kenneth Westbrook, Gunner Sgt Aaron M Kenefick, Corpsman James Ray “Doc” Layton, and others in the Ganjgal engagement. You know the one I’m talking about, even if others have forgotten. You and I will never forget. The one where they left our men to perish without fire support because of your rules of engagement. You sleep with this reality, if you can, you ponder on those men and their lives morning and night, and you lament with the widows and families. And then you tell me why I should give a s*** what you have to say about anything, much less what it takes to keep my children or loved ones safe?

... McChrystal, with his ROE, is a murderer. I don’t give a s*** what he says

about anything. As for Petraeus, he is an adulterer and that, during deployment when men under his charge were suffering and dying.

I’m glad those are the best two men this ungodly bunch could come up with. Those two men should be embarrassments to the gun controller crowd. It gives me amusement and pleasure to have them as enemies.”

Chiarelli is now part of the cool kids gang along with all of the other statists. I’m glad to have him as an enemy. But if he rationalizes his own adultery towards his oath to the constitution, right after reminding us that he did in fact take such an oath, he makes matters worse by telling us that he has no respect whatsoever for those who served and suffered. He invites veterans to break their oath as well.

My suspicion is that the ranks of veterans isn’t fertile ground for Chiarelli and his gang of cool kids. But it should be enough that he thinks no more of you [veterans] than to surmise that you might be an oath-breaker just like him, and he would sooner see you sent to h3!! than lose his political fight to control other people and take their liberties.

What contemptible trash. How sad that men such as him were in charge of any campaign at all. They are all as bad as the corrupt politicians they serve, and dear veteran, if you side with them, you’re no better than they are.

Please see: <http://www.captainsjournal.com/2016/08/25/general-peter-chiarelli-invites-veterans-to-violate-their-oath/>

Politics & The Bible

From Pastor Jim

Jim Modlish has been in the ministry 50 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.



What's 400 Million Among Friends?

The Weekly Standard recently reported that: "A day after the deal with Iran over its nuclear program was implemented in January, the Obama administration paid \$1.7 billion to Iran to settle an old Iranian claim (unfinished business from the 1970s). At the same time, the Islamic Republic released four Americans it held in prison. The timing was striking; it looked an awful lot like a ransom payment. But the White House denied it." The Wall Street Journal published further details which make it all but impossible for any reasonable observer to deny that the White House paid off the regime in Tehran in exchange for the liberty of U.S. citizens. The first installment of \$400 million, we now learn, came in cash.

In spite of White House spokesman Josh Earnest declaring that the United States "does not pay ransoms," the obvious is unmistakable. Barack Hussein Obama is paying off a regime that has been kidnapping and killing Americans for all 37 years of its existence. That fact alone lends a great deal of credence to the theory that the President is a closet Muslim. What else would motivate such insanity? Of course, there is always the possibility of some of that cash following a circular route which will eventually land in the Obama retirement fund. The Clintons have perfected "play for pays"; perhaps Obama has been a good student. Once again the Scriptures shed light on a murky situation..."money answereth all things" (Ecclesiastes 10:19). Modern translation—"if you don't understand a thing, there's a check in it!"

When the U.S. was busy kicking Sadaam Hussein out of Kuwait or scouring Iraq for the dictator, Iran fairly well behaved itself, but the ugly head of aggression is raised when the leadership of America is perceived to be weak. Consequently, during the presidency of Jimmy Carter, revolutionary gangs overran the U.S. embassy and held 52 Americans hostage for 444 days. The same regime believes Obama to be a paper tiger and acts accordingly.

Regardless of the theological Muslim bluster of Iran's leadership, they have no desire for self-annihilation which is evidenced by who wears the suicide vest. It's not the politicians or the Muslim clerics, but the poor unsuspecting dopes who have been convinced of the seventy virgin myth. The moral of the story is—that bullies only respect superior strength and force and a willingness to use it.

The more spiritually inclined may investigate God's attitude concerning hostage rescues. Two incidents come to mind which may guide us to a reasonable conclusion. The

first centers around Abraham who is referred to as the "friend of God." (Isaiah 41:8, James 2:23) Genesis 14 tells the story of a consortium of Palestinian kings who were conducting military raids on the Jews protected in the region: "And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way. And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

"And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born of his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan. And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them. And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people."

It's important to notice that this army of God's friend was trained. This was a military operation consisting of Navy Seals, Army Rangers, and tough U.S. Marines. Obama and Hillary would have left Abraham powerless to retrieve the hostages by virtue of "weapon controls," but the patriarch led an armory full of the best armament available. Here is the intriguing part...after Abraham puts the heavy hurt on the bad guys, he is still God's friend. We will leave it up to the reader to determine whether the Lord is liberal or conservative.

The next occasion features David who is called God's servant thirty-three times in the Bible. David had been previously anointed to be the future king of Israel but spent years ducking and dodging the wrath of a jealous King Saul. David, along with his small army of 600 men and their families, spent some time lying low in Ziklag, a town in the southern frontier of Israel. While the troops were on reconnaissance, the Amalekites took advantage of David's absence, raided Ziklag, burned it, and carried away the residents. When the discovery was made "David inquired at the Lord, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? Shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all." (1 Samuel 30:8)

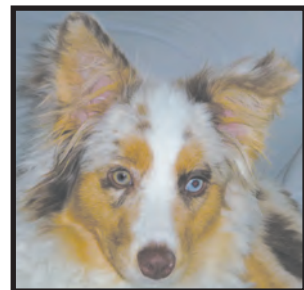
In full obedience, David chased down the camel jockeys, beat the tar out of them, and recovered all, including the possessions of the enemy. David did not give up the hostiles' 400 million, he took it! The Amalekites, a historical thorn in Israel's side, ceased to present any further problems. Imagine that! But then what does God know about setting a new tone with self-declared enemies; the only reconciliation He offers is at the foot of the cross.

A Sheepdog Barks!

Well this ole sheepdog continues to be cynical and now a little depressed. Don't even know where to begin this week. I suspect that if you are over 60 years old you might tend to agree with me. America, as we know it, and as we grew up in, is burning down before our eyes. Down is up, white is black and the sun is beginning to rise in the west and set in the east. Every day more and more things upset me and depress me. The National Football League (NFL) says it's okay not to stand up for the national anthem yet it is not okay to stand up for the Law Enforcement Community in America. The Dallas Cowboys were told they could not wear a decal on their helmets supporting the cops and the San Francisco 49ers QB was told it was okay to sit on the bench during America's anthem in order to protest the oppression in this country. REALLY? QB Colin Kaepernick, a biracial man identifying as black (like Obama), is making about \$19 million a year and he says America is not keeping its end of the bargain. What the h3!! is he talking about! He's stupid, uninformed and under educated, to say the least. He doesn't have a clue what real oppression is. I cannot believe anyone that really loves America would spend one dime this season to watch the SF 49ers play as long as that spoiled, ungrateful brat is on the team. Americans can also exercise their rights and refuse to help pay for that unpatriotic a**hole's salary. Disrespect to the flag and the anthem is disrespect to all those that have served in the military and especially to the ones who have died defending the right to speak out. He could easily speak out without using the flag and anthem as his platform. I could go on but a retired NFL player (yes, he is black) has spoken up and said it better than I could. Burgess Owens, former Oakland Raider, had this to say about Kaepernick and I'm paraphrasing. "I will not support what he is doing. This is the 'free-est' country in the world. We are not teaching our young people about our history. He is totally unappreciative of the freedoms we have. There is not a racial crisis in this country. There is an ideological

crisis. Too much Marxism, atheism, and socialism. Take Black Entertainment Television. It's not a black-owned company. It's owned by white liberal democrats that firehose my community with anti-white, anti-police, anti-American and anti-family liberal filth. They are white liberal bullies and cowards who use our race as breeders for democratic votes." WOW, right on the money! Burgess is a real American telling it like it is. He will be attacked as an Uncle Tom. He speaks a lot of truth and makes a lot of sense to me. He gets three barks! WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!

Another example of changing America is the Harvard Swim Team. A "transman", (I can't even believe words like this have worked their way into our daily vocabulary,) started swimming on the Harvard Women's Swim Team, but is now swimming on the Harvard Men's Swim Team. HUH? This is all being done because of the self-identification of the woman who believes she is a man. I was surprised to find out that the NCAA already has a policy for transgender athletes. It's called the NCAA Inclusion of Transgender Student-Athlete Policy. It spells out how much testosterone she can take. Go figure! Here's the problem for me. The young people in America have no problem with these kinds of issues. It's changing America forever. When the coach of the men's team talked to his swimmers about including the "transman" swimmer from the women's team, he said there was not one bit of concern from any of the men. He said they saw it as no big deal. I see this as a very big deal. This changing of attitudes that anything goes really concerns me. I believe the Harvard swim team solution speaks volumes about our changing society. This swimmer now always finishes last. Competition used to be about winning. Since she/he can't win anymore it must now be about inclusion and social justice. Clearly the LPSDs are winning. They are blurring all the things I was taught and believe strongly in. When interviewed on CBS "60 Minutes" this "transman" athlete said

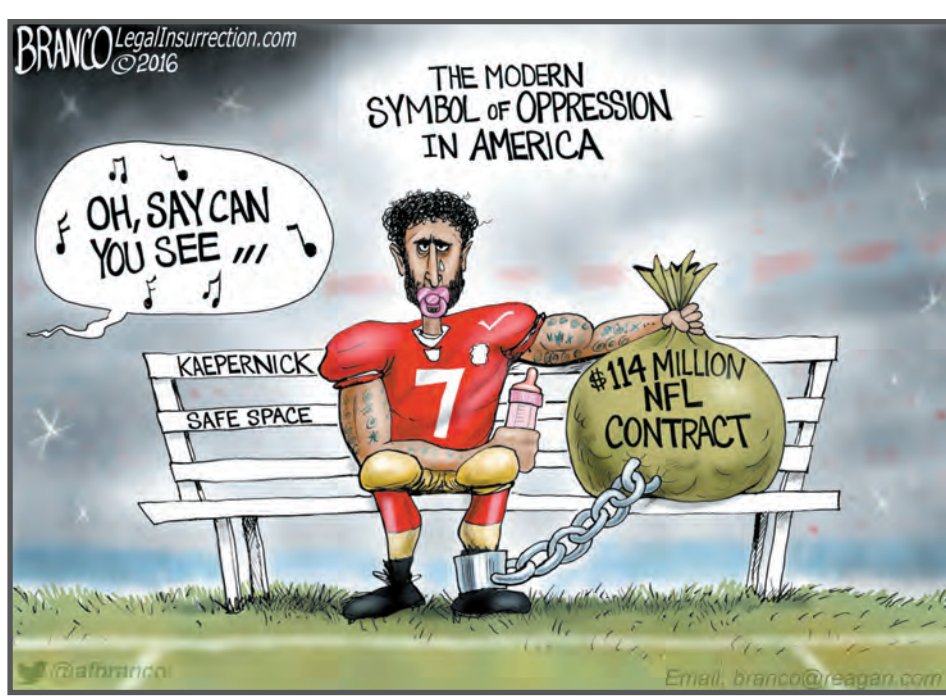


"he" likes girls (so she is a lesbian) and might decide later in life to bear children. OMG This insane, upside-down, inside-out America is not to my liking. I am saddened by the America my grandchildren are growing up in. The LPSDs are destroying our country, our society and our values. Globalism and unisexism is rapidly taking over. The L and Gs of the LGBTQ community have accomplished most of what they wanted. The next several years will now be devoted to transgender issues. The self-identifying bathroom use is the first trial balloon they sent up and it is working its way up to the Supreme Court. CRAZY! What the heck is going on in our country? Am I the only one concerned? I hope not. This insanity must stop. WOOF!

The last example this week is about the South Carolina High School that banned the American flag from a football game. The principal said he was concerned it would be used to taunt another local high school that was mostly Hispanic. REALLY? Are the Hispanics at the other high school not Americans? Maybe that's the problem. Where are the adults in our public education system? If there are students taunting other students then deal with those students. You don't ban the American flag which then makes it a symbol of racism or bigotry or something else. The American flag should be waved on both sides of the field. WOOF!

I'll end today on one small positive note. Kudos to the University of Chicago for telling its students there will be no safe zones or trigger warnings and that no speakers will be cancelled. In other words, no political correctness! GREAT! It's about time some institution stood up. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



Obama's Operation Choke Point: "Completely Outside the Rule of Law"

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In an earlier article I touched on the withering attack on the 2nd Amendment that has subsided to a "dull throb" for the moment. A large portion of that is "Operation Choke Point," the regulatory "assault" instituted by the Federal Government to force the banking industry to deny services to industries, not on the basis of illegality, but incorrectness as judged by the administration.

This cabal is represented by the Office of the Comptroller of Currency, the Federal Reserve, and the FDIC under the "ringmaster" of the Department of Justice. The aforementioned agencies have regulated the banking industry by using their positions as directed by the administration to sever businesses from their connections with the banks. Specifically, the firearms in-

dustry, to include (in order) first firearms manufacturers, and the complementary industries that are synergistic with those manufacturers, namely ammunition manufacturers and accessory products for firearms.

The regulators mentioned have used their authority to browbeat the banks into submission and deny businesses in the firearms industry such things as lines of credit, as well as forcing the closure of business and purchasing accounts. Any banks that refused to institute any of these measures against their clients then opened themselves up to inspections, scrutiny, examinations, and harassment from a regulatory perspective. The "cover" phrase for the regulatory agencies: "To promote bank safety and soundness."

"Reputation risk" is the term used by the regulating industries, in essence, to blackball the banks by

stating their clients (in this case businesses involved in the firearms industry) were increasing risk for the banks and that the banks themselves were absorbing "negative publicity." The regulators insisted they had an obligation to "protect" the banking industry overall by eliminating the potential for the absorption of bad publicity by one of its members due to negativity associated with that third party. In essence, guilt by association, and in this case guilt not by a court of law as a verdict for a crime, but a bureaucratic regulator operating at the behest of the Obama administration, making its own restrictive "laws" to inhibit legal businesses.

These procedures completely subvert rule of law. The reputation risk concept enables these regulators to force financial institutions to close any account and cease business with any business they deem to be either "improper" or "unsavory." This

is a method to deny the businesses the financial support structure they are dependent upon to conduct their affairs and eventually to force the businesses to close. If the bank refuses to turn on the client, then the bureaucracies will attack the bank and punish it.

Some of the largest targeted sectors are pawn shops, tobacco outlets, gun dealers, and check-cashing services. There are reasons these businesses are listed as "unsavory."

The pawn shops do not allow for complete accountability on what is sold and what is purchased for the government to track.

Tobacco outlets are along lines of the recent "politically correct" attacks on smokers and the attempt to stamp out smoking in general.

Check cashing services usually enable people to cash their paychecks at a usurious rate regarding the fee;

however, it allows for the circulation of cash in the hands of those who do not possess a bank account.

Gun dealers: the reason is self-explanatory.

All of this is about control and dominion, the erosion of personal freedoms, and the move toward totalitarian suppression of all liberties and complete monitoring over any and all activities of the average citizen.

All of these agencies have exceeded the authority granted to them under normal banking rules and regulations. Rather than taking care of the individual depositor and the business, they are forcing the paradigm of the administration's platform and squelching individual liberties. It is an unbridled, unchecked abuse of Executive power, operating completely outside of the rule of law and answering only to the President.

One of the biggest prob-

lems underlying all of this is precedent. Once precedent is established, it is a great deal harder to enforce the law on the lawbreakers, and additionally they can use their modus operandi in other areas and expand their power and control. The American Revolution was a dream that happened once. In Egypt, they ousted Morsi, arrested or killed the Muslim Brotherhood, and took their Constitution and their country back. Won't happen here until people realize exactly how far down the road we are and what we have lost. We've broken faith with God and with one another, and the country is in such shambles that it may not ever rise again.

Please see: http://www.shtfplan.com/headline-news/obamas-operation-choke-point-is-an-assault-liberty-unbridled-abuse-of-executive-power-operating-completely-outside-of-the-rule-of-law_08112016

Pulpit Freedom Hasn't Existed in America Since 1954

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While it's perfectly okay for people to have different opinions about what churches should say from the pulpit, especially with regard to politics, what's not okay is for the federal government—rather than congregations themselves—to be in charge of what is said. And it won't do to dangle the threat of taxing the church if it won't comply. That's why the Johnson Amendment has to go.

The Tax Code's restriction on political speech by non-profit organizations is popularly known as the Johnson Amendment, named after its sponsor, Lyndon Johnson, who maneuvered the levers of senatorial power to insert the

provision into a massive tax overhaul bill in 1954. Congress passed that bill without any thought about its impact on the constitutionally protected freedoms of churches, and Johnson wasn't targeting them either. It was a rank incumbent-protection measure specifically designed to silence two nonprofit organizations opposing Johnson's Senate run because they thought he was soft on communism.

With all due respect to a recent *Washington Post* editorial that accurately observed that "the law and accompanying IRS regulations are not models of legal clarity," it gets things wrong when it thinks that the Internal Revenue Service can enforce the Johnson Amendment "discreetly and with as much

even-handedness as possible." Does anyone seriously think that the IRS, which has been at the core of multiple scandals regarding investigations of non-profit organizations—and even struck up a deal as part of a legal settlement to create new secret procedures for investigating churches—can be trusted to do this?

The editorial rightly highlights the vagueness of the law and admits that the Johnson Amendment "unavoidably ... puts government in the business of evaluating speech's content and is bound to have a chilling effect on someone." That's an understatement. Just ask any number of pastors, and they'll tell you they have no idea exactly what is or isn't prohibited speech when it comes to candidates or

elections. So most just say nothing, and only an intrepid few may decide to shoot in the dark and hope for the best. This only magnifies the problem. Pastors are

intimidated because they don't know what the IRS thinks they can or can't say.

The reason there are few reported instances of enforce-

ment by the IRS is because most churches are afraid of the IRS and the penalties the

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Military Court Punishes Marine Over Bible Verses

Court-martial upheld because majority says verses not "important"

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The military's highest court ruled yesterday that men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces can be punished for exercising their religion if judges deem the practice not religiously "important." The ruling upholds the government's criminal prosecution of a U.S. Marine for refusing to discard personal notes that had Bible verses on them. The case may now be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 2014, Marine Lance Corporal Monifa Sterling was ordered to remove from her workstation three pieces of paper with a paraphrase

from the Book of Isaiah, "No weapon formed against me shall prosper," even though co-workers were permitted to keep nonreligious messages on their desks. She declined and was court-martialed. A lower court upheld Sterling's court martial, rejecting her argument that her faith was protected by the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

"This is a real-life example of why judges shouldn't play theologians," said Daniel Bloomberg, legal counsel of the Becket Fund, which filed a friend-of-the-court brief supporting the Lance Corporal. "Here, a few judges concluded that keeping scripture nearby isn't 'important,' even though more than half of the world's population belong to religions that teach the exact opposite. Avoiding obvious errors like

this is why RFRA protects all religious beliefs, not just beliefs that government officials deem 'important.'"

The majority of judges on the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces ruled that Lance Corporal Sterling's posted verses were a "religious exercise" under RFRA and assumed that the exercise was sincere. But it held that, despite the court-martial Sterling faced for refusing to remove the verses, the military hadn't placed a "substantial burden" on her religion because the court was not persuaded that she had a "subjective belief in the importance of [the] practice to her religion." The dissent disagreed, arguing that RFRA "does not empower judges to curtail various manifestations of sincere religious belief simply by arbitrarily deciding that a cer-

tain act was not 'important' to the believer's exercise of religion." The dissent also noted that the majority's ruling falls on one side of a "distinctive split among the federal circuit courts of appeals" which the "Supreme Court has yet to address." That split may raise the likelihood that the Supreme Court would grant review of the case.

The Becket Fund filed an amicus brief explaining that the lower court's ruling harms both service members and the military's mission by limiting religious freedom. The brief was signed by a coalition of military veterans and military ministries from a variety of faith backgrounds—including Anglican, Catholic, Jewish, Lutheran, Mormon, Muslim, Presbyterian, Sikh, and Southern Baptist. Among

them are the U.S.'s largest organization of Orthodox rabbis; the first Sikh soldier



Marine Lance Corporal Monifa Sterling

Courtesy Photo

in a generation allowed to keep his turban and beard on active duty; and the ministries led by a recently retired U.S. Army Chief of

Chaplains and senior veteran chaplains from the Army, Air Force, and Marines.

"Last I checked, Marines weren't afraid of anything—and they certainly don't need to be afraid of religious liberty," said Bloomberg. "In fact, it was the military itself that taught our young country how protecting religious liberty is good for our nation, good for mission accomplishment."

Oral argument was heard in April 2016. The Lance Corporal is represented by the First Liberty Institute and Paul Clement of Bancroft PLLC.

For more information on the Amicus Brief or Court opinion see <http://www.becketfund.org/military-court-punishes-marine-bible-verses/>

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agency can levy for a misstep. Also, audits are confidential, so no one really knows how many churches have been intimidated into silence by an IRS audit over the years.
As history proves, the Johnson Amendment is not some grand bargain the government made with churches. First of all, a tax exemption

is not a government subsidy—otherwise we'd have to say that the government is subsidizing everything it exempts, including the religious ceremonies of churches. The Supreme Court has made that even more clear by recognizing that the government cannot condition the receipt of something like tax exemption on the surrender of constitutional rights. If that were allowed, the government could mandate that churches which

refuse to quarter troops will lose their tax exemption. The argument is preposterous.
Second, fixing the Johnson Amendment doesn't mean that churches will be turned into political action committees or that dark money will flow from 501(c)(3) organizations into politics because, let's not forget, churches weren't under this restriction until 1954. They frequently spoke out on

candidates before then, and there was no legal or constitutional crisis. As noted, the Johnson Amendment wasn't created to address any problem going on with churches because no such problem existed. Churches simply got inadvertently swept up in Johnson's scheme. As for the fear that nonprofit coffers will be opened to political contributions or expenditures, plenty of legitimate avenues exist to address that concern

without keeping in place a law that forces someone to give up a constitutionally protected freedom.
Pulpit freedom won't truly exist in America until something is done about the Johnson Amendment. My employer, Alliance Defending Freedom, has been and is committed through its Pulpit Freedom Sunday movement to ensuring that every pastor enjoys the right to speak freely from the pul-

pit on all matters of life, and that the government has no say in what pastors can preach to their congregations.
(Editor/GG: Or, simply, "We Will Not Comply", as many pastors are doing today.)
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