

Bobcats Varsity Volleyball: Tied for First in Conference

by Greg Cravens,
Head Volleyball Coach

It was a Southern Peaks Conference weekend for the Bobcats and the team represented our valley well in three conference matches.

On Friday, Custer County went to Del Norte to take on the fourth place Tigers. Serving and defense were the focus for the team going into the match. The girls proved to be very good at both, finishing with 15 aces and 68 digs as a team. Serenity Ham and Elizabeth Mullett led the team in aces with 4 apiece. Tish Schlabach had 31 digs for the night. Offensively, the Bobcats were led by McKensie Penkoff with 10 kills. Bobcats won in straight sets, 26-24, 25-18 and 27-25.

Saturday was a long day for the Bobcats. After returning late from the Del

Norte match on Friday, the girls were back on the bus by 7 a.m. Saturday morning for a trip to Crested Butte to take on the Titans and the Sargent Farmers.

The Bobcats had a great match hitting against Crested Butte. Custer County had 32 kills with only 9 errors, finishing with .291 hitting efficiency. Penkoff led all hitters with 13 kills. Halie Lemons had her strongest match getting 5 kills. Ham finished the match with 31 assists. Strong serving by Mullett created 6 aces and Schlabach picked up 16 digs. The team won in straight sets, 25-21, 25-11 and 25-19.

Custer County turned right around and played the league leading Farmers next.

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Bobcat Varsity Team; Left to right: Tish Schlabach, Elizabeth Mullett, Katie Florom, Halie Lemons, Coach Cravens, McKensie Penkoff, Athena Wisecup, Ashley Gillum and Serenity Ham.

Photo by Jewel Heisig Photography

Constitution Day



CCCS 5th Graders during their Constitution Day study, work on a paper titled “We The People”.

Photo by Mark Payler

by George Gramlich

A glorious day it was last Monday, September 19th, at Custer County Central School where every grade made the most of Constitution Day with various forms of reading, analysis, discussion and study of our beloved United States Constitution that was signed in 1787.

Some examples from the various classes are:

Sixth Grade: Examine the overall view of the United

States Government; How the Founding Fathers constructed the Constitution; Fascinating Facts about the Constitution using the Smart Board.

Seventh Grade: How students can be active in government now and when they are older; The importance of voting; The rights and responsibilities of people with regards to the Constitution.

Eighth Grade: The different roles the government should play in the lives of

the citizens; How an individual’s voice can be heard within the constructs of the Constitution.

Ninth Grade: What the first 10 Amendments are called and why they are important; develop and perform a skit on some of the Amendments.

Tenth Grade: The three branches of government; Develop student descriptions of the different aspects of the three branches and discuss those descriptions.

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O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

Psalms 89:8 KJV

New Deputy Sworn In

A new Custer County Deputy was sworn in last Friday, September 16th at the courthouse by County Clerk Kelly Camper. Deputy Chelsea Geanetta is a graduate of the Pueblo Police Academy and recently served as a Police Officer for the Pueblo Police Department. Welcome to the Valley, Chelsea!

Photo by George Gramlich



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

TERRORISM OR NOT?



That is the question and apparently a difficult one for liberal progressives. What is the problem? Why always the denial? When will they face and accept reality? Their immediate reaction last weekend was to assume these Islamic Terrorist Acts were anything but. New York City Mayor DeBlasio would only call it “an intentional act.” Really? We think it’s pretty clear that all man-made bombs are intentional acts, no? Even 24 hours later, he was still in denial saying the bombs were “leaning” towards an act of terror. This, even though the FBI

had already put out a plea to help find Ahmad Kahn Rahani, a 28-year-old Afghan. The rest of America immediately knew exactly what was happening. The same kind of denial was happening in St. Cloud, Minnesota. The lead investigator on the stabbing incident in a mall repeatedly said that it was only a “potential” terrorist act. This denial continued even though an off-duty policeman with a gun killed the Somali, who was screaming “Allah” as he attacked.

We see this as part of the problem in making America safe. The authorities

want to be too politically correct. They seem to be reluctant to call it what it is, Islamic Terrorism, even after the facts are out there. Consider these statements from the St. Cloud Police Chief, William Blair Anderson, after the terrorist was identified as a 22-year-old soldier of ISIS. “Now is not the time to be divisive.” Really, then when is the time to face reality? He went on, “The vast majority of our citizens, regardless of ethnicity, are hardworking people.” Really? So what? What about the dangerous ones in the minority? Those are the ones we need to be concerned about. The vast majority of any group is irrelevant and his attitude makes no sense. Chief Anderson also said “we already have a cohesive community and this will draw us closer.” What a stupid comment. This from the senior law enforcement in St. Cloud, where the largest Soma-

li contingent in America lives. Is it any wonder the authorities will never protect Americans with that kind of attitude. They will only be reactive.

We question why the rush to deny these types of incidents as terrorism? Of course any bomb or any madman attack with a knife to kill random victims, is an act of terror. Let’s start with that assumption and then work out the details. We need our elected leaders to face reality. We will never be safe when those, who are in positions responsible for public safety, start with complete denial.

Last Sunday morning, one presidential candidate called it a terrorist bomb and explained why we need to be more careful about whom we allow in this country. He is exactly right. The other presidential candidate started to parse words, called for calm and reminded us we

shouldn’t rush to judgment. She even said we need to build more trust with the Muslim American community. The media attacked the candidate that called it for what it was. That’s crazy.

Is there any doubt which attitude will keep America safe? We think not. These sorts of attacks are only going to increase in America until the authorities decide to change the “rules of engagement.” The rules need to factor out political correctness and multiculturalism if they are to be effective. All the “lists” in the world will not help prevent anything. Rahani had visited Afghanistan several times and the FBI had been warned that he came back radicalized. All that info didn’t help. Surveillance and active enforcement are the only things that will make us safer. Words of “inclusiveness” will not. Consider this when you vote in November.

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The Fight Against Election Fraud; Hard to Spot and Hard to Prove

by Donna Sweere
Westcliffe, CO

In 2008, when a Gallup poll asked folks whether they had confidence in the honesty of elections, 53 percent of Americans said that they did not.

Judicial Watch, the Heritage Foundation and a private group, "True the Vote" (a Texas-based grassroots nonpartisan organization) are working actively to identify and prosecute voter fraud.

Voter fraud is hard to spot and hard to prove. For example, without an ID requirement, the authorities are unlikely to discover that someone has voted on the still-valid registration of his friend who has moved out of state. Obama and other leftists argue that voter ID laws discourage minorities, young people and the elderly from voting. In fact, in Indiana and Georgia where photo ID requirements have been in place for almost a decade, re-

cords show that voter turnout has actually increased. South Carolina beat Obama's Justice Department in a court fight when former Attorney General Eric Holder tried to stop the state from implementing its law.

In 2012, the Pew Research Center released an astonishing report noting that "[a]pproximately 2.75 million people have active registrations in more than one state." That same report observed that "20 million -- one out of every eight--active voter registrations in the United States are no longer valid or are significantly inaccurate," and that "[m]ore than 1.8 million deceased persons are listed as active voters."

This explains, in part, why there are more registered voters than there are residents in Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. Election officials who don't maintain clean voter lists are not encouraged

by the Obama administration to make the effort. The federal government's abuse of federal law has made the problem almost impossible to address. In 1993, the National Voter Registration Act was passed that requires driver's license offices to offer voter registration and **REQUIRES ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES PROVIDING WELFARE TO REGISTER RECIPIENTS OF HANDOUTS TO VOTE.**

Both Project Vote and ACORN were linked to massive voter registrations. The House Committee reported that one-third of the 1.3 million registrations were invalid. The Obama Justice Department refused to enforce Section 8 of the Motor Vehicle mandate that required states to make a reasonable effort to clean up the registration rolls by removing those who had moved or died.

So in 2012, Judicial Watch and True the Vote filed a lawsuit against the Ohio Secretary of State because Ohio was not re-

moving dead voters and voters who had moved away. It took 18 months but Ohio agreed to implement the interstate system of Vital Events Database and the Interstate Voter Registration Cross-check Program administered by Kansas to automatically update its rolls. Ohio had failed to comply with this requirement for 20 years until the lawsuit was filed.

Judicial Watch's Election Integrity Project also spent two years and forced major changes in Indiana's and Tennessee's broken election maintenance systems.

It is illegal for non-citizens to vote in federal and state elections but political scientists at Old Dominion University found that hundreds of thousands of illegal votes may have been cast in the United States in every federal election. The Obama administration's Justice Department filed a lawsuit in Florida in 2012 to stop the state's efforts to comply with the law to remove 53,000 registered voters who were dead as

well as 2,700 non-citizens.

In 2013, North Carolina passed a voter ID law. The Obama Justice Department's prediction that the ID law would impede minority turnout was absolutely wrong. In 2014 the black turnout increased by an astonishing 29.5%.

The Judicial Watch's Election Integrity Project and True the Vote have mounted successful campaigns all over the nation to force local governments to clean up their voter rolls and implement common sense voter ID.

As citizens we must fight fiercely to secure our most fundamental right—the ability to vote in a fair, nondiscriminatory election without having our votes stolen or diluted.

For more on the subject, see: Tom Fitton, "Clean House, Exposing Our Government's Secrets and Lies" (New York: Threshold Editions, 2016).

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The New Face of Accurate Polling

by J. Cascarelli

Westcliffe, CO

The most recent polling by the Emerson College Polling Society shows some surprising data on the upcoming presidential elections. Emerson College in Boston is a small (nearly 4000 undergraduates) liberal arts college specializing in communication and the arts. Its alumni include Jay Leno, Henry Winkler and Norman Lear and most would consider it a left leaning institution.

The student-run Polling Society came to prominence when it accurately predicted the primary election results for the State of New York. After only four years in existence, The Emerson College Polling Society received national praise from media personalities like Nate Silver, Chris Matthews and Bill O'Reilly. Bloomberg

ranked Emerson number one in accuracy among collegiate pollsters.

The Polling Society is focusing on so-called "battle ground" states - Arkansas, Missouri, Colorado and Georgia. It may come as a surprise to many that Trump leads Clinton in these states by a 43% to 41% margin. The society also included third party long shots, Johnson and Stein, in their analysis. The Libertarian and the Green Party candidates will likely be included in polling results until after the presidential debates. The media, the academic community and the major party elites are hoping that these two will take valuable votes away from Trump. Despite Johnson's 9% and Stein's 2% polling results, it is unlikely that their actual general election vote count will matter much. Both of

these candidates ran in 2012 and Gary Johnson received .99% of the popular vote and Jill Stein received .36%. A vote for either is like not voting at all.

Since Colorado Republican leaders led the "Dump Trump" effort in Cleveland, they may be interested in the Emerson polling results in Colorado of Trump, 42%, and Clinton, 38%. It seems that the voters disagree with party elites and find Trump to be a viable choice. While both Clinton and Trump are reported to have high unfavorable ratings, Trump seems to be closing the gap according to Emerson. What is most revealing about the unfavorability figures are the ratings from Arkansas. It can't be denied that the voters of Arkansas know Hillary Clinton best. In Arkansas, Hillary is rated as 28% favorable and 68% unfa-

vorable. For comparison, Trump is 45% favorable and 44% unfavorable among Arkansas' likely voters.

Naturally, the media loves to point to voter preferences among women. Again, the Arkansas voters who know the Clintons the best; 32% of women and 26% of men favor Hillary while 63% of Arkansas men prefer Trump and 53% of women prefer "The Donald." In Colorado, there seems to be no preference among women for either. According to the Polling Society, both Trump and Clinton have 41% of Colorado women in their respective camps.

The most recent headlines concern Mrs. Clinton's apparent ill health as evidenced by her collapse at the 15th Anniversary ceremony of the 9/11 Attacks in lower Manhattan. While it is difficult to foresee how

this will affect voting, surveyed likely voters told the Emerson students that about 10% would still vote for Clinton and 36% said that they would less likely vote for her. What the Polling Society did manage to uncover was that if Clinton had to drop out due to health and if Tim Kane was her substitute that only 30% of voters would vote for him.

This poll was conducted in the four "battle ground" states between September 9th and 13th and the sampling was 600 likely general election voters in each state. It has a margin of error of +/- 3.9%. The full results can be found at www.theecps.com. While many things can change in the coming 50 plus days, the information provided by these serious Emerson students have given all of us food for thought.

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Heritage through the conservation of two of our most precious resources, open land and water. I am strongly committed to preserving our **Heritage** by supporting efforts such as those of The San Isabel Land Protection Trust, Bear Basin Ranch, and Music Meadows Ranch, as well as many others. Protecting this county and all of its wonderful assets is a responsibility that I take seriously.

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The National Rifle Association Needs You!

Dear Editor,

The National Rifle Association needs you!

Our Second Amendment freedoms are on the line in this critical election. Hillary Clinton's anti-gun, anti-freedom agenda would leave Coloradans, indeed all Americans, defenseless. Hillary is on record as opposing the Heller decision – the current law of the land guaranteeing a right to keep a gun for self-defense. We know this because Clinton said so in a private fundraiser in New York in 2015. In a leaked audio tape, Clinton criticized the Supreme Court as “wrong on the Second Amendment” and called for reinstating the assault weapons ban. The core of the Heller case is the individual right to own a gun for self-defense. In the District of Columbia v. Heller case, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Second Amendment

guarantees an individual right to possess firearms for lawful purposes, including self-defense within the home. Hillary disagrees with the ruling and doesn't think you have the right to protect yourself.

This year, Coloradans also have the opportunity to dump F-rated, anti-gun politician Michael Bennet. Bennet voted to ban ammunition and popular hunting rifles. He also voted to confirm two of the most anti-gun members of the U.S. Supreme Court in history. Bennet is out of step with Coloradans when it comes to our Second Amendment rights and it's time we sent him packing.

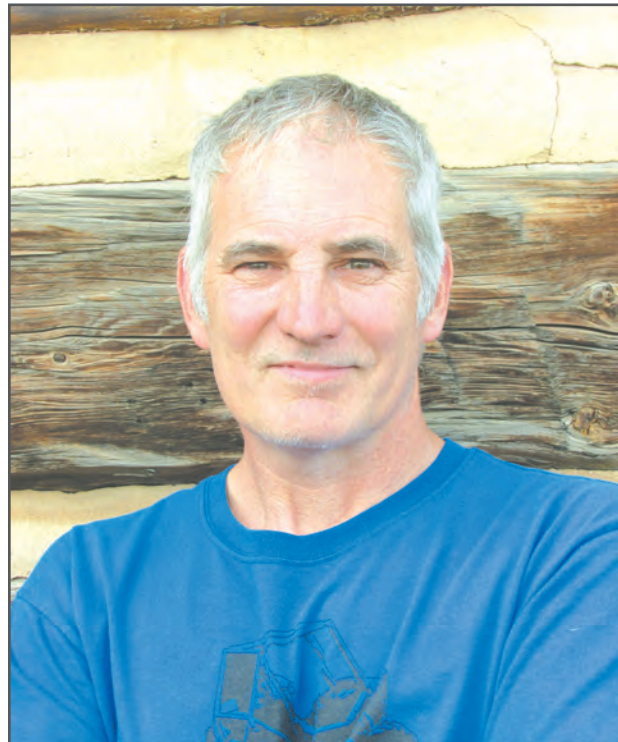
If you value your Second Amendment freedoms, come and help the National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Action with direct voter contact here in Colorado. As the local

Campaign Field Representative, I am charged with the NRA's grassroots effort to contact voters and I need HELP. The NRA is out to save and protect our Second Amendment rights and it is going to take everyone's work. We cannot outspend the competition, but we can outwork them! Even if you have never worked on a campaign before, this is the time, and I will help you. An hour a week or hours a day, all of this can be done with your smart phone, from anywhere. So step up and contact me, Elizabeth Hautman at 719-232-3537, or email me at elizabeth@nrailafrontlines.com, and I can get you started.

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*Elizabeth Hautman
Campaign Field Representative, Colorado
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New Solar Energy Provider in the Valley



Gary Gage, owner of Sunshine Solar & Wind.

Photo by George Gramlich

by George Gramlich

Former Michigan university professor, Gary Gage, has recently relocated to Custer County after building his new home here. He has opened a new business, Sunshine Solar &

Wind, hoping to provide an additional resource for area residents who are interested in installing, upgrading or diagnosing solar energy, wind or hydro-power systems.

Gary, who was a professor of automobile technology

and automotive machining at Ferris State University in Michigan, became interested in solar power many years ago while working with alternative energy systems for the automotive hybrid and electric vehicle program. He attended various schools on the subject and worked for several high-end solar installers in Michigan.

His new company, Sunshine Solar & Wind offers designing, installing and diagnoses and service of any size solar system - from garage/cabin size to whole house systems to small water pumping systems or RV systems. He can install completely self-contained off-the-grid systems or grid-tied hybrid systems using the latest technology in the industry. Gary can also fine tune your system's settings to maximize charging and minimize battery degradation.

More information can be found at his website, www.sunshinesolarandwind.com or you can contact Gary at 719-207-9902 or his cell phone at 719-371-6551. His email address is coloman62@gmail.com.

Senior Citizens Center Upgrades

by Sentinel Staff

—SILVER CLIFF, Colorado

The meeting was called to order on time by Mayor Steve Lasswell on September 12, 2016, and after the usual opening procedures, went straight into a report on the status of the Senior Citizens Center upgrades which include the ADA compliant restroom and an automatic door to the ramp entrance. Grant monies received from the Daniel Grant which included fifty percent matching amounts were optimally

utilized for the upgrades, interior painting and will soon extend to the repair and resurfacing of the parking area. Under New Business, the board heard a quick presentation from Ms. Ashlee East from Family Crises Services reminding all that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Anyone who wants more information can contact the Town Hall for the information. In the meantime, the board approved the posting of posters and notices regarding this all important service to the community. Motion was

then entertained to approve a temporary liquor license for the Liquor Cabinet which is in the process of being transferred from current owner to the new one. The consideration was approved. Treasurers Report, Financial Reports and a motion to pay bills were all reviewed and approved. In the section of comments from the public the Mayor recognized Mr. John Johnston who invited all present to attend his town hall meeting scheduled for September 22nd from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Cliffs Bowling Alley function room.

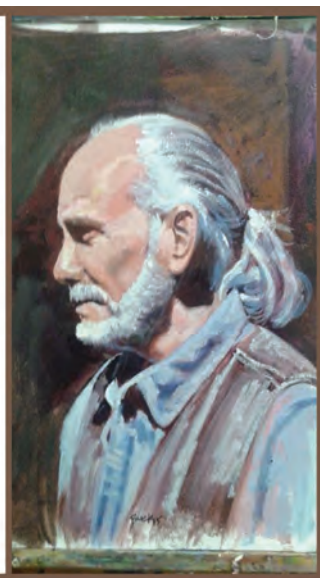
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Middle School Volleyball



B Team with Coach Patterson at West Central League Tournament in Cripple Creek.

Photos by Jennifer Russ



Above: Middle School Volleyball team members #35 Memphis Curry, #39 Ashley Powell and #13 Kaydin Moore at the net.
Below: #7 Eryn Lemoine at the net.



“Steampunk” Mask Making and OPEN HOUSE AT THE LIBRARY

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All ages are welcome at the library on Friday, September 30th to make Steampunk-style masks. As part of the Arts Hullabaloo festivities, the West Custer County Library will have materials on hand for anyone who wishes to create their own unique mask. Makers will have the

opportunity to wear their creations at the Steampunk-themed Arts Hullabaloo parade the very next day.

“Steampunk is an amazing blending of science and art,” said Youth Services Librarian Jessica Carter. “It is a re-imagining of history, where science is a part

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Gridders Bounce Back with Big Win

by CCHS Coaching Staff

In the arena of athletics, each team will have an "exam" day. It's a test and depending on the preparation and determination of the team, it will be a pass or fail test. On Saturday, the Bobcat football team had such a test. With two

With the defense playing outstanding against a tough Las Animas rushing attack, the Bobcat offense continued to pound away at the Trojans. A few mistakes by the Bobcats kept them from increasing their lead. One of the mistakes cost the Bobcats a score as a

The Bobcats spread offense then went to work led by QB Chad Lewenkamp and quickly drove down inside the 10. Another Bobcat fumble cost them a score but with the defense playing strong the Trojans were forced to punt and Kinsey grabbed the punt and broke



David Kinsey running the ball.

Photo by Dena Woods

of their high profile starters missing due to injury, CCHS pulled together as a team and passed their test by defeating Las Animas, 38-14.

The Bobcats got a big play from Kobe Lewsader on the opening kickoff as Lewsader sprinted downfield and recovered a Trojan fumble. The Bobcats went straight to work with David Kinsey bruising out a couple of tough runs to score on the opening drive. The Bobcat defense then held the Trojans to a 3 and out series and on the punt return Kinsey, along with some great blocks, brought the ball back into Trojan territory. In just two plays, the Bobcats were in the end zone again with a 15-yard TD by Bryce Roscoe. "It was so important to get a good start," noted head coach Troy Bomgardner. "Coming off the Sangre loss and with key starters injured, the guys just took command of the game and there was never really any question about the outcome."

stripped ball was returned 70 yards for a Las Animas score. With time running out in the 2nd quarter, the Bobcats could not put in another score and the half-time score was 12-6. "We didn't feel the half-time score represented what was really going on in the game," said Bomgardner. "Defensively we were shutting them down and offensively moving the ball but just making a few mistakes."

Coming out the 2nd half, the defense again came up with a big play stopping the Trojans on a 4th down. "Our defense played lights out," exclaimed Bomgardner. "Aaron Anderson and Ray Perez played well up front, and Roscoe, Kinsey, and JJ Brady totally shut down the edges. #22 was an outstanding player and he was a non-factor in the game."

With more tough yards by Kinsey and another touchdown by Roscoe, the Bobcats extended their lead to 20-6 in the 3rd quarter.

the return for a TD. "David has been working so hard and is a great leader for us," said Bomgardner. "I was happy to see him have such a big game."

The Bobcats would score two more times in the 4th quarter and allow one Trojan TD to make the final score 38-14. Kinsey finished with 105 yards on 22 carries and Roscoe would add 62 yards on 10 carries and 4 touchdowns. "Bryce came through in a big way," exclaimed Bomgardner. "He works so hard and is so tough, it was fun to see him get into the end zone." Lewenkamp added a few strong runs and was 4 of 9 passing for 44 yards and a PAT conversion. Dylan Schoch and Lewsader were on the receiving end of Lewenkamp's passes. Defensively, Kinsey led with 20 tackles, with Perez adding 12 and Brady with 11.

The Bobcats are at home again in their final non-league game against South Park at 1 p.m. on Henrich Field.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL from page 1

Sargent played incredible defense and didn't let the Bobcats find the floor very often. The Farmers won three sets, 22-25, 20-25 and 23-25. Penkoff and Mullett led the Bobcats at the net

with 9 and 8 kills respectively. Ham finished with 20 assists and Schlabach ended with 20 digs for the match.

The Bobcats are now 5-2 for the season and tied for first in the conference with a 4-1 record. Akron, Colorado, is the next stop for a tournament with

some of the best teams in northeast Colorado. This is always a good test for Custer County, to see how they compare with some of the better teams in 2A in the state. The team has always done well in the tournament but this year we are hoping to compete for the championship.

Bobcats Sport Schedule

MS/HS Cross Country - Pueblo Invite

(departure time 7 a.m. - meet start time 9:30 a.m.)
When: Sat, September 24, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Where: Pueblo

Where: West Gym

Volleyball Game AWAY @ Akron

When: Sat, September 24, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Where: Akron

Volleyball Game AWAY @ Cripple Creek

(depart time 1 p.m. - return at 9 p.m.)
When: Fri, September 30, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Where: Cripple Creek School District 1
410 B St, Penrose

Football Game HOME v South Park

When: Sat, September 24, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Football Game AWAY @ Fowler

When: Fri, September 30, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Where: Fowler Junior High School
600 W Eugene Ave, Fowler

Elementary Volleyball

When: Mon, September 26, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Where: West Gym

MS/HS Cross Country @ Salida

(departure time 6:30 a.m. - meet start time 9 a.m.)
When: Sat, October 1, 6:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Where: Salida

Elementary Volleyball

When: Wed, September 28, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.



Bobcat Menu • Sept. 26 - Sept. 29, 2016

Monday

Breakfast

Choice of Cereal
Fruit
Milk

Lunch Elem.

Chili Cheese Tots
Banana Bread
Corn & Fruit
Milk

Lunch MS & HS

Chili Cheese Fries
Banana Bread
Corn & Fruit
Milk

Tuesday

Breakfast

Choice of Cereal
Fruit
Milk

Lunch Elem.

Cheese Pizza
Tossed Salad
Fruit
Milk

Lunch MS & HS

Chicken Alfredo Pizza
Salad & Gr Beans
Fruit
Milk

Wednesday

Breakfast

Choice of Cereal
Fruit
Milk

Lunch Elem.

Sausage Link & Waffle
Potato Wedge
Fruit
Milk

Lunch MS & HS

Sausage Quiche & Waffle
Potato Wedge
Fruit
Milk

Thursday

Breakfast

Biscuit & Gravy
Fruit
Milk

Lunch Elem.

Toasted Cheese Sand
Tomato Soup
Fruit
Milk

Lunch MS & HS

Baked Cheese Sand
Tomato Soup
Mixed Veg. & Fruit
Milk

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

Middle & High: Main Dish, (Or Premade Chef Salad), Grain Product, Vegetable, Fruit and Milk

A la Carte Items To Be Sold To M.s & H.s Only

KIDS

Friday, September 23, 2016

Johnny Appleseed

One of America's fondest legends is that of Johnny Appleseed, a folk hero and pioneer apple farmer in the 1800's. There really was a Johnny Appleseed and his real name was John Chapman.

He was born in 1774, in Leominster, Massachusetts, the son of a farmer and Revolutionary War soldier, Nathaniel Chapman.

When he was a young man, Chapman's father apprenticed him to a local orchard owner where he learned all about apples. He had a dream of planting so many apples that no one would ever go hungry. In 1792, when he was 18, he left Massachusetts for western Pennsylvania. From there he traveled to the Ohio valley and later to Indiana.

Popular legend has Johnny traveling the west and planting apple seeds as a random act of generosity. The truth is, however, that he was a careful, organized business man who grew his trees for a profit, not a very big one, but a profit nonetheless. He would establish a stand of one to two-year-old apple trees and sell them for six cents a tree.

He also planted nurseries rather than orchards and built fences around them to protect them from livestock. Over a period of nearly fifty years, he bought and sold tracts of land and developed thousands of productive apple trees.

On September 26th we celebrate National Johnny Appleseed Day to honor the legend of Johnny Appleseed.

If you truly like apples, apple fritters, apple pies, and anything apple then on October 1st, the place to be is Penrose, Colorado, for their 81st Apple Day celebration. It's an all-day event with an apple pie contest, a parade, vendors, lots of food, and entertainment.

Hope to see you there.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: Cleveland.about.com, kids.bestapples.com

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*He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God."*

-Matthew 16:15-16 NASB

Local Mountain News & Notices

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

Press Release
West Custer County Library

Scientists now know the health of the brain and the body are connected. Current research can provide insights into how to optimize our physical and cognitive health as we age. Learn about the latest in the areas of nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement at the West Custer County Library on Tuesday, October 4, at 10:30 a.m.

Ann Carter, the Regional Director for the Alzheimer’s Association of Southern Colorado, will present this exciting information. Carter provides family consultations, education for professional caregivers and the general public, support groups, and links to other resources. “Every single day, science unlocks more mysteries of the brain, but we do not have all the answers yet,”

said Carter. “What we do know is, like other parts of the body, the brain may lose some agility as we get older. And, it can deteriorate even more without care. A good rule to remember is what’s good for your heart is good for your brain.” For more information on this free library event, please contact Cathy McCarthy at 719-783-9138.

VFW Distributes Over \$9,500 To Veterans In Need

Thanks to the Veterans Trust Fund grant from the State of Colorado, and the cooperation with our county Veterans Service Office, the VFW grant administrator distributed over \$9,500.00 to veterans to help with utilities, groceries and other expenses. If you are veteran and need some assistance, applications will be accepted at the VSO office 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Monday of each month as funds are available.

Next funds available October 10th. Bring your utility bill and your DD-214. For more information call Tim Swartz at the VSO office at 719-783-9470.

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Events Calendar

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119 Main St. Westcliffe, CO \$\$

Saturday, September 24, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
20th Anniversary Art for the Sangres
A Painted View Ranch
3115 Co Rd 160

Sunday, September 25, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Saddle Club Royal Pageant
90 Co Rd 241 Westcliffe, CO

Monday, September 26, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Saddle Club Gymkhana \$\$
90 Co Rd 241

Friday, September 30, 9 a.m.
Commissioner’s meeting
Board Room

Friday, September 30, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
WCPA Ten Minute Play Competition Performances
The **JONES THEATER**
119 Main St.

Saturday, October 1, All Day
10th Annual Arts Hullabaloo & Arts Hullabaloo Parade
Main Street

Tuesday, October 4, 9 a.m.
Commissioner’s meeting
Board Room

Recurring Events

Monday
Club America — 7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training; 9 a.m. Water Aerobics; 10:15 a.m. Stretch; 11:30 a.m. Muscles; 1:00 p.m. Low Impact; 5:15 p.m. Step Aerobics
6-7 p.m. Closed Step Study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emily at (719) 371-5974.

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

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

1st Tuesday of the Month
6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes
American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting.
6:45 p.m. Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (March – October) at the Saddle Club.

Wednesday
Club America — 7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training; 8:00 a.m. Kids Zone; 10:00 a.m. Low Impact; 5:15 p.m. Step Aerobics.
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Farmers Market. Jess Price Park, Westcliffe.
9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Line dancers meet at the Methodist Church. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370.
6-7 p.m. Closed Big Book Study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emily at (719) 371-5974
6:30 p.m. Men’s and Women’s Bible

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.

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

Third Friday of the Month
Camp Happiness for 0-6 yrs old. 1-2:20 p.m. at West Custer Library

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.	Custer County Community Sharing Center Inc. 120 N. 3rd St. Westcliffe, CO 81252 (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. and 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.

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Request for Proposal

The Towns of Silver Cliff and Westcliffe are inviting proposals from qualified individuals to provide Municipal Court Judge services to the Towns. The deadline for submission of proposals is October 17, 2016. The Towns expect to appoint the Municipal Judge by January 1, 2017. The complete Request for Proposal is available on the two Town's websites www.townofwestcliffe.com and www.silvercliffco.com.

Proposals will be accepted until 5:00 pm, October 17, 2016. Proposals shall be sent to: Kathy Reis, Town Clerk, Town of Westcliffe, PO Box 406, Westcliffe, Colorado 81252 or deliver to the Westcliffe Town Hall at 305 Main Street, Westcliffe, Tuesday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Trump Sign Wavers Needed

A local concerned citizen is organizing pro-Trump sign waving sessions on the corner of Highways 69 and 96. Please call the Sentinel (719) 783-3360 or email us at sdc.sentinel@gmail.com if you are interested and we will put you in contact with this patriot. Time to stand up and save our country from tyranny.

Local Mail Fraud Alert!

by George Gramlich

There is a U.S. Post Office sent mailing going around from the Embassy Lottery, Inc. from New York, NY, regarding some bogus lottery, saying that you just won \$500,000. In the letter is a check made out to the letter's recipient for a large sum (e.g., \$7,990.90) drawn on the JP Morgan Chase Bank in New York City.

The letter urges you to call these bandits and talk to one of their "claims agents" to "begin the claims process on your winning."

DO NOT CALL OR CONTACT THESE PEOPLE. IT IS A SCAM. DO NOT DEPOSIT THE CHECK.

Notify the Post Office and the Sheriff's Office of the letter.
(Thanks to Gil Costello for bringing this to our attention.)



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Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 273 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 10 to EMS, and 2 to the Fire Department. As of September 19, there were 9 males and 2 females in the county jail.

9/12/16:
Run'n Dogs: A deputy was dispatched to downtown Westcliffe for a complaint regarding two dogs running at large. Roy Dickens was issued two municipal summons. He subsequently signed over all three dogs to the care of the Westcliffe animal control person.

Trespassing: A deputy was dispatched to CR 120 to investigate a report of trespassing. Juan Lucero and Katelyn Ororke, both of Colorado Springs, were issued summons for Second Degree Criminal Trespassing.

9/13/16:
Theft: A deputy was dispatched for a complaint alleging a theft valued at between \$750 and \$2000.

Internet Fraud: A deputy met with a party at the Sheriff's Office who filed a complaint alleging she was the victim of internet fraud valued between \$300 and \$750.

9/14/16:
Traffic Summons: David Phillips of Westcliffe for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Criminal Mischief: A deputy met with a party in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office who submitted a criminal mischief complaint at a property on CR 328.

9/15/16:
Traffic Summons: Charles Williams of Silver Cliff for speeding 5 - 9 over.

9/16/16:
Traffic Summons: Skip Anthony of Englewood for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Stephen Hatfield of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Anthony Archuletta of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Kimberly Beach of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Gloria Greenstreet for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Theft: Deputies responded to 35 Main Street in Westcliffe for a theft in progress. Jeanette Whitten of Westcliffe was issued a summons for shoplifting.

Condemned: A deputy assisted the Westcliffe Zoning Director in securing

a residence that had been condemned.

9/17/16:
Traffic Summons: Jael Jeisig of Basalt for speeding 10 - 19 over.

James Fraser of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Michael Ripka of Littleton for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Alena Bardey of Fishers, IN, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

James Payne of Burnet, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Domestic Dispute: Two deputies were dispatched to a possible domestic disturbance in progress on Main Street in Silver Cliff.

9/18/16:
Traffic Summons: Shawn Baker of Rifle for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Dispute: A deputy was dispatched to Kildare Lane in Lake DeWeese regarding a parent-child dispute.

9/19/16:
Traffic Summons: Carol Kennedy of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Martin Cole of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19.

Albert Yoder of Hartville, OH, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Sept 7th BOCC Meeting

Board of Custer County Commissioners Meeting

—September 7, 2016

WESTCLIFFE, Colorado

by Jackie Bubus

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, and Introductions of the public in attendance.

Commissioner Kattnig said there would be a forthcoming announcement of a movie to be filmed here. He met with the principles of that production. He couldn't say more at this time.

Commissioner Shy attended the Westcliffe town board meeting and asked them to put some money in the budget for paving on the Hermit Bridge project. The project is waiting for IGA's (inter-governmental agreements) from the state.

Attorney Smith has forwarded a draft form for the Model Airplane Club to the Airport Advisory Board for approval. He has a meeting with the Hamilton/Halpin attorneys on October 18th.

Attn. Smith will not be present at the next BOCC meeting in Wetmore, so suggested that John Decker and the IGA for the repeater be moved to the meeting on October 30th. That was done.

Attorney Smith further reported that the confusion on the numbers on the amendment to the DOLA grant for the Wetmore Community Center had been cleared up. The paperwork is in order. A motion was made to authorize Commissioner Attebery to sign the amendment to the grant.

The Road and Bridge report was given by Rusty Christensen. The board, Mr. Christensen and audience members, along with Sheriff Byerly had a long discussion of speeding on county roads. Many ideas were thrown out for consideration and most of them were dismissed as either undoable, interferences with snow removal and maintenance, or too costly. This is a county-wide issue and while some of the ideas were expensive, Commissioner Kattnig reminded

the group that road maintenance was expensive too.

Attorney Smith will research legalities with regard to inhibiting speed on county roads. Sheriff Byerly stated that since he's taken office, rollover accidents have been reduced by 70%. He attributes that, in a big part, to his office ticketing speeders. Commissioner Kattnig instructed Byerly to put some numbers in his budget proposal for another officer or two to focus on high traffic areas. Kattnig further suggested that there be a special column in the paper to shame those that have received speeding tickets.

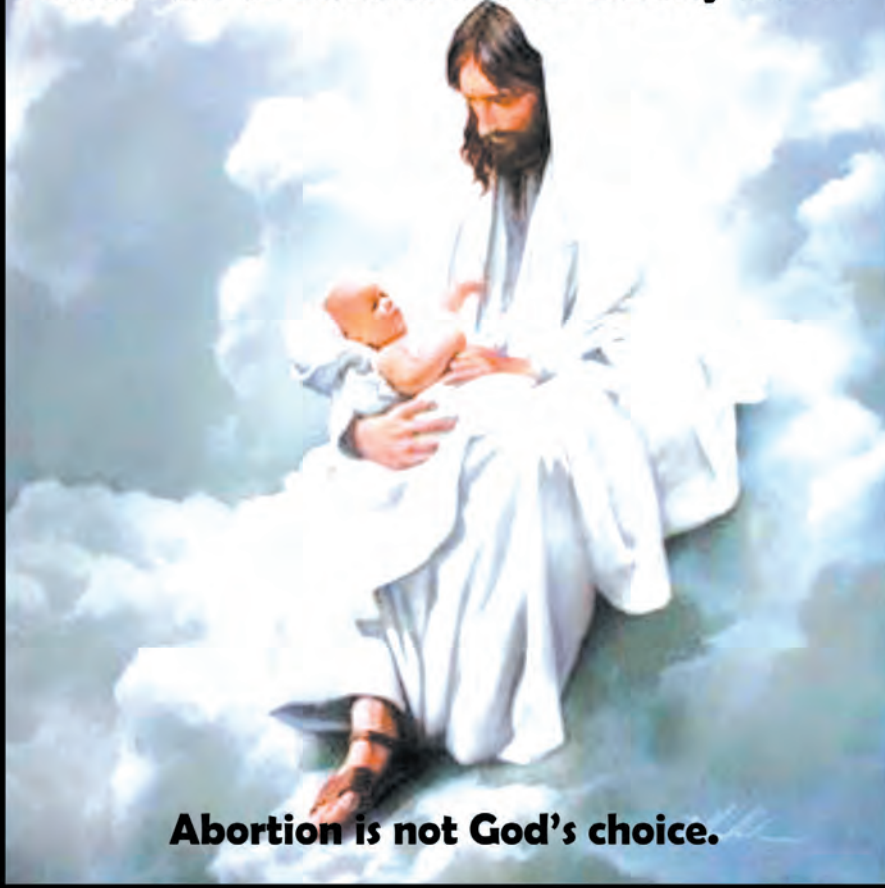
Commissioner Attebery reminded the group that things are looking better with more traffic enforcement but that the process takes time.

Commissioner Kattnig recommended speed bumps on the county roads. Mr. Christensen argued the liability for damage to cars. Kattnig responded that he doesn't care about damage to cars when speeding is involved.

Life Chain

Sunday, October 2, 2016

2:00-3:30 In front of Custer County School



Abortion is not God's choice.

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Romans 5:8 NKJV



Come and Worship



Christian Science
9:30 a.m. Worship
8 Bassick Place
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Church of Christ
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Worship
818 Ohio Street
Silver Cliff
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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
10 a.m. Sacrament Mtg.
12:10 p.m. Sunday School
240 Ridgeline Drive
Westcliffe
719/783-9356
719/404-4585

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

Cody Park Community Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Mtg.
Wednesday, 7 p.m., Bible Study
0157 County Rd. 27A
Cotopaxi
719/942-3462
719/942-3526

Cotopaxi Community Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship
6 p.m. 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
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Huerfano Community Bible Church
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
7 p.m.: Thursday Bible Study
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11 a.m. Worship
401 South Second Street
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120 Jerry Court
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10:45 a.m. Worship
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Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Agenda

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2016
9:00 AM
Meeting Location:
Commissioners Boardroom

- Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Approval of minutes:
Audience introduction
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
- Review vouchers and sign checks
 - John Stevens – Senior Center – progress report/funding
 - Repeater IGA – John Decker

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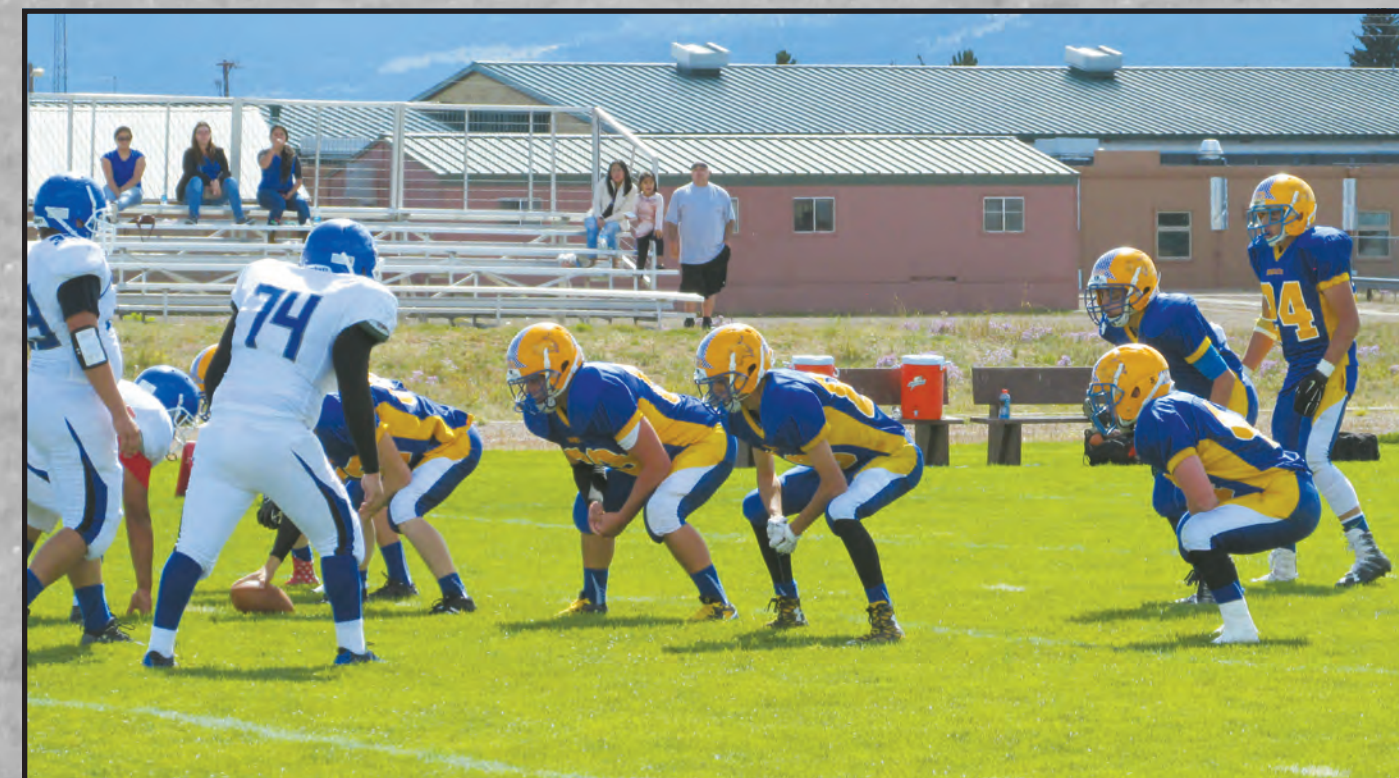


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Custer County C-1 School Board Meeting

—September 13, 2016

Larry Luikart, reporter

After the Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance, President Davis called for the Roll with all board members present. The modified agenda was approved with Superintendent Payler reporting on late correspondence received, inviting the board to attend a meeting with the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) on September 19, 2016, to offer their unvarnished truth of CASB. There were no public comments for the first session.

Several Bobcat Pride certificates were presented; Greg Cravens and Troy Bomgardner received certificates for their work in organizing and cooking for the Rotary pancake breakfast. Andrew Straight received a certificate for providing a fife and drum for the Rotary July 4th Parade and Dale Hoag for being a great bus driver.

There were no reports from Student / Staff with quick approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting August 9, 2016, and the Special Board meeting on August 29, 2016. Business Manager Amy Perschbacher gave her monthly District Financial Report. The sale of the surplus property netted several hundred

dollars and there are more items to be purchased. The Carryover Fund Balance is up from last year indicating an improvement in the fiscal health of the district.

The Board approved the following personnel: Autumn Patterson, MS Assistant Volleyball Coach. Volunteer Coaches Sterling Hinson and Scott Thomas for HS Football and Jim Parks and Jeremy Handy for MS Football.

The Board continues to wrestle with their proposed policy to satisfy the idiotic legislation passed by the state with regard to medical marijuana administration to qualifying students. After a long discussion regarding how to make this policy work, the Board decided to continue research and rewording of the proposed policy with further discussion at the October board meeting.

The following policy updates were approved after some discussion. Policy IG – Curriculum Development, Policy EHB – Records Retention, Policy GCB – Professional Staff Fringe Benefits, Policy GCG/GCGA – Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment / Qualifications of Substitute Staff, Policy JLF – Reporting

Child Abuse, Policy KFA – Public Conduct on District Property. Check Vouchers and Financial Reports were also approved.

Superintendent Payler presented the final Lease / Purchase agreements with First State Bank of Colorado for the remodel of 118 Jerry Court Building for multiple teacher housing apartments. The final dollar ceiling amount was set at \$200,000. Superintendent Payler said he would be monitoring the project closely as just another layer of oversight for the project.

Superintendent Payler outlined his goals for the 2016-17 school year. These goals are in lieu of the rewriting of the Strategic Plan for the District. The rewrite process will begin later in September. Mr. Payler felt it important to stay focused on the improvements already achieved while continuing to meet more of the issues important to the district. The Facilities Major Maintenance Plan's current Strategic Goal 5 includes application for a BEST grant, research and developing a strategy to fund the plan including such ideas as donations, grants, and public dollars. He also discussed Strategic Goal 1, which is to increase student achievement. He includ-

ed balancing the budget by eliminating the annual funds transfers from the general fund to areas like food service and activities. **Please don't call Mr. Payler asking why these activities are being eliminated. They are not**, rather, the point is to make them more efficient enough that these may, if possible, become nearly self-sustaining. He continues to focus on competitive staff compensation and retention of highly effective staff, communications, safety, technology and affordable teacher housing.

The board approved a voluntary Aflac supplemental insurance proposal, a first reading of a proposed organizational chart and a CASB All-State board application.

Secondary / AD principal Christensen discussed the implementation of the closed campus which he described as having positive results. There are about 16-17 students leaving campus for lunch on a daily basis. Generally, he has received positive comments from the students regarding the policy. He discussed some of the positive results from the current testing results as well as frankly indicating there are areas which need significant improvement. He is working with the staff to find ways to make those

improvements. Holly Anderson provided a report to the Board but it was not available to the public at the time of the meeting.

Superintendent Payler gave a Power Point presentation entitled, "It's All About the Numbers." The topics covered included the external pressures effecting the District. Some of the issues discussed were; the population of the county (expected to grow but most of the people coming to the county will not have children in the school system, mostly retirement-age people,) the low salary range for teachers in Custer County compared to the rest of the state, (to the point that compensation is lagging behind the cost of living for Custer County by 27.05%), and the continued decline in the number of individuals entering teacher training (leaving a large need with a dwindling supply of talent.) He discussed the need for improvement in some academic areas as well as applauding some areas where Custer County is better than the state average. The continued decline in enrollment, down from 450 in 2010 to 379 in 2016, adds enormous pressure on the ability of the District to provide opportunity for the students. As the enrollment declines, so does funding which results in the neces-

sity to reduce staff which creating gaps in academic enrichment programs such as advanced placement classes, after school activities and athletics.

So it is all about the numbers!

Items introduced by board members included the addition of two items for the upcoming work shop: further review and discussion on the marijuana administration of medical marijuana and Mr. Lee requested further discussion and consideration regarding an Administrative Assistant for the Superintendent. Dr. Davis suggested the Board discuss the idea of doing a self-evaluation. Internal assessments of this type are very beneficial in improving communication, focus, and over all efficiency.

During the Second Public Comments session, teacher Michelle Tillotson indicated she raised an issue regarding teachers being involved in the administration of medical marijuana. Superintendent Payler indicated the proposed marijuana policy specifically prohibits teachers or staff from administering medical marijuana.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2016, at 4:30 p.m. in the library.



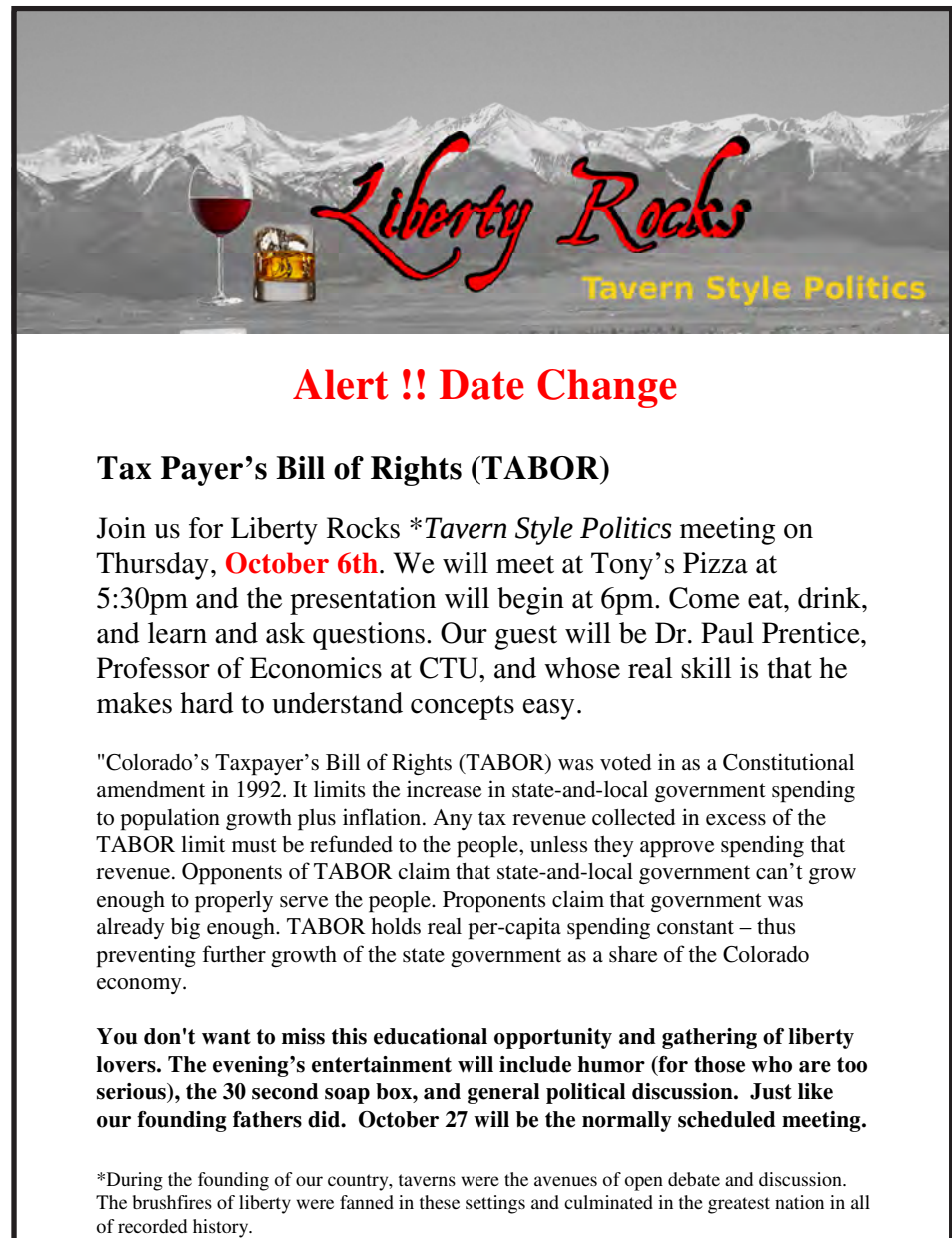
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You don't want to miss this educational opportunity and gathering of liberty lovers. The evening's entertainment will include humor (for those who are too serious), the 30 second soap box, and general political discussion. Just like our founding fathers did. October 27 will be the normally scheduled meeting.

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

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

John 14:3 NKJV



Vinette Goes Viral...

Dragonman’s Shooting Range off Highway 94, east of Colorado Springs had his annual machine gun shoot last weekend and it was something else, as usual. *The Sentinel* will be running a photo feature of it in an upcoming issue.

But just as you turn off Highway 94 onto Dragonman Drive to get to his place, he set up this simply awesome political vignette. Hundreds, if not thousands of people, have stopped to take pictures of this. We love our Dragonman.

Sentinel photo by George Gramlich

Broncos Linebacker Brandon Marshall Loses Endorsement Over National Anthem Protest

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Brandon Marshall refused to stand for the national anthem before Thursday’s nationally-televised NFL season opener, and that did not go over well with one of his endorsement partners, Air Academy Federal Credit Union. AAFCU terminated its relationship with Marshall this morning. From AAFCU’s statement:

“Although we have en-

joyed Brandon Marshall as our spokesperson over the past five months, Air Academy Federal Credit Union (AAFCU) has ended our partnership. AAFCU is a membership-based organization who has proudly served the military community for over 60 years. While we respect Brandon’s right of expression, his actions are not a representation of our organization and membership. We wish Brandon well on his future endeavors.”

Marshall, who is under a \$32 million, four-year contract with the Broncos, claimed that he committed the act of disrespect because he is “against social injustice.” We are not sure how his anti-social behavior towards an outward symbol of our nation somehow unwinds the social injustice that he perceives (we could only hope to be so maligned with a \$32 million contract), but it is interesting to note that he went to college with Col-

in Kaepernick, the second string San Francisco 49ers quarterback who started the trend of refusing to stand for the anthem.

Marshall became the official celebrity spokesperson for the financial institution earlier this year. AAFCU’s decision is not surprising, considering they serve a customer base that is taught respect for the flag, the nation, and its traditions.

Marshall has a right to not stand for the anthem, but

he also must face the consequences of his actions. AAFCU was right to drop him. Perhaps AAFCU can find another celebrity who respects the service of its members and their families.

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Colorado Dem Delegation Rolls Out the Welcome Mat for Gitmo Detainees



Queen DeGette, Dean of the Delegation.

Photo Courtesy of ColoradoPolitics.com

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Today, the U.S. House voted on a measure that prevents the transfer of any individual detained at the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, detention facility until the end of the year or until the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for 2017. Guess who voted against it today? If you guessed Colorado’s Democratic U.S. House delegation, including Reps. Diana DeGette, Jared Polis, and Ed Perlmutter, you would be right.

That’s right Colorado. Reps. DeGette, Polis, and Perlmutter want to force Coloradans to live next door to would-be terrorists. Thanks so much!

While we expect such crappy voting from those three, where does former state Sen. Morgan Carroll fall on this

issue? Carroll has long supported closing the facility, even if it means transferring known terrorists to Colorado. Someone in the media should ask her. We’re looking at you, John Frank.

President Obama said earlier this month that “he remained hopeful of being able to close the military detention center at Guantanamo Bay before he leaves office in January.” It is estimated that one-third of released GITMO detainees return to terrorist activities.

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House Judiciary Committee Report, March 27, 1854

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School Board Meetings:
Cañon City Fremont RE-1
2nd and 4th Mon
5:30 p.m.
101 N. 14th St, Cañon City
Florence-Penrose Fremont RE-2
2nd Mon. at 7 p.m.
403 W. 5th St. Florence

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

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

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

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

Southern Colorado Survivors
1st Sat at 10 a.m.
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Fremont County Bulletin

News, Opinion, Commentary

RE-2 Superintendent Updates Board on Four-day School Week

by Charlotte Burrous

During the Florence-Penrose School Board meeting Monday, Superintendent Rhonda Roberts updated the board on the four-day school week.

“We feel like things are going well, all things considered,” she said. “Logistically, (there are) no big issues with our support systems, transportation, food service, maintenance or custodial. I feel like our Friday outreach for our elementary students being able to attend ... Kinderhaus Florence (has been a success). Kinderhaus Penrose only had three students there so those students are attending the Florence facility. If we grow the Penrose facility then we’ll open up and be in session (in Penrose).”

Also on Fridays, the Boys & Girls Club meet at the Fremont Middle School then other students have signed up for college classes at Fremont Campus of Pueblo Community College.

“We had 21 students actually sign up, participating in that opportunity of taking college courses on Fridays,” Roberts. “We provide the

transportation for that. It’s a huge success.”

During the committee reports, Fremont instructor and co-president of E.F.E.A. John Wysong also reported on the four-day week.

“We’ve been working with administration (on the four-day week),” he said. “We have a whole lot to do with the master agreement with the four-day school week, times and dates. We’re going through some growing pains. We’re trying to keep classified and certified informed of the changes. We’re moving in the right direction and I do appreciate what you guys have done for us. This year is a process. We’ll have things cleaned up next year as we move into the 2017-2018 school year.”

From a teacher’s stand point, Wysong said it feels like the days are a blur and go really fast. He said he doesn’t feel like the days are longer at all.

In a separate matter, Roberts reported that the Netflix movie crew had approached the administration about using the middle school gym to house extras for the mov-

ie while crews film the “Our Souls at Night” during the week of October 10th.

“Our girls’ softball team has been asked to participate in a night time game with a local team and to be part of the movie,” Roberts added. “The fictitious name of the town is Holt. They’ll have Holt jerseys and will be playing for Holt in the movie.”

In an unrelated matter, the district also received a school health professional grant.

“We did that in the consortium grant with RE-1 and RE-3,” she said. “We had 1.5 staff allocation that we received for three years with that grant, which is really exciting. We just hired a district nurse, Lori Steinbeck. She’s going to be starting on the 26th. We’re looking for great things from her. She’s coming from Fremont County Public Health. I’m excited to have her on board. The other .5 is going to a teen and adolescent counselor position. We have a couple qualified applicants for that job and hope to have someone on board soon. That’s a three year grant.”

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- **4/26/17 – 7:00 p.m., New Odyssey** (3 guys – 30 instruments – band from Chicago playing all types of music from across the decades, including today’s top hits. Every performance is a memorable experience combining fun, audience interaction, offbeat humor, attention-to-detail arrangements and an all-age appeal.)

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Events Sept. 24th - Oct. 15th

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/

Sept 27th, Last Cañon City Farmers Market from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in Veterans Park, featuring local farmers, bakers, artisans and nonprofits.

Sept. 30, Oct. 1-2, Fall Festival & Craft Show at the Royal Gorge Dinosaur Experience located at 44895 W. U.S. 50.

Oct. 1, The Penrose Chamber of Commerce 81st Apple Day Festival. The theme for this year’s Apple Day is “Famous Apples throughout history.” 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. **Oct. 1. Starpoint Foundation presents Rim to Rim Royal Gorge 5K/10k Races** at Royal Gorge Bridge & Park. All day park admissions, T-shirt and lunch are included in the race registration fee. Family members get park admission for \$15. The fundraiser benefits Starpoint and partners with Ainsely’s Angels. To register, go to www.rimtorimroyalgorge.com

Through Oct. 1 Fremont Center for the Arts and Starpoint Art Exhibit & Sale will be featured in the Fremont Center for the Arts at 515 Macon Ave.

Oct. 1, Safety Day will be held from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in Home Depot at 141 MacKenzie Ave. in Cañon City.

Oct. 1, Animal Swap will take place the first Saturday of every month from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 1 at Tractor Supply Company at 1919 E. Main St.

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Exposing to Light the Extremist

Those who seek to protect the life of the unborn received some good news this week: Republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump is naming a Pro-Life Coalition and is pledging to protect the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits government funding for abortions. This demonstrates leadership on the divisive issue of abortion as most campaigns distance themselves from controversy going into the last weeks of a campaign. Democratic Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton will not duplicate the move because she ardently opposes any controls on abortion and seeks to use taxpayer money to support abortion provider Planned Parenthood and other government efforts that promote abortion.

Politically, the Trump campaign wants pro-life Christians to get out to vote. Many have made the unwise decision to either not vote or to vote for a third party candidate that has no chance of winning. These people would boost Hillary Clinton's vote total and may be a decisive block in swaying the election toward a non-Christian agenda of selection of leftist Supreme Court judges and continuing the anti-Christian environment established by the current Administration. Trump is doing his best to assure Christians that he means what he says regarding religious freedom and the inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness found in the Declaration of Independence.

Clinton has been an extreme radical supporter of abortion. In accepting Planned Parenthood's endorsement in July, Exposing to light the extremist Clinton said, "I admire Margaret Sanger enormously. Her courage, her tenacity, her vision ... When I think

about what she did all those years ago in Brooklyn, taking on archetypes, taking on attitudes and accusations flowing from all directions, I'm really in awe of her. There are a lot of lessons we can learn from her life, from the causes she launched and fought for and sacrificed for so greatly." Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, established the organization as an open supporter of Nazi sterilization laws, and proposed a federal law with abortion as the answer for Blacks who were "biologically unfit" and "should be so isolated as to prevent the perpetuation of their afflictions by breeding."

Those who are pro-life have a clear choice in this election. There is a candidate who has pledged to appoint conservative judges to the Supreme Court and will protect tax money from being used for abortions. There is another candidate who has vowed to appoint pro-abortion judges to the Supreme Court and wants to use your tax money for the Planned Parenthood death clinics. She also "admires" and is in "awe" of one of the most racist bigots in American history who can be directly linked to the deaths of over 45 million American babies in the womb. Still want to sit this one out? Jeremiah 2:34 says, "Also on your skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but plainly upon all these things." With what is at stake, I would not want to stand before my maker having not done all I could to prevent the extremist from prevailing.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
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Way back in the olden times, "the media" was the local newspaper, news radio and the evening news on the television. My father would read the paper every evening after dinner, while my mother would watch the evening news. Once in a while my mother would put on the radio and listen to the news channel, but that was rare. If the people in charge wanted to get the attention of the peasants, they had to do it in those small windows when people paid any attention to the news.

We live in a different age, but it is a very new age. We are saturated with media. Young people have no frame of reference so they just assume it has always been thus, but our modern mass media culture is one of those rare things that is truly new. It really was not so long ago when it was easy to be entirely uninformed about the world. It took great effort to be well informed. That's not to say we are all worldly cosmopolitans, but the world is literally at our fingertips. More important, media is everywhere and it's hard to escape it.

This newness means that the people in charge have struggled to put it to their uses. Buying off a few newspaper publishers was easy. Controlling the three TV networks required hardly any effort at all. A free-wheeling mass media with millions of bloggers, podcasters and small outlets is a different task. Rounding up the farm's bull is a hard job, but rounding up all the barn cats is actually much tougher. The former can get you killed, but the latter has a maddening number of variables.

When the masses started to get on-line, the "media experts" said it was ushering in an era of wonderfulness because the people would now have a say. The news would be interactive! It was not that long ago when every Progressive commentator went on and on about the wonderfulness of interactive media. I used to laugh at it as I was on-line long before the media

airheads had heard of the internet. I knew those hot-house flowers would not last very long in the rough and tumble world of the internet, but like missionaries headed off to the jungle, they were sure it was going to be great.

I was thinking about that yesterday when *National Review* announced they had been taken over by Facebook. Like a lot of these sites, they learned the hard way that their audience was not going to just nod along and clap when instructed. Instead, they posted articles and the comments filled up with ridicule and criticism. That led to lots of comments from NR writers about the awfulness of the comment threads. Now that millennial pansies are in

"It's easy to see what happened in Germany... before the game is a Nuremberg rally."

charge, they have turned it over to Facebook to police their comments.

It turns out that popular opinion is not all that popular with the people in the media. All over, news and opinion sites are clamping down on comments. They are heavily policed or they are shut down entirely. Twitter has allowed a band of angry lesbians to take over the moderation duties. Reddit hired Chinese grafter, Ellen Pao, to chase off the bad thinkers. Faceberg, of course, is run by howling lunatics, who ban people for any deviation from the orthodoxy. The media is slowly shutting down public comment in a rather deliberate effort to shut down dissent.

This started a couple of years ago, but the process has been accelerating. The claim from the media is the comment sections are revolting. Coincidentally, it is happening just when the public is revolting. It also coincides with a sudden solidarity among the media. They no longer seem to be divided along ideo-

logical lines. Now, they are quite unified. Read *National Review*, for example, and you could be forgiven for thinking it is *New York Magazine* or *Salon*. Glenn Beck, once the scourge of the Left, is now getting a sex change and supporting Clinton.

It's one of those things you can read different ways. It could be real fear on the part of media over what's coming their way through the comment sections. This is the sort of thing we associate with reactionaries facing a revolution. The people in charge try to suppress dissent so they can win the public relations campaign. If only one side can speak and they are holding a megaphone, enough people will be swayed to back the

a couple of rich kids who were as dumb as goldfish. But, family money is worth two SD's on the entrance exams so they were accepted and put into sociology and psychology, respectively.

My sense is that the Cloud People are beginning to master the new media tools. Oddly, the lesson they are learning is the lesson the Nazis learned. People naturally follow the herd. Put the herd into a big arena, pump in some emotional content and the herd goes where you tell it. Go to a Dallas Cowboy game and watch the buildup. It's easy to see what happened in Germany. The 20 minutes before the game is a Nuremberg rally. Even if you're not from Texas, you want to put on a cowboy hat, pull on your boots and defend the Alamo.

We are social animals that look to one another for guidance and acceptance. Unleashing click farms to promote the Cloud People narrative, while demoting the critics, gets the herd moving in the right direction. It also keeps the people holding the megaphones in high spirits. By having only cheering crowds in their line of sight, they truly feel they are making a difference and therefore redouble their efforts for the cause. That's the weird thing about propaganda. It's often more effective on the sender than the receiver.

All of this is fine if your ideal society is one where the bulk of the people are treated like cattle. That's certainly the way our world has shaped up so far in the mass media age. The "big data" guys start from the assumption that we're all in the hive, following orders from the queen via subtle signaling and nudging. Alter the composition of the signals and you alter society. The drones have no agency of their own. That's the theory and maybe they are right. The great success of central planning suggests they may be onto something.

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Harvard Crushes the “Obama Recovery” Farce With 9 Simple Charts

y Tyler Durden,
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A couple of months back we posted nine charts that, at least in our minds, debunked the myth of the “Obama Recovery” despite suggestions from the administration that any such efforts were just a futile attempt at “peddling fiction”.

Turns out that Harvard likes to dabble in “fiction peddling” as well:

In a recent study entitled “Problems Unsolved and a Nation Divided” (see <https://www.scribd.com/document/324137454/Harvard-Study-on-US-Economy-Under-Obama#download>), Harvard University points out that, despite claims of an “Obama Recovery,” in fact, **the U.S. economy has continued to deteriorate in the aftermath of the “great recession.”** Among other things, Harvard attributes the economic deterioration to a **“lack of economic strategy, especially at the federal level”** and a **“political system was once the envy of many nations”** but has now **“become our greatest liability.”** Below are a couple of the key conclusions:

America’s economic performance peaked in the late 1990s, and erosion in crucial economic indicators such as the rate of economic growth, productivity growth, job growth, and investment began well before the Great Recession.

Workforce participation, the proportion of Americans in the productive workforce, peaked in 1997. With fewer working-age men and women in the workforce, per-capita income for the U.S. is reduced.

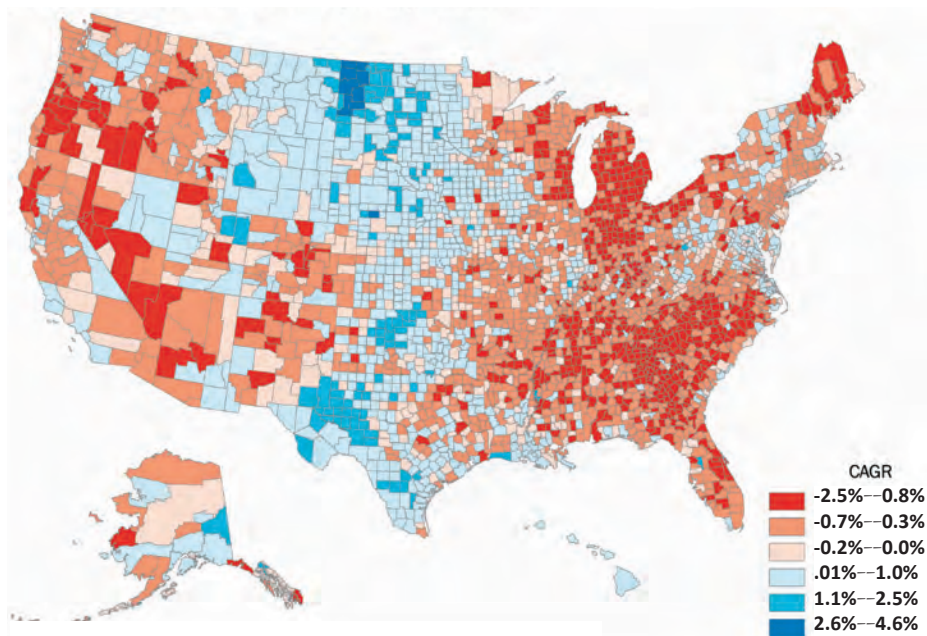
Median real household income has declined since 1999, with incomes stagnating across virtually all income levels. Despite a welcome jump in 2015, median household income remains below the peak attained in 1999, 17 years ago. Moreover, stagnating income and limited job prospects have disproportionately affected lower-income and lower-skilled Americans, leading inequality to rise.

Meanwhile, Harvard points out that **“pessimism about the trajectory of U.S. competitiveness deepened in 2016” for the first time in 5 years.**

Pessimism about the trajectory of U.S. competitiveness deepened in 2016, for the first time since we started surveying alumni in 2011. Fifty percent of the business leaders surveyed expect U.S. competitive-

FIGURE 10: WIDESPREAD INCOME DECLINE ACROSS(THE U.S.

Change in U.S. real median household income by county, 1999-2014



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, author’s Calculations.

ness to decline in the coming three years, while 30% foresee improvement and 20% no change.

Harvard argues that one of the primary causes of the sustained economic downturn has been a **lack of an economic strategy from the federal government which has instead chosen to rely exclusively on accommodative Fed policies.**

The U.S. lacks an economic strategy, especially at the federal level. The implicit strategy has been to trust the Federal Reserve to solve our problems through monetary policy.

Meanwhile, Harvard points out that the other key affliction of the U.S. economy is a completely **broken political system that is “no longer delivering good results for the average American.”**

The U.S. political system was once the envy of many nations. Over the last two decades, however, it has become our greatest liability. Americans no longer trust their political leaders, and political polarization has increased dramatically. Americans are increasingly frustrated with the U.S. political system. Independents now account for 42% of Americans, a greater percentage than that of either major party.

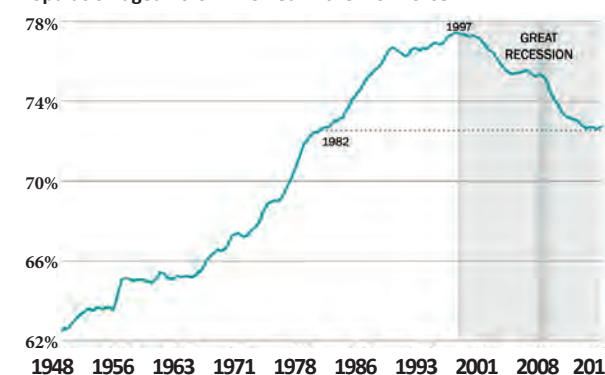
The political system is no longer delivering good results for the average American. Numerous indicators point to failure to compromise and deliver practical solutions to the nation’s problems. Political polarization has especially made it harder to build consensus on sensible economic policies that address key U.S. weaknesses. It is at the root of our inability to progress on the consensus Eight-Point Plan.

With that, here’s a look at some of our favorite charts.

First, the labor force participation rate has continued to decline after the “great recession” and currently stands at the lowest level since 1982.

See Figure 5 below

FIGURE 5: DECLINING LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
Population aged 16-64 involved in the workforce

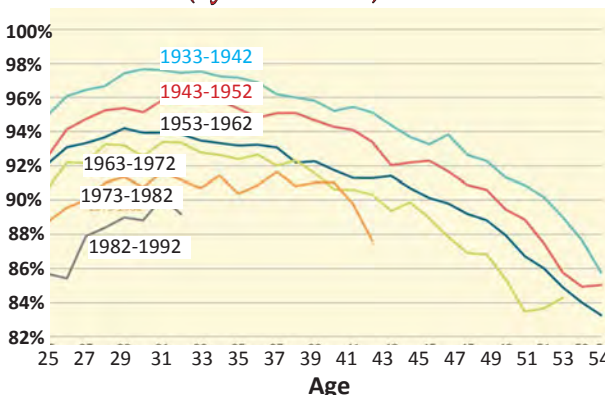


Notes: civilian labor force over civilian non-institutional population (not seasonally adjusted). Shaded area indicates the recession of December 2007 to June 2009 and defined by the NBER. Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, author’s calculations.

But the total labor participation rate over the past couple of decades has benefited from women entering the work force. **If you just look at male labor force participation the drop off is even more pronounced.**

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FIGURE 6: FALLING U.S. PRIME-AGE MALE LABOR PARTICIPATION (By Male Cohort)

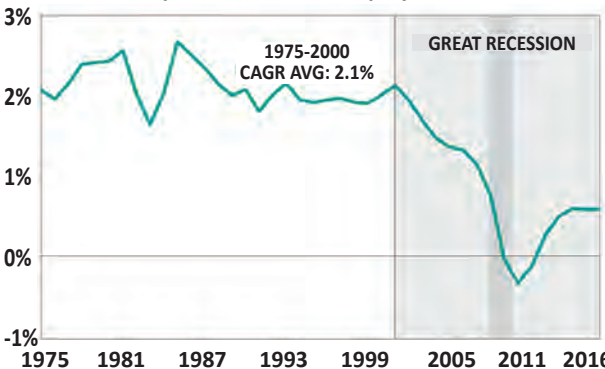


Source: Chart from “The Long-Term Decline in Prime-Age Male Labor Force Participation,” White House Council of Economic Advisers, June 2016

The key problem is that job creation has failed to recover to the levels experienced prior to the “great recession.”

FIGURE 3: SLOWER PACE OF JOB CREATION

Rolling 10-year compound annual growth rate in total number of U.S. private non-farm employees. 1975-2016



Notes: Data for 2016 are as of July. All other data are year-end values. Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics survey, author’s calculations.

Meanwhile, labor productivity has collapsed.

See Figure 2 Below

FIGURE 2: DECLINE IN PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH

U.S. non-farm business labor productivity, 4-year rolling average of annualized quarterly growth, 1951–Q2 2016



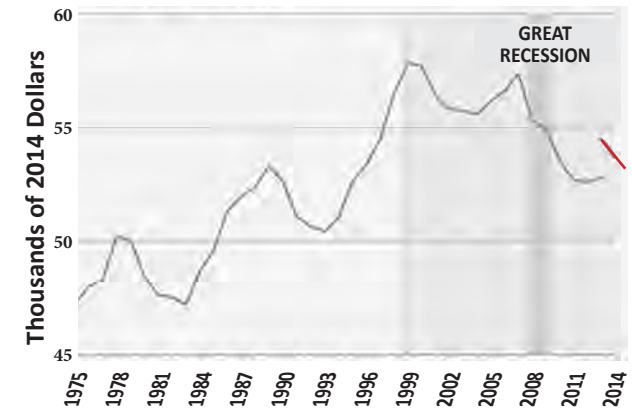
Note: Shaded area indicates the recession of December 2007 to June 2009 as defined by the National Bureau of Economic Research. Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics; author’s calculations

And, of course, poor job growth and declining participation rates results in **lower real household income.**

See Figure 8 Below

FIGURE 8: DECLINE IN U.S. MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (Adjusted For Inflation)

U.S. real median household income, 1975-2014



Notes: Blue line represents estimations from survey methodology in use until 2013. Red line represents methodology established in 2014 and applied to 2013 survey sample for continuity (U.S. Census Bureau’s calculations). Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

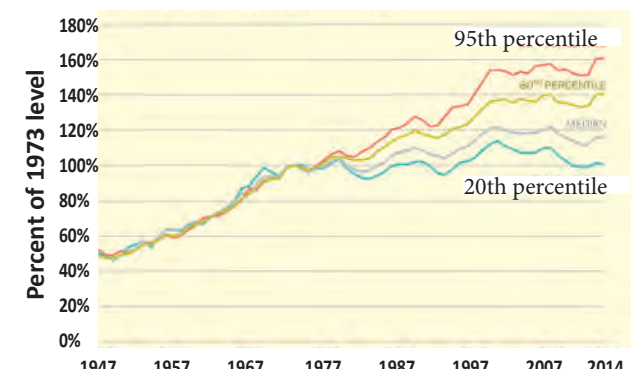
Per the chart (Figure 10, top center), the only counties across the country that have experienced real income growth in recent years has been areas where the economy is **dominated by oil production...ironically, the industry that Obama has tried hardest to crush** (as evidenced by his recent decision to unilaterally halt the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline).

Moreover, **people in the lowest income brackets, those Obama claims to care most about, have suffered the most under his presidency.**

See Figure 11 Below

FIGURE 11: DIVERGING INCOME TRAJECTORIES

Real family income indexed to 1973, across the distribution 1947-2014



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, author’s calculations. Chart adapted from Chad Stone and co-authors, “A Guide to Statistics on Historical Trends in Income Inequality,” Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, July 2016.

While stalling in the early 2000’s, entitlement spending has soared under the Obama presidency as investment has declined.

Meanwhile, the Harvard survey finds that **all of Obama’s major policy initiatives were identified as the key reasons for our under-performing economy, including, a health care, high personal income taxes, high corporate taxes and a burdensome regulatory environment.** (Graph omitted.)

And, lastly, this all comes as the American electorate has completely lost all faith in politicians. (Down from 78% in 1962 to 20% in 2014. Graph omitted.)

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So It Begins: State Forces LGBT "Accommodation" Rules on Churches

by Onan Coca,
Constitution.com

Across the country states have been passing laws meant to defend the First Amendment from government overreach, and simultaneously liberals and the media have been decrying these protections as "homophobic" and "bigoted." These same liberals have argued that conservatives are being paranoid and that no protection is needed...

Sadly, Massachusetts has just proved every conservative fear accurate.

On October 1st, the most draconian "non-discrimination" laws in the nation will go into effect in the Bay State. According to the new guidelines released by the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD), even churches must abide by the new, anti-Christian laws.

This effectively means churches must acknowledge transgender ideology or practice their doctrine on human sexuality in secret — putting Christianity in the closet.

The guidance specifically men-

tions churches as falling under the "public accommodation" restrictions against "discrimination" on the basis of gender identity: "Even a church could be seen as a place of public accommodation if it holds a secular event, such as a spaghetti supper, that is open to the general public," the MCAD explained.

The restrictions are massive. Any "public accommodation" must allow patrons to use men's or women's restrooms — and locker rooms and changing rooms — "consistent with their gender identity." Such

places must also "use names, pronouns, and gender-related terms appropriate to employee's stated gender identity in communications with employees and with others."

These are not small tasks for churches, Christian schools, and other organizations which operate on Christian principles.

This is exactly why legislatures and voters in dozens of states have been working so hard to pass the defense of religious liberty laws, and exactly why the liberals in those states have fought so hard to

kill them. While the liberals have been telling us that there is no reason to worry, Massachusetts has a very different story to tell us. We cannot trust these liberals who attempt to assuage our feelings with soft words, because they most certainly will be stabbing us in the back the first chance they get...

And Massachusetts is Proof.

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When Black Lives Don't Matter

by TL Davis, Christian-Merc.blogspot.com

Black lives don't matter when Planned Parenthood is involved. Most do not realize that Planned Parenthood was the outgrowth of Margaret Sanger's attempt to cleanse the American population of undesirables, especially blacks, whom she considered incapable of the type of "elevated" behavior of educated whites. But, Margaret wanted to rid society of all manner of undesirables, not just blacks. To her, the mentally disabled, the weak, the unmanageable hordes must also be cleansed. This is why Planned Parenthood started in the inner cities, where the poor, disabled and minorities were most often encountered. Yet, Hillary Clinton is still proud to accept the Margaret Sanger Award. And, she accuses Trump of being a racist.

Black lives don't matter on the streets, where 40% of gang members are under the age of 18, too young to legally own a gun, but

the most likely to use a gun to kill another child, 31% of these gang members are black. This places two black lives at risk, the one who uses the gun and is likely to spend the rest of his life in prison and the one on whom the gun was used, who will likely die from the encounter. But, there is no push from Black Lives Matter to remove black children from the ranks of gangs. There is no protest from Colin Kaepernick to recognize, or criticize the involvement of blacks in gangs. Those black lives do not matter to either Black Lives Matter or Colin Kaepernick or they would protest these gangs, criticize these gangs for putting at risk those black lives.

Black lives don't matter when it comes to education, where black males graduated high school only 59% of the time while white males graduated 80% of the time and the gap is widening, not shrinking. Where is the Black Lives Matter when it comes to education?

Should they not be acting like black lives really matter to something other than a reason to protest and call for the death of police officers? Aren't they, in fact, encouraging blacks to commit crime and therefore place themselves at risk of imprisonment where they are almost certain to become gang members and return to society not rehabilitated, but trained?

Black lives don't matter when it comes to jobs. The figures on this statistic are hard to decipher, since the true unemployment rate is unknown due to its political implications. Once a person loses unemployment benefits they are not counted as being unemployed, even though they are still unemployed. This is how the unemployment rate has dropped while true employment has remained largely static. But, when wading through the disinformation of the Department of Labor, we do discover that blacks are unemployed (their figures) at a rate of 13% compared to whites at 7.9%.

Part of that is because black entrepreneurship is not championed and supported with only 3% of blacks being self-employed, but are over represented in government jobs.

Black lives don't matter when they are conservatives. Black lives matter to me and I would like to see some of the successes of blacks who have become Supreme Court justices and Republican presidential candidates and CEO's championed and heralded

by Black Lives Matter, but black lives don't matter to them when they are conservative blacks.

Black Lives Matter could be doing a whole lot more for black lives, if they were willing to embrace the success stories all around them, instead, they focus on the interaction between cops and criminals. To be sure, not all blacks who have been killed by cops were criminals. Sometimes the cops kill innocent people, it is a fact that the white com-

munity understands better than anyone else since an innocent white person is more likely to be killed by cops than blacks. Just ask Vickie Weaver, David Koresh and anyone in the Waco compound, LaVoy Finicum and Jack Yantis. Oh, that's right, those innocent white people are dead at the hands of cops.

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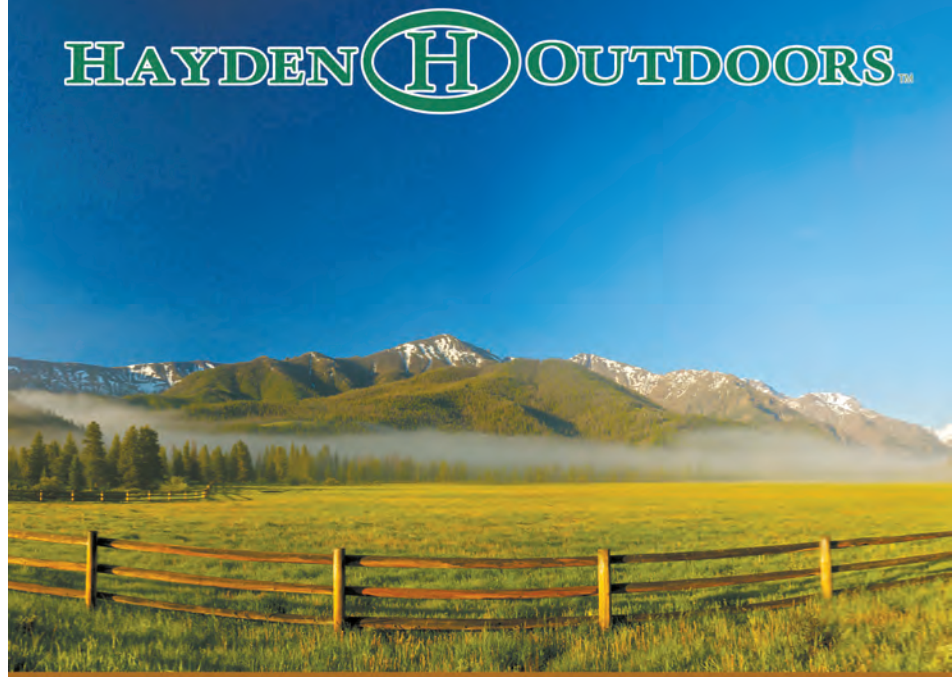
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Part 1: Introduction: "The Biblical Obligation to Preserve Life"

(Editor/GG: Mr. Tan's article on this subject is definitive and exhaustive, containing over 6,000 words. It's content is authoritative. I have broken it up into the following sections and will run these over a period of time: Introduction/The Biblical Obligation to Preserve Life, The Biblical View of Bloodshed, Old Testament Passages on Lethal Force and Self-Defense, New Testament Passages on Lethal Force and Self-Defense, Possession of Weapons and Skills With Weapons a Good and Useful Thing, and finally Warnings/Perspective. You can read the entire article at the web address noted at the end of the article.)

This study examines the Biblical view of self-defense. We're looking at questions such as, Is it right to employ lethal force to protect the life of yourself and others? Is it right to take measures that might **kill** an attacker who is wrongfully threatening your life or the life of another?

involves preserving one's own health and life when it is threatened by the actions of others. When we speak about using potentially lethal force in self-defense, we're talking about using weapons to protect ourselves and others, even if the weapons used could kill the attacker.

Now why in the world would we take time to look at this subject? First, as Christians, we want to know how to apply the Bible to current issues in society. We live in a country with approximately 250 million guns and approximately 300 million people. Furthermore, in our country, it is estimated that law abiding citizens defend themselves using guns approximately one million to two million times a year. Almost 200,000 people in this state alone have a legal permit to carry a concealed handgun. What does the Bible have to say about that many guns actively being used for self-protection?

We live in a time where the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, current possibilities of economic and societal collapse, and crime have people buying guns and ammunition in large quantities for self protection. What does the Bible say about that? What does the Bible say about so-called “assault weapons”?

As always, we want our hearts and minds to be ruled and informed by

Scripture--not by our emotions, not by our experiences, and certainly not by the World. And because the Scriptures have much to say about this topic, it is relevant and worth examining in the Church.

The focus of this study is specific. I am not dealing with whether lethal force can legitimately be used in wartime. I am not dealing with capital punishment. I am not dealing with Biblical principles involved in the American Revolution or the War Between the States.

This study is organized in five sections. First, we will look at the Biblical obligation to preserve life. Secondly, we will look at the Biblical view of bloodshed. Thirdly, we will look at passages dealing with the application of lethal force in self-defense. Fourth, we will look at what the Bible says about possession of weapons and skill in using weapons. Finally, we look at limitations and warnings about self-defense.

We begin by first looking at the Biblical obligation to preserve life. The Bible clearly teaches that we must preserve life--our own lives and the lives of other people. 1 Corinthians 6:19 teaches that our bodies are not our own. Rather, our bodies belong to God. Our bodies

are His property and so we are not permitted to treat or destroy them as we please:

19 Or know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? and ye are not your own; 20 for ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body. (1Co 6:19-20 ASV)

Not only are we to take care of our bodies and the life contained. We have an obligation to preserve the body and life of other people. Psalm 82:4 even cites an obligation to protect those who are in danger:

Psalm 82:4 *Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.*

Consider also Proverbs 24:11, which indicates we have a duty to preserve the lives of those who are harming themselves:

Proverbs 24:11 *Deliver those who are drawn toward death, And hold back those stumbling to the slaughter.*

Ezekiel 33 is a well-known passage:

Ezekiel 33: "...⁶But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and a sword comes and takes a person

from them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require from the watchman's hand."

If you know danger is coming to others, and you deliberately fail to warn the others of the danger, you are guilty of harming the victims. This is not to say that you can make people heed your warning. The surrounding verses also say that if the people refuse to heed the warning of the watchmen, the watchman is not guilty if they are harmed.

We also see principles in Mosaic law teaching that if we fail to guard the lives of others, we are guilty. In Deuteronomy 22:8, if someone falls from your roof, and you failed to install a safety fence around the edge, you would be held liable for the death of that person. Likewise, in Exodus 21:29-31, if a man has an ox which is prone to harm people, the owner is held liable if he fails to confine it and the ox harms or kills others. If the ox *harms* someone, the negligent owner is fined. If the ox *kills* someone, the negligent owner is to be *put to death*.

The principle could hardly be stated more forcefully: you must protect your life and the lives of others.

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Fundamental Court Transformation Removes Choices for Gun Owners *Except* 'Obey or Not'

—USA (Ammoland.com)—
“Senate Republicans are refusing to hold a hearing for President Obama’s nominee Chief Judge Merrick Garland,” the White House complains, presenting its (public) case to move confirmation hearings along. “It will be harmful and create unsustainable uncertainty if Congress fails to act on the President’s nominee.”

Who it will be harmful to and left uncertain for is left unstated. One thing we can reasonably surmise is, if Garland is confirmed, a deadlock on the Supreme Court will be

broken, and the 5 – 4 majority that gave gun owners wins in *Heller* and *McDonald* will be reversed.

“Hogwash,” cry “progressives” who hate guns, hate gun owners, and especially hate anything that would challenge their totalitarian monopoly of violence dreams. They want us to believe suspecting Garland of sympathy for “gun control” is based purely on unwarranted speculation, as if Obama would entertain nominating a conservative. Egalitarianism may be something they pretend to stump for on the campaign trail, but when it comes to the most equitable power-sharing arrangement yet devised by man (womyn?),

the collectivists suddenly
lose trust in their beloved
proletariat and opt for their
time-honored police state.

Do we really have to settle for the unconvincing rebuttal that Garland hasn't directly decided a 2A case and that we can't read his mind? Anybody want to flip that coin? Besides the Democrats? And why does the contention come off with all the believability of a Bart Simpson denial?

There is a way around the impasse, and while it may not be consistent with the way things have traditionally been done, there's no law against Garland exercising his First Amendment

rights as a private citizen to tell us where he stands philosophically on Right to Keep and Bear Arms (RKBA). Nominees generally are given a pass in hearings for the excuse they don't want to prejudice any

at a minimum, apply to weaponry carried by infantry soldiers for battlefield use, in addition to those commonly used for self-defense and sport.

If they don't wish to answer

*"Those crying 'Molon Labe!'
may just get their wish..."*

appeals that may come before them — but since when do job applicants (outside of government) get hired if they refuse to even *generally* disclose their thoughts on conflicts they will be responsible for resolving?

to We the People (or to our representatives) on those points, I understand the car wash is hiring.

It is with the lower courts that some of the most damaging decisions have been made, in many cases decisions allowed to stand simply because the Supreme Court chose not to hear an appeal. And these courts are increasingly dangerous places, as another “under the radar” Democrat objective — one enabled by Republican Senate squishes — may have already rendered justice for gun owners unobtainable.

“When Obama entered the Oval Office, liberal judges controlled just one of the 13 circuits of the U.S. Court of Appeals,” *The Daily Signal* notes. “Fifty-five successful

presidential nominations later, liberal majorities now control nine of those appeals benches, or 70 percent.”

Who thinks either of these creatures want unsupportive judges?

What chance will gun owners have if Hillary, who has already told us she disagrees with earlier rulings, wins? She will then fill not just the Scalia vacancy on SCOTUS, but also other vacancies that will surely arise on the high court and all the lower ones. She'll conceivably get that number into the 90 percent bracket – especially if pro-amnesty, “pathway to citizenship”, GOP turncoats succeed in helping her create an overwhelming Democrat super-majority.

Those crying “Molon Labe!” may just get their wish, although it does make fair the question:

Wouldn't it be easier to vote first, for the only person with a chance of beating Hillary, and see if these potential nominees can make a difference?

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Politics & The Bible From Pastor Jim



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Southern Colorado natives, Jim and his wife, Linda, happily returned to their home state in 2006. He is currently the founding pastor of Huerfano Community Bible Church in

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All Scripture taken from the King James Version.



Does Truth Matter?

The evidence continues to mount, indicating Hillary's no confidence barometer is rising. Some polls suggest that nearly 70% of Americans do not trust her to tell the truth. Many voters are not old enough to remember the Clinton scandals of the nineties, but do have some awareness of Benghazi, her e-mails and other lies that seem to be advanced on a weekly basis. To our amazement, many of that percentage will vote for Mrs. Clinton even though they believe her to be a pathological liar. One cannot help but wonder how such a thing is possible. The answer must be discovered in the larger context of a society that is willing to tolerate this type of behavior from a presidential candidate.

Jeremiah the prophet went to great lengths describing the moral condition of Israel during his ministry. A partial description of his grief is found in Jeremiah 9:1: "Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!" In verse two, he wishes to be set apart from them because of their treachery and follows that up in verse three and five with a specific cultural complaint. "And they bent their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; And they will deceive every one his neighbor, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity." Jeremiah concludes that his nation is willing to accept the lies of its leadership because they often provided more comfort than the truth. A classic example is found in Jeremiah 8:11: "For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace." Some feel slightly better when they are told that ISIS is just a JV team and open borders are a compassionate solution.

The prophet knew that falsehoods must be protected which often resulted in the most dastardly of crimes. "Behold, ye trust in lying words that cannot profit. Will ye steal, murder and commit adultery, and swear falsely," (Jeremiah 7:8-9) preceded by "Woe is me now! For my soul is wearied because of murderers." (Jeremiah 4:31) Democratic staffer Seth Conrad Rich, only twenty-seven, was shot in his back multiple times on his way to meet with the FBI to discuss election fraud on July 10, 2016. U.N official John Ashe died suspiciously the day before he was set to testify as a top

official against the DNC and Hillary Clinton on June 22, 2016. Victor Thorn, author of books exposing the Clinton's, was found dead of a gunshot wound on a mountain top near his home on August 1, 2016. Shawn Lucas, lead Attorney in the Anti-Clinton DNC fraud case and a Bernie Sanders supporter, was found dead at home on August 4, 2016. Why the news media has not made these "coincidental" deaths a point of intense investigation is a matter of great curiosity. Could it be that they are bedfellows with the liars' fraternity? A list of untimely deaths, too long to be printed here, have followed the Clinton's dating clear back to their Arkansas days. Does anyone remember Vince Foster?

Several years ago, Henry Luce (editor of *Life* and *Time* magazines) said, "The most dangerous fault in American life today is their lack of interest in the truth." In corresponding fashion, God orders the prophet to chime in with "But thou shalt say unto them, This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the Lord their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth." (Jeremiah 7:28) Are deceitful, blood-sucking politicians the problem or simply a manifestation of a much larger cancer?

Even though Jeremiah's prophecies against Israel are negative in nature, a direct application can be made to America if this country has ever been a Christian nation. God used a heathen nation to punish His people for their sins...open borders, here they come. Chapter 23 is summed up with a pessimistic, critical, vicious, unloving remark about Bible teachers and preachers (scribes in this case) messing with the words of God Almighty. By destroying belief in the words of God, the populace is disarmed and walks right into the trap. There was a day when the majority of America's pulpits thundered against sin weekly but most have capitulated to pressure from the pew. Isaiah 30:8-10 records the progression: "Now go, write it before them in a table and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come forever and ever: That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the Lord: which say to the seers, see not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits."

The malignancy begins with the laity, works its way up through the clergy and metastasizes in Washington. The cure may begin with a mirror!

A Sheepdog Barks!

Just listened to the president speak to the United Nations. Turned my stomach. He obviously lives in an imaginary world based on globalism, international unions, climate change mandates and a universal desire to take from the rich and give to the poor. He believes the world can live in total harmony by holding hands and singing Kumbaya. He focused on inclusiveness and diversity and rule by the people. He promoted socialism and communism. He wants global education and liberal political order around the world. His speech was baffling. The single biggest issue in the world today is Islamic Terrorism and he barely spoke of it. He glossed over the real needs to defeat and destroy these radical Muslim organizations and spoke of an impossible world utopian state where there is no conflict or any war. That simply is irresponsible. The world will never reach that state. He created the mess the world is in and then criticizes it in his remarks. America needs to lead the charge against the evil in the world, yet Obama apologized for America's past and said we all need to join hands. He actually said that if the world doesn't address climate change there will be cities under water and a human crisis of despair. He is a madman. He also said top-down government power is no good. That's exactly what his administration has been about. Thousands of new and restrictive regulations have been issued by his agencies. He said he believes in the Rule of Law. That's a blatant lie. If he believed in the rule of law HilLIARy would be being prosecuted and he wouldn't have issued so many unconstitutional executive orders. I believe he is the biggest racist in America. Last week he told the Congressional Black Caucus that he would be personally insulted if the blacks don't vote for Clinton. Is that not a racist comment? It is in my book. He has been a cancer on America. What a disastrous eight years it has been. I'm not even sure we can recover but we must stop HilLIARy from furthering his legacy. WOOF!

Did you notice how the LPSDs reacted to the Islamic Terrorism acts that occurred last weekend? First they tried to tell us that it might not be

terrorism. New York City Mayor DeBlasio wanted to make sure we knew it was an "intentional act." Really? I would think all bombs are intentional acts, wouldn't you. He is a complete LPSD idiot. He desperately wanted it not be terrorism. Denial! That's what all LPSD leaders exercise. Immediate Denial! Thankfully no one was killed. We were lucky. One bomb didn't even go off. The government cannot protect us. They are basically frozen by political correctness and only reactive. And in Minnesota an off duty policeman with a concealed weapon saved the day and prevented many more injuries and deaths. Thanks, Officer Jason Falconer. This is a perfect example of what I've been saying and which I know many of you believe also. Arm yourself, America. Be prepared to protect yourselves, your families and your property. The government is mostly reactive, not proactive. Consider this Islamic terrorist a**hole in New Jersey. The FBI knew he had traveled to Afghanistan and that he had been "radicalized." And yet he was off their radar and calmly walked around stashing bombs. That's because our government is overly concerned with political correctness and multiculturalism. So because we won't dare profile, these kinds of incidents will continue. The denial about what is going on is the real problem. The investigator in St. Cloud, MN, kept referring to the mall stabbing incident as a "potential" terrorist act even though he knew the dead Somali was shouting Allah while stabbing people. Potential? Really? The St. Cloud Police Chief wouldn't even address the migrant problem there. He said, "Now is not the time to be divisive." Really? The Somali's have taken over Minnesota, especially St. Cloud. Eleven Somalis from Minnesota have been caught and convicted of trying to join ISIS. What are these LPSD authorities afraid of? That they might offend someone? We must get rid of them. WOOF!

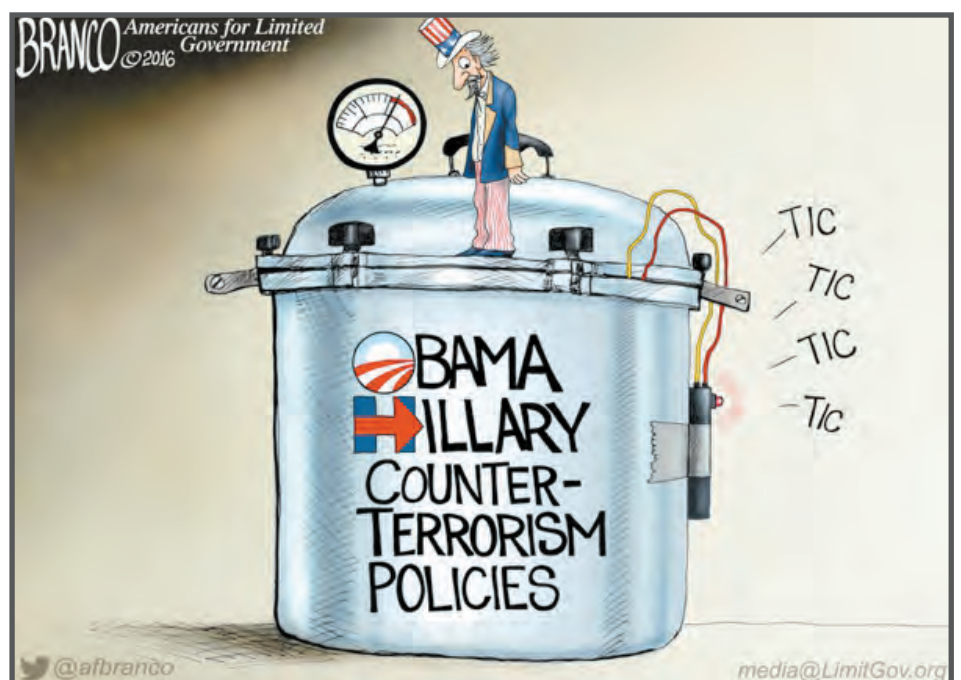
And our girl HilLIARy Rodham Clinton fits right in. Her first reaction and comments were to deny, cautions everyone to slow down and not jump to conclusions and tell us we need to develop



more trust with the Muslim American community. So this is what we will get with good ole' HilLIARy. More of the same Obama/LPSD attitude which will do nothing to help make us safe. They don't care. Look at the information that just came out from the Homeland Security Inspector General. Over 800 immigrants that were supposed to be deported were instead "accidentally" given U.S. Citizenship! This was attributed to a SNAFU on fingerprints not being entered into the system. We are told, however, not to worry. A spokeswoman from the Citizenship and Immigration Service (CIS) told the press that the fingerprinting problem is now under control and won't happen again. And who is the CIS spokeswoman - Neema Hakim. WOW! I feel much better now. And since the mistake has been pointed out and they know exactly who they are why not revoke the accidental citizenships? Oh no, not a chance under this administration or HilLIARy's either. WOOF!

Just what is the hurry to bring more immigrants and more refugees in to this country every day? Why can't we slow down, or even stop it for a period of time, until we get our vetting system fixed? We don't have to let thousands and thousands flow into America every day when we have no idea who they really are. That's insane. Only a "radical" like Trump might do what is right. We can't trust Congress to do anything that really needs doing. The Democrats are total LPSDs and the Republicans are cowards. MEE-OW! It will take a non-politician, beholding to no one, to force real needed reforms on our government. Let's take a chance at real change. It certainly can't get any worse than it would be under Obama's third term. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



Fat Lives Matter: 1 Out of Every 5 People are Obese in the U.S.!

by Michael Snyder,
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via ZeroHedge.com

The United States officially has an obesity crisis. According to a brand new report that was just released by the Trust for America’s Health, **at least one out of every five people meet the clinical definition for obesity in all 50 states.** But of course in some states things are far worse than that. More than 35 percent of all adults are obese in four states, and the obesity rate is between 30 and 35 percent in 21 other states. And it is important to keep in mind that just needing to lose weight does not mean that you are obese. According to the CDC, *you have got to have a body mass index of at least 30.0 to meet the clinical definition for obesity.*

Each year, the American people spend 60 billion dollars on weight loss programs and products. That breaks down to about 188 dollars for every man, woman and child in the country. We are a nation that is absolutely obsessed with losing weight, and yet obesity levels are hovering near all-time record highs.

But some parts of the U.S. are definitely doing better than others. The following is an excerpt that comes directly from the new report...

In 2015, Louisiana has the highest adult obesity rate at 36.2 percent and Colorado has the lowest at 20.2 percent. While rates remained steady for most states, they are still high across the board. The 13th annual report found that rates of obesity now exceed 35 percent in four states, are at or above 30 percent in

25 states and are above 20 percent in all states. **In 1991, no state had a rate above 20 percent.**

Did you catch that last part? I put it in bold for a reason. To me, it is absolutely incredible that **no state in the entire country had an obesity rate of more than 20 percent just 25 years ago.**

“...an astounding 70%
of all Americans
are overweight...”

How is that possible?
How could obesity explode to such a dramatic level in just a couple of decades?

Well, a lot of it has to do with what we eat and drink, and I will have some comments about that below. But first, let’s take a look at some more statistics from this new report. It turns out that there seems to be a *significant link between obesity and poverty...*

- 9 of the 11 states with the highest obesity rates are in the South and 22 of the 25 states with the highest rates of obesity are in the South and Midwest.
- 10 of the 12 states with the highest rates of diabetes are in the South.
- American Indian/Alaska Natives have an adult obesity rate of 42.3 percent.
- Adult obesity rates are at or

above 40 percent for Blacks in 14 states.

- Adult obesity rates are at or above 30 percent in: 40 states and Washington, D.C. for Blacks; 29 states for Latinos; and 16 states for Whites.

The report also noted that it has been estimated that **our obesity epidemic costs the United States somewhere between 147 billion dollars and 210 billion dollars every single year.**

That is an enormous amount of money, and if we were all a bit healthier it would benefit our society tremendously.

Sadly, as a society we have fallen into some very bad habits. For example, the new report also found that the number of high school students that play video games for at least three hours per day “has increased more than 88 percent since 2003 (from 22.1 to 41.7 percent)”.

When I was in high school, almost all of the kids couldn’t wait to get outside and play after school. But these days most playgrounds and parks are eerily silent most of the time, and even if kids wanted to go use them the truth is that many of them aren’t very safe.

In the old days, parents could let their kids go outside and play freely without having to worry about it. But in 2016, many of our communities are infested by addicts, gangs, sex predators, etc.

But that is a topic for another article. Last year, Gallup also did a survey on obesity, and what they found lines up with this new report

very well...

-The national rate of obesity has risen to an all-time high of 27.7 percent. That is up from 27.1 percent in 2013, and it is much higher than the 25.5 percent number that we were sitting at in 2008.

-At 19.0 percent, Hawaii has the lowest rate of obesity in the entire country.

-At 35.2 percent, Mississippi has the highest rate of obesity in the entire country.

-The rest of the top ten includes West Virginia, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Alabama, Kentucky, Indiana, Iowa and Missouri.

And remember, **being obese is dif-**

“...60 billion dollars
on weight loss programs
and products.”

ferent from being overweight.

According to CNN, **an astounding 70 percent of all Americans are overweight at this point.**

Let that number sink in for a moment.

Seventy percent.

So how did this happen?

Well, our addiction to sugar plays a major role in this. If you were just to make one change to your diet, you could immediately start living a much healthier lifestyle. What I am talking about is soda.

Many people that have *cut all soda out of their diets have immediately started losing weight*, and they often report feeling much better too.

Other people have actually decided to completely **cut all sugar** out of their diets, and needless to say the health benefits have been nothing short of astounding.

If you know me, you know that like sugar, but I try to keep it at a very reasonable level. But that is difficult, because sugar is in just about everything. And if it isn’t sugar, it is some other type of sweetener such as high fructose corn syrup.

There are others that know much more about these things than I do, but I just wanted to share with you a couple common sense things I have learned over the years that can immediately help you if you are interested in a healthier lifestyle.

Of course *cancer loves sugar* too, and so it is no wonder why we have a cancer epidemic in this country. If you can believe it, Americans spend 100 billion dollars a year on cancer drugs alone.

We are literally digging our own graves with our forks, knives and spoons. What we eat and what we drink are the biggest reasons why we have an obesity epidemic in this nation, and if we will just take a few common sense steps we could start turning around this crisis tomorrow.

Please see: www.zerohedge.com/news/2016-09-05/fatlivesmatter-least-1-out-every-5-people-are-obese-all-50-states

Attention Denver Post: This Is What Unbiased Coverage Looks Like

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Darryl Glenn, the GOP candidate running for U.S. Senate, was on the Western Slope over the weekend, and *The Durango Herald* ran a story about what he did, what he said and incumbent Michael Bennet’s response.

Sounds pretty simple, but this type of coverage has become a novelty in the era of sensational

journalism and overly opinionated talking heads. When the state’s flagship paper isn’t busy demonizing Glenn for standing up to an abusive father, then they’re questioning whether Republicans have written off the race all together.

Never mind Glenn’s position on the issues and how they contrast to Bennet’s. And never mind all the votes that Bennet has taken in

the last six-years putting him out of step with the majority of people in this state.

Every Coloradan is less safe today because of Bennet’s vote to empower Iran’s nuclear ambitions and to enhance Iran’s capacity to carry out terrorist attacks across the globe. Where’s that front-page exposé?

Worse still, as Glenn trails in the

polls, the media is ready to write him off. Except Donald Trump was trailing Hilary Clinton until he wasn’t, and it’s not too late for this race to tighten as well.

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