

Valley Strong Indeed!

by George Gramlich

An awesome evening it was. Around 1200 valley residents came together for a meal honoring our local Posse, Wet Mountain Fire Department and Custer County Search and Rescue volunteers. The Valley Strong Team that put it together, spearheaded by Paul Leach and Cathy Snow, did a simply outstanding job. We all THANK YOU.

Nothing said it better than the beautiful Thank You letter the *Sentinel* received from the Valley Strong Team:

Letter to the Editor;

The 1st Annual Valley Strong Community Dinner was successful beyond our most optimistic projections, thanks to all the folks who worked to make it happen. We wanted to give a special shout-out though to the Custer County Schools staff and students. From our initial conversations with Mark Payler to loading the very last table back into the truck, everyone from the Custer County School system was supportive and willing to help make this event happen!

Joy Parrish brought her team of middle schoolers to help stage the event during the afternoon. They arrived cheerful and organized

and were responsible for setting up tables and chairs, filling the tables with supplies and preparing the serving stations to serve over 1200 attendees. Coach Greg Cravens brought the volleyball team, who worked the serving stations to make sure everyone was taken care of. They cheerfully and efficiently took care of business with minimal direction. Coach Troy Bomgardner brought members of CCHS football team after a long day of school and practice. The sight of all those empty chairs and tables after everyone left was a bit overwhelming, but these young men were a joy to be around as they stayed on task until the very end (while

still managing to find time to needle each other along the way). All the students were hard working, respectful, and a true pleasure to be involved with!

We had forgotten to invite the cross country team, but Coach Taylor brought reinforcements to help with the cleanup as well. The school cafeteria was also very generous in offering the use of their kitchen for food preparation.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to Custer County Schools, the Wet Mountain Valley is lucky to have you!

Sincerely,

Valley Strong Community Dinner Team



Valley Strong Community Dinner; 1200 residents coming together to honor our voluteers.

Photo by Richard Lowe

POLL: Trump One Point Away in Colorado

—September 26, 2016

by ColoradoPeakPolitics

Colorado is back in play, Cbig play, in the presidential election, according to a new CNN poll released Monday morning that shows only one point separates Trump and Hillary.

Trump is pulling 41 percent of support compared to Hillary's 42 percent, with 13 percent going to Libertarian Gary Johnson and 3 percent for the Green Party.

CNN declared Colorado a critical state for the presidential election and lumped us right back into battleground status.

The two polls come alongside tight national polls and neck-and-neck poll results in several other key battleground states including Ohio, Florida, Nevada and North Carolina.

In both Colorado and Pennsylvania, the economy stands out as far and

away the top voter concern. About half of registered voters in each state, and a similar share of likely voters, call the economy most important out of a list also including terrorism, illegal immigration and foreign policy. And when asked which candidate would better handle the economy, Trump comes out on top in both states, though within each poll's margin of error.

The timing couldn't be worse for Clinton, or more critical for Trump, as the two faced off in their first televised debate Monday tonight.

(Editor/GG: U.S. Senator Michael Bennet, is starting to sweat a bit in his race against conservative Darryl Glenn as Trump's numbers climb. One recent poll even has Glenn up a few points!!)

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Nathan On The Law:

Nequette Innocent of All Charges

by Nathan Thomas

People vs. David Nequette

11th Judicial District, Custer County Court, September 22, 2016

Presiding Judge: Chief District Judge Patrick W. Murphy
Jury Trial [2015CR10]
First Degree Criminal Trespass
Third Degree Assault
Harassment: (Physical Contact)
Disposition: Not Guilty on all counts

On May 17, 2015, David Nequette was arrested following a traffic incident involving Alice Bradburn, a postal delivery person, on Hwy 96. Bradburn alleged that Nequette attacked her after she turned off Hwy 96 to deliver mail in the vicinity of Sewell Road. Nequette denied the allegation and claimed that he did nothing more than take Bradburn's car keys in an attempt to effectu-

ate a citizen's arrest. According to Nequette, the arrest was necessary because Bradburn performed a U-turn which almost resulted in Bradburn being struck by Nequette.

At trial, Bradburn testified that she heard tires screech-



ing as she turned off Hwy 96 to deliver mail near Sewell Road. She stated that she did not know the cause of the screeching and that she proceeded to exit her vehicle at the mailboxes in order to continue making deliveries. Bradburn explained that after driving all day, sometimes she liked to get out of her vehicle to stretch while making deliveries. Bradburn

testified that she wasn't sure if she had reentered her vehicle when Nequette pulled her out causing her to strike her head on the door frame. She was also uncertain about where Nequette grabbed her but attributed bruises on her arm to being yanked out of her vehicle. Bradburn testified that Nequette reached into her vehicle and removed the keys from the ignition; she could not recall if Nequette said anything prior to taking the keys.

According to Bradburn's testimony, after this took place, she attempted to run to a nearby house to call law enforcement. Bradburn was unable to call law enforcement and decided to walk back to the Post Office in Westcliffe. Along the way, she was given a ride by a passing Rotary van.

During cross examination, Bradburn admitted that she slipped while trying to climb over a gate at the entrance to

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*My brethren
call it all joy
when you fall into
various trials,
knowing that the
testing of your faith
produces patience.*

James 1:2-3 NKJV



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

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

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

THE BIG DEBATE!



We are sure most of our readers watched all or some of the much hyped debate on Monday night between Trump and Clinton. We will now be subjected to hours and hours of analysis and the liberal talking heads will tell us Clinton won and the conservative talking heads will tell us Trump won. Neither "won" the entire debate. Much of the critical and precious time was used up in a verbal food fight; thanks to Lester Holt of NBC News. We believe Mr. Holt did a terrible job. A good moderator would have developed questions that required the two candidates to discuss their plans and policies for improving America. The themes of the debate, as Mr. Holt explained at the beginning, were Achieving Prosperity, America's Direction and Securing America. Instead of keeping the candidates focused on those policy subjects he intentionally steered the conversation to the politics of personal destruction, at least toward one candidate. It was clear Mr. Holt intended to embar-

rass Mr. Trump on several personal issues. He made sure the discussion covered Trump's tax returns and his "birther" efforts. Neither of those issues has anything to do with how Mr. Trump will improve the economy, increase jobs and keep America safe. Those issues were clearly intended to make sure Mr. Trump got derailed and to make sure Mrs. Clinton had a chance to pile on and continue her ad hominem attacks. We found it very strange that since Mr. Holt felt compelled to bring those kind of subjects up that he didn't also feel compelled to bring up Mrs. Clinton's email scandal, private unsecured server, her Benghazi failures and her Clinton Foundation "pay to play" issues. It was very clear to most observers that Mr. Holt was biased and didn't ask proper questions to ensure the candidates discussed the important policies and plans we needed to hear about.

Now about the substance that we did hear a little about. There was indeed

a clear difference between the candidates that should have been easy for all to see. One was a polished experienced politician, well-rehearsed with the all too common and misleading phrases of Washington D. C. "double speak." The "polished" candidate is going to "invest" in all the most wonderful things like debt free college and clean energy. "Investing" is a code word for maintaining the status quo and spending more money than the government takes in. The other candidate is certainly NOT polished and is not a well-rehearsed typical long-time politician. His explanations sometimes sound gruff and not well articulated. But it's plain language that most Americans understand and the kind of refreshing ideas and real changes that we believe America needs. He said that politicians have no idea how to spend money wisely which has contributed to a \$20 Trillion debt.



He is correct. He spoke about how our NATO allies need to do their part and pay their fair share and how the other countries in the Middle East need to actually contribute to all the security the United States provides. He spoke of negotiating trade deals that benefit American manufacturing jobs, bringing the offshore corporate money back into this country and stopping American companies from leaving. These are all really good ideas and status quo establishment politicians don't want

any part of those issues.

The difference between these two candidates is very clear and very easy to determine. Forget who can debate the best. Forget all the meaningless words thrown back and forth. Forget about who might have gotten in the best "zinger." The choice of which one can help fix America the most really comes down to this: more of the same or real change. We support real change. Vote for Mr. Trump and Mr. Pence. America cannot afford "four more years."

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Broadband: Follow the Money

by Dan Bubis,
—Rural Custer County

There is a lot of talk about broadband for Custer County, primarily talk instigated by the Custer County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC). One problem that the discussion has, is that two different topics tend to be conflated into one. The CCEDC is pushing both Main Street Wi-Fi and socialized broadband for part or the entire county. Let's look at each separately because they affect different jurisdictions.

Main Street Wi-Fi is supposedly necessary for economic development because without wireless access, no business will move into Westcliffe. At a recent commissioner meeting, Charles Bogle said that they just put up a new radiation tower in the park. Unless the economic development that the CCEDC is looking for is cancer patients taking advantage of free radiation, it might be prudent to use industry standard language like Wireless Access Point (WAP). Wireless access

on Main Street is provided over an open connection. What this means is that any computer, tablet or cell phone can connect and use this wireless connection. All devices are on the same network. Thinking that businesses would be drawn to the area because of this service is misguided at best. The only thing more unsecured than wireless access is open wireless access. Anyone with very basic software can see every bit of network traffic and grab usernames, passwords, credit card information, everything that travels through the network. More sophisticated hackers could read the data on each device or infect the devices. This will not appeal to any business that values security. As a rule, open wireless access should be avoided unless you can protect your information or you don't have any private information on the device. Even then, your chance of a computer virus is extremely high.

The other topic is broadband, by which, as a rule, people mean high speed Internet availability. Commissioner Kattnig has said

that broadband needs to be a utility like phone service or electrical service. I guess he's missed the last couple of decades where all the monopoly utilities have been deregulated. At a recent commissioner meeting, Mr. Bogle convinced the Commissioners to throw \$5,000, as a grant match, towards a study that the CCEDC wants to conduct. This study will determine where radio towers need to be erected to ensure every house in the county can get that line-of-sight signal. Mr. Bogle had said at an earlier commissioner meeting that implementation of broadband will be very expensive (hundreds of thousands of dollars) and grant money would at best be a 50% match, but this study was the first step. Apparently Commissioner Kattnig missed the statement about the implementation because he keeps saying that this focus on broadband is just a study and the county won't fund implementation of a broadband solution.

The Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments (UAACOG) released a study about a year ago that

found that half of the residents in Custer County have broadband. There are many technologies that can be used for high speed Internet and some are not realistic for a rural community. Cable for example is unrealistic for Custer County. Satellite is feasible but the speeds top out around 15 megabits per second. That is more than adequate for most residential users but higher speeds are wanted by some users. I know of many small businesses and government entities operating on 7 megabit per second or less. For most customers in Custer County, the best option is radio wireless connections. There are two companies providing this service; SECOM which recently purchased DD Wireless and Hilltop. The problem with wireless Internet is that it is line-of-sight. That means that nothing can be between the radio tower and the receiver - no hills, trees, houses, nothing. So

having enough towers to service every house is unrealistic. The option that nobody seems to talk about, and the infrastructure is mostly already in place for, is Broadband over power line (BPL). But even this would not bring high speed internet to every household because there are many households in Custer County that do not have power.

Using Geographical Information Service (GIS), it's relatively easy to predict whether a given address has direct line-of-sight with a radio tower. Using a Viewshed analysis tool that has six of SECOM's Custer County wireless towers mapped, we can see how much of the county currently has coverage.

Based on topography and tree coverage, **the number of towers needed to provide Internet service** to every single household would

be in the **hundreds and is extremely unrealistic**. Satellite is the best option for some locations.

So why all the fuss about broadband?

There's always only one reason. Money! Follow the money and see who stands to profit. The CCEDC's principals are in position to profit most from taxpayer funding. And if the implementation is successfully sold to a gullible and trusting public, either this private company will "manage" the service or a new company, with the same principals, will be created to live off of taxpayers. The bottom line for the CCEDC is how they can profit. That is their entire focus. For example, Dale Mullin sells Voice Over IP (VOIP) as an alternative to traditional landlines. Without high speed Internet, VOIP is completely undoable.

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Google and the Election

by Jeff Mowry
—Rosita, Colorado

Several months ago I read an article that suggested Google has the capacity to sway election outcomes by significant amounts—if they had inclination to do so. “Significant” being enough to change the outcome of national elections across the globe. Today I stumbled upon an article at the *Sputnik News* site (which I highly recommend reading) which brought up this topic again. While reading the article, I decided to do a quick test. I checked the auto-complete

results for the recent fainting episode from yesterday at the 9/11 ceremony— using the Google, Yahoo, and DuckDuckGo search engines. Since I don’t have the means of delivering the snapshots of my results, I’ll use the text equivalents. Below is the progression of auto-complete results of each search engine as the same string is typed into each. This is astonishingly revealing—and it’s happening right now. You can try this yourself, and I would expect nearly identical results. In each of the sets of results below, I’ll show exactly what I typed into the search field (in bold) and

some of the results returned in bullets below. This is not exhaustive, as space will not allow, but is meant to be representative of the results. Also, since the results are returned as I type, I’ll show you what appears at various stages of typing.

See chart below:

Wow! As we get closer to the final query, **suddenly Google goes quiet**. Nothing! The results are completely dropped as the final word is typed. Why is that? Maybe they missed the recent news? No, that’s not true, since when I hit Enter to reveal

the full search, I do receive results in the form of articles and videos. Google is aware of the event, and I can even see they’ve tracked the popularity of the search in their Google Trends tool. Instead, we see a gross divergence between trends results and what auto-complete offers.

It appears that Google is actively masking their auto-complete search results. It’s as if a filter has been applied after that which disregards their search algorithm. But why? This brings me back to the article I mentioned earlier where Dr. Robert Epstein—one

who admits he supports Hillary Clinton—claims to have proof that Google is “tinkering” with search suggestions, deliberately making Hillary Clinton appear better than reality would suggest.

Could this be a new form of income for Google, similar to ad revenue? If so, is it available to all political candidates? Or perhaps could corporations with poor public images somehow pay for a little behind-the-scenes makeover work to improve their reputations? Are the costs for such services published anywhere, or would this be available only to the highest bidder? Or—perhaps worst—has Google taken the initiative to offer this as a “free” service to the candidate of Google’s choice?

When Google started, its motto was “Do no evil”. I’m not sure if they still have a motto, and if so, whether that motto remains the same. Since their early days, Google has grown to handle almost 90% of all search queries throughout the world, and includes sites and services such as YouTube, Chrome, Gmail, and Android. That’s a significant degree of global information influence—perhaps greater than any other single entity in the world.

Here’s my question: If manipulation of perceived reality by Google is now quite clear—and that manipulation is **known** to have the capacity to alter the results of na-

tional elections across the globe—then how is this behavior **not** evil? In what way do they justify this behavior? And who will call them to account?

A more chilling question: Since this sort of manipulation is what we **can** see, what about the manipulation we **cannot** see? How do we know whether Google is doing similar “tinkering” with search suggestions, information, article selection and ranking, or other things with other presidential candidates? Good or bad? Amplifying or silencing? What’s already been altered in the past (unnoticed), and what are their plans for the future?

After all, an admitted Clinton supporter is blowing the whistle on this manipulation. It seems he’s deeply concerned about manipulation of **any** kind—even if it happens to support his chosen candidate—and what that means for our society beyond this election season.

This isn’t about Clinton (that we can tell)—it’s about Google. I’d be similarly appalled no matter who the candidate is—Trump, Clinton, or Mickey Mouse.

Final question: Is this the sort of company (or collection of companies) you would choose to use to obtain your information? Once you know someone distorts the truth, why keep asking them questions?

Search Engine Results

First, let’s take a look at **Yahoo:** ➔

Hillary Clinton:

- Concussion after fall
- Health issues
- Seizure
- Illness
- Email scandal

Hillary Clinton fai:

- Hillary Clinton faints
- Hillary Clinton failures
- Hillary Clinton failed bar exam
- Hillary Clinton faints video
- Hillary Clinton fails

Hillary Clinton faints
(only four results returned):

- Hillary Clinton faints
- Hillary Clinton faints video
- Hillary Clinton faints during speech
- Hillary Clinton faints again

Next, let’s look at results from **DuckDuckGo:** ➔

Hillary Clinton:

- Hillary Clinton health issues
- Hillary Clinton seizure
- Hillary Clinton illness
- Hillary Clinton coughing fit
- Hillary Clinton for president

Hillary Clinton fai:

- Hillary Clinton faints
- Hillary Clinton failures
- Hillary Clinton faith
- Hillary Clinton failed the bar
- Hillary Clinton faints video

Hillary Clinton faints
(only four results returned):

- Hillary Clinton faints
- Hillary Clinton faints video
- Hillary Clinton faints during speech
- Hillary Clinton faints again

Finally, what are the results from **Google?:**

Hillary Clinton (only four results returned):

- Hillary Clinton
- Hillary Clinton seizure
- Hillary Clinton age
- Hillary Clinton VP

Hillary Clinton fai:
(only four results returned):

- Hillary Clinton failed bar exam
- Hillary Clinton failed the bar
- Hillary Clinton failed lie detector
- Hillary Clinton fairness doctrine

Hillary Clinton faints
(NO results):

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Local Mountain News & Notices

John Johnston Hosts Community Forum

September 20, 2016

—WESTCLIFFE, Colorado
by Jackie Bubis

About thirty people showed up to hear John Johnston, candidate for county commissioner, hold a community forum.

At the front of the room, two chairs. One for John

and one for his opponent Donna Hood, who refused to attend. Johnston informed the crowd that he had, on at least three occasions asked Hood to join him for a debate. She has, on each occasion told him that she doesn't have time.

So her chair stayed empty.

Johnston began the forum

with a quote from Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations" that Smith's biggest fear in politics was someone with a personal interest in politics. Donna Hood, Johnston said, has economic development as her number one priority, a topic she very much has a personal interest in.

As an overview, Johnston used a car analogy. He said that Aspen was a Mercedes, Vail, Breckenridge and Steamboat are the Lexus's, and Custer County is a 1995 Chevy pickup truck. "We are a poor county," he said, pointing out that fifty percent of the kids in the school are getting subsidized lunches. He further explained that his priorities are the Sheriff's Office, which is the engine that leaks oil and Road and Bridge is the transmission that's stuck in second gear. He stated that the Sheriff's Office is short staffed and underpaid.

When asked how he would change both entities, he stated that he would make sure they get what they need in the budget. "Not what they want, necessarily. But definitely what they need." Other than that, he had no real hard and fast ideas on how to fix the problems as he sees them.

As far as economic development, he believes this is the purview not of the county commissioners, but of the towns. He also said that tax dollars should not

go to private enterprises, especially if their intent is to put other businesses out of business.

When asked if he would take the salary of commissioner, he stated that he would.

He disagrees with the way current commissioners respond to entities wanting money from the county when "we don't have the money" or when money is found for other endeavors. He asked why they don't just say they don't want to fund a particular project.

Overall, he wants the commissioners to communicate more and believes that his thirteen years as an arbitrator and six years as a trustee will give him the ability to ask the right questions.

Interesting to attendees, was the fact that Johnston was the first person to bring high speed internet into the valley for his business in 2005, without leaning on any government body to fund or implement it.

The community forum was very interactive and there was a good deal of interaction between Johnston and the audience. Some of the other topics that were discussed were the lack of ADA compliance in the courthouse, the number of empty buildings and for sale signs on Main Street, and the questionable intentions of the Economic Development Corporation.



Independent candidate for Custer County Commissioner, John G. Johnston, answers questions from the audience.

Photo by Jackie Bubis

Hayden Outdoors Grill Out Event

On Saturday, September 24th, HAYDEN OUTDOORS had a great turn out for the community to get free burgers, meet with land brokers and ask questions about land value, new properties, and tips on how to get your property ready to sell. This was hosted by TWILA GEROUX, Westcliffe's Broker Associate, and ZACK WEISE, her associate, who manned the grill and cooked great hamburgers. This was their way of thanking their customers, the community and appreciate the support from Custer County.

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Local Mountain News & Notices

CCHS Battles Despite Injuries

by CCCS Staff

The injury bug has hit the Bobcat Football team with a long list of starters watching from the sidelines. However, the South Park Burros would not have known any difference when they traveled to Westcliffe for a non-conference game with the Bobcats. South Park took the first possession and with the Bobcats fighting hard, eventually scored after a 14 play drive. “We knew it was going to be tough for us, we had a number of starters out and we had players playing new positions but they fought very hard and never gave up,” said head coach

Troy Bomgardner.

After the score, the Bobcats offense went to work with their own 10-play drive that stalled out on the Burros 18-yard line. The drive was a mix of option and passing with a great throw and catch from Chad Lewencamp to Dylan Schoch to keep the drive alive. The Cats defense stiffened and forced a Burro punt after 3 plays and Schoch broke through and blocked the punt on fourth down. Unfortunately, the Bobcats could not take advantage of the blocked punt and were stopped at the Burro 4-yard line. Another stop by the Bobcat defense gave the Bobcats a shot to even

the score but the hobbled offensive unit couldn’t get a first down. Once again the defense stopped the Burros and gave the Bobcats the ball with 75 yards to pay dirt. This time the Bobcat offense went marching down the field with lots of option football and a key third down completion from Lewenkamp to senior Bryce Roscoe. The Bobcats found the end zone when Lewenkamp pulled on the option and scampered around the end for a 34-yard touchdown run. “We hadn’t planned on running the option but with the defense they were giving us, we felt it was the best play,” noted Bomgardner. “And Chad

and Bryce just ran it to perfection, it was really fun to watch!”

The failed 2-point conversion made it 8-6 with a few minutes left in the half. An onside recovery by the Bobcats got the fans excited about a possible lead at the half. However, a screen pass was batted and intercepted by a Burro lineman and returned for a touchdown but called back on a “targeting” call on South Park. “I regret calling the play,” said Bomgardner. “We were close right before half and I wanted to throw a safe pass but weird things happened in this game.” A blown coverage by the Bob-

cats, gave the Burros an easy score and they took a 16-6 lead into the half.

The Bobcats came out and went to work with a 30-yard drive that got stalled by some offside penalties that were very questionable. The Burros took advantage of it and scored on a 35 yard run to make it 24-6. The Bobcats kept battling but a few key mistakes cost them scores by the Burros. A punt snap over the head of punter Adam Sapp and a blocked punt led to two more Burro scores to make the final 38-6.

“It may sound strange but I was very proud of our

guys,” said Bomgardner following the loss. “I felt we got better as a football team today, we had a lot of young guys playing and getting experience so we will be better in the long run.”

Leading the Bobcat defense in tackles was senior Andy Feldmann with 13 tackles followed by Roscoe with 8 tackles. Offensively, Lewenkamp led all rushers with 86 yards on 17 carries. Lewenkamp was 3 of 9 for 42 yards with completions to Schoch, Roscoe, and Kobe Lewsader.

The Bobcats travel to Fowler on Friday night to begin Southern League play at 7 p.m.

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Sewell Road and that it took two attempts for her to make it over. Bradburn also stated that she wasn’t sure if she pulled over to the right side of the road prior to making a U-turn but that she was certain she used her left turn signal before turning. Bradburn admitted that her vehicle did not possess visible markings on the back or sides which identified her as a postal mail carrier and she acknowledged that she refused to provide Nequette with her driver’s license. Bradburn did not recall any statements Nequette made about placing her under citizen’s arrest or that she needed to stay at the scene because law enforcement was coming. Bradburn read portions of two statements she gave to the Sheriff’s Office concerning the incident. In her first statement, she indicated that the incident occurred on section of Hwy 96 that was marked as a no passing zone. Nequette’s attorney, Karl Tamer, disproved this claim by producing photographs of

the location. Bradburn gave a second statement two days after the first one. She explained that several details were left out and that she wasn’t happy with her penmanship in the first statement. According to Bradburn, she was emotional while writing her first statement and was eager to get back to delivering the mail. Her second statement recalled Nequette exclaiming that he almost killed her and that he mentioned “citizen’s arrest”. Bradburn acknowledged that she was employed at the Sheriff’s Office from 1997 until 2006.

Sheriff’s Deputy Sgt. Harry Wenzel testified that he did not speak to Bradburn about her driving and that he did not give Nequette an opportunity to make a citizen’s complaint regarding her driving. Wenzel also admitted that he did not ask Nequette about the skid marks but indicated that he took eight photos of the scene and tire marks. Wenzel also indicated that he did not interview Nequette’s passenger, Debbie Williams, before placing him under arrest. Wenzel admitted that Nequette’s arrest

was based solely on Bradburn’s statement at the Post Office to Deputy Dryer. Wenzel indicated that his primary focus was the security of the mail which Bradburn left unattended. When questioned about the law governing U-turns, Wenzel admitted he was not familiar with the law but stated that “if it’s unsafe, it’s illegal”. He also stated that failing to use a turn signal prior to performing a U-turn did not constitute reckless driving. Wenzel did confirm that Nequette was legally allowed to perform a citizen’s arrest if he witnessed someone commit a crime.

Deputy Dryer admitted that he did not see any bruises or marks on Bradburn when he interviewed her at the Post Office. He also testified that two months after the incident, Bradburn submitted photos of bruises on her arm. No evidence was presented to identify when the photos were taken or proving the bruises to be caused by Nequette allegedly grabbing her.

Debbie Williams was a passenger in Nequette’s vehicle at the time of the incident and

she testified on his behalf. Williams stated that she never saw Bradburn use any turn signals prior to, or during, the execution of the U-turn and that she never saw Bradburn’s brake lights activate. According to Williams, Bradburn came to a complete stop midway through her turn and ended up straddling the highway’s center line and that Nequette’s vehicle came to a stop a foot or two from Bradburn’s vehicle.

Assistant DA Brian Andris vigorously cross examined Williams’ account of the incident, specifically the speeds and distances of the two vehicles. The questioning lasted so long, Judge Murphy intervened to help move the case forward. Although Andris did not appear to be satisfied with the result of his cross examination, he complied with the court’s request to wrap up that line of questioning.

Williams denied Bradburn’s claim that Nequette assaulted her and verified Nequette’s contention that he only confiscated Bradburn’s car keys in an attempt to detain her at the scene.

David Nequette testified on his own behalf. He was adamant that his side of the story be heard and excitedly gave his version of events, occasionally with coarse language. Assistant DA Andris attempted to capitalize on this by asking him to exactly repeat his statement to Bradburn that he “...almost f***** killed you!” Nequette was clearly uncomfortable using such language in the courtroom, but complied. Nequette’s testimony was substantially the same as Williams’. He described how Bradburn pulled over to the right side of the road with no turn signal or brake lights, and then, as he attempted to pass her, Bradburn suddenly made a U-turn without using a turn signal. Nequette denied assaulting Bradburn or initiating physical contact with her in any fashion. He insisted that his only goal was to detain Bradburn at the scene because of the near accident her driving almost caused. Nequette wasn’t sure why Bradburn was driving dangerously and sought to prevent her from endangering any other motorists. Nequette claimed he resorted to a citizen’s arrest only be-

cause Bradburn was uncooperative and hostile when he attempted to discuss the incident with her.

After all the evidence was presented, Judge Murphy instructed the jury on the laws pertaining to the case. Specifically, the jury was instructed that in order for Nequette to be found guilty, the prosecution had the burden of disproving that Nequette performed a lawful citizen’s arrest. After about an hour of deliberation, the jury returned a verdict of Not Guilty on all charges against Nequette.

When interviewed by the *Sentinel* after the quick Not Guilty verdicts, Mr. Nequette was adamant that the case should never have been brought to trial considering the significant differences in the alleged victim’s written statements, the physical evidence at the scene, and the fact that Mr. Nequette had a witness that corroborated his version of the events. He also lamented that the case had caused him much lost business at his well drilling company and that he also incurred very significant legal fees in fighting the charges.

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Homecoming Weekend; Bobcats and Student Council Invite You...

by Rebekah Cravens

Greetings, Custer County!

The Bobcats will be celebrating Homecoming and Student Council and would like to formally invite all of the community to join us in our annual fall celebration! Please take part in this fun-filled weekend and show your school spirit.

The excitement starts on Thursday, Oct. 20th from 7-9 p.m. with the high school boys competing in a good, old-fashioned **Peach Fuzz volleyball showdown** in the school's east gym.

Next up, on Friday, Oct. 21st, head over to the east gym and cheer on the **Lady Bobcats** during their 4 p.m. volleyball game.

Friday night, warm up next to a **blazing bonfire** behind the school from 7-9 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 22nd will be an eventful day starting with a **parade** down Main Street at 10 a.m. Community organizations and businesses are encouraged to march or make their own floats, and join in with the school's classes and clubs in the parade. All entries must follow this year's **homecoming theme** of "Board Games", though Life, Clue, Jumanji, and Battleship have already been taken by the high school classes. *Also, we ask that you do not choose Candyland in respect for an accident that occurred during Homecoming a few years ago.*

If you are interested in

taking part in the parade, you can pick up an entry form at the **school office**.

Get pumped up before the Bobcat football game with a tailgate party in the school's east parking lot from 11 a.m. until the game starts at 1 p.m. Homecoming royalty will be announced at halftime. Following the game, the high school girls will show off their own football skills during **Powder Puff**.

Finally, to wrap up Homecoming weekend, Custer County students can rock out at the **Homecoming Dance** in the Commons from 9 p.m. to midnight.

We hope to see everyone take part in the merriment and support our school this Homecoming!

Varsity Bobcats On the Road Again

by Greg Cravens

Our trip to northeast Colorado was a great learning experience, on and off the court. The Akron Tournament featured several good teams from that area and the Custer County team was hoping to do well.

Otis was first on the schedule for the Bobcats. The Bulldogs are the defending State Champions for 1A. The match went point for point all three sets but Otis was able to win all three for them, 22-25, 23-25 and 21-25. Elizabeth Mullett led offensively with 8 kills, which is good because the Bulldogs didn't let much hit the floor. The Bobcats had to serve well to keep Otis on their heels and Halie Lemons had 4 aces. Tish Schlabach finished with 30 digs.

After a hard fought match against Otis, the Custer County team turned around and played the Wiggins Tigers. Both teams were evenly matched and

showed off their skills in a long five set match. Unfortunately for the Bobcats, the Tigers ended up on top, 25-16, 16-25, 25-17, 14-25 and 13-15. Again, Mullett was the firepower for the Bobcats scoring 12 kills and 5 aces. Serenity Ham had 5 aces also.

With a disappointing third place finish in pool play the Bobcats saw familiar faces on the other side of the court as they played the Sargent Farmers. The Farmers had beat the Bobcats just a week ago in Crested Butte but hopefully the Bobcats could turn the tables on Sargent. The team struggled on serve receive and didn't serve as well as they had early in the day and lost in straight sets, 22-25, 13-25 and 20-25.

Our Custer County team struggled to find holes in Sargent's defense and didn't find the floor very often. Mullett had 8 kills but no one else had more than three kills in the match. Mckensie Penkoff and

Ham led the time serving with 3 aces each. Defensively, the Bobcats couldn't get a good block up on a few hard hitting Farmers. Schlabach did finish the match with 22 digs.

Schlabach now has 254 digs on the season, giving her 1517 for her career. That is only 290 digs from the All-Time dig leader for the state of Colorado.

The Bobcats are back on the road Friday as they travel to Cripple Creek to take on the Pioneers for the first time this year. The JV will be in action at 4 p.m. Saturday is the next home match for the Bobcats as the Center Vikings come into town for a 1 p.m. JV start.

If you have not had a chance to watch this Bobcat team play, please make time to come watch on Saturday. They play so hard for each other every point. It is a true pleasure to see these young athletes in action.

Bobcats Sport Schedule

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: Mon, October 3, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Where: West Gym

Elementary Volleyball

When: Wed, October 5, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Where: West Gym

HS Cross Country - Pat Amato Classic

Departure 9 a.m.-meet start time 2 p.m.
When: Fri, October 7, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Where: Northglenn

MS Volleyball AWAY v Del Norte C team - Del Norte

Departure at 9:30 a.m./game time at 1 p.m.
When: Fri, October 7, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Where: Del Norte

Volleyball Game AWAY @ Sanford

Departure at 10:30 a.m./return at 9p.m.
When: Fri, October 7, 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Where: Sanford

Football Game AWAY @ Swink

When: Fri, October 7, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Where: Swink Senior High School
610 Columbia Ave, Swink

Volleyball Game AWAY @ Center

Departure at 12:30 p.m./return at 10 p.m.
When: Sat, October 8, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Where: Center



Bobcat Menu • Oct 3- Oct 6, 2016

Monday

Breakfast

Choice of Cereal
Fruit
Milk

Lunch Elem.

Hamburgers
Oven Fries
Fruit
Milk

Lunch MS & HS

BBQ Rib Sandwich
Baked Beans/Fries
Fruit
Milk

Tuesday

Breakfast

Choice of Cereal
Fruit
Milk

Lunch Elem.

Spaghetti/w Meat Sauce
Roll & Green Beans
Fruit
Milk

Lunch MS & HS

Lasagna & Roll
Salad, Green Beans
Fruit
Milk

Wednesday

Breakfast

Choice of Cereal
Fruit
Milk

Lunch Elem.

Soft Shell Chicken Taco
Pumpkin Bread
Mixed Veg & Fruit
Milk

Lunch MS & HS

Soft Shell Fish Taco
Pumpkin Bread
Mixed Veg & Fruit
Milk

Thursday

Breakfast

Biscuit & Gravy
Fruit
Milk

Lunch Elem.

Mac 'n' Cheese
w/Mini Corn Dog
Carrots & Fruit
Milk

Lunch MS & HS

Mac 'n' Cheese
w/Mini Corn Dog
Tossed Salad & 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

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Friday, September 30, 2016

October is 'National Pizza' Month

National Pizza Month began in October 1984, and was created by the publisher of *Pizza Today* magazine, Gerry Durnell.

Pizza – Chicago deep dish, Sicilian, New York style, thin crust, thick crust, pepperoni, anchovies, peppers, mushrooms, and the selection goes on and on. If you're like me you love pizza. I prefer cheese and pepperoni but any pizza will do in a pinch.

So how did pizza get started? Well, there are a lot of different opinions but I will try and give you the one I think is the most logical one. Let's start with tomatoes. Tomatoes came to Italy from the New World in the post-Columbus 16th Century. The first tomatoes to reach European shores came from Peru. Most Europeans feared that tomatoes were poisonous (they are members of the Nightshade family), but the adventurous (and hungry) poor of Naples found that tomatoes were not only NOT deadly, they were delicious, and they tasted mighty fine on a hot baked flatbread with cheese, the first pizza as we know it. The modern pizza, the forerunner of both Italian and American pizza, was first prepared in 1889 in Italy.

The history of pizza in America starts in New York City on Spring Street in lower Manhattan. In 1905, Gennaro Lombardi, a baker and pizzaiolo (pizza man) from Naples is granted the first license in the United States to sell pizza. He came to America at age 14. He found work in a Brooklyn bakery and a grocery store on Spring Street in Manhattan. He had the idea of baking pizzas at the bakery and selling them the next morning at the grocery. Soon the aging owner of the grocery store offered to sell him the store. He soon realized his future was in pizza, not groceries. So, he built a coal-fired oven into the store and sold one kind of pizza, tomatoes and mozzarella. He was busy daily from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. In Naples, people ate pizza for any meal (cold pizza is my favorite). The rest is history. Pizza grew from there to what we have today, even Mountain Pizza, right Tony?

So enjoy pizza anytime but especially this month.

by Audrey Slater, Sources: www.nationalcalendarday.com, www.passion-4-pizza.com, "Pizza – A Slice of Heaven" by Ed Levine.

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John 12:46 NKJV

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Events Calendar

Friday, September 30, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Steampunk Mask Making
At the West Custer Library
209 Main St., Westcliffe

Friday, September 30
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
WCPA Ten Minute Play Competition Performances
The Jones Theater
119 Main St., Westcliffe

Saturday, October 1
All Day
10th Annual Arts Hullabaloo & Arts Hullabaloo Parade
Westcliffe and Silver Cliff

Tuesday, October 4
9 a.m. Board Room
Commissioners Meeting

Tuesday, October 4,
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body
Custer County Library
209 Main St., Westcliffe

Wednesday, October 5
9 a.m. Board Room
Commissioners Meeting

Wednesday, October 5
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Dark Skies - Star Party
at The Smokey Jack Observatory
Main St.

Tuesday, October 11
4:30 p.m. School library
School Board Meeting

Recurring Events

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

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

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

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

Wednesday
Club America — 7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training; 8:00 a.m. Kids Zone; 10:00 a.m. Low Impact; 5:15 p.m. Step Aerobics.
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Farmers Market. Jess Price Park, Westcliffe.
9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Line dancers meet at the Methodist Church. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370.
6-7 p.m. Closed Big Book Study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emily at (719) 371-5974
6:30 p.m. Men's and Women's Bible Study. First Baptist Church of Westcliffe Call 719-783-2498.

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

2nd and 4th Wednesdays
3 p.m. Scrabble Group West Custer County Library

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

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

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

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

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.

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Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 198 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 10 to EMS, and 5 to the Fire Department.

As of September 26th, there were 9 males and 2 female in the county jail.

9/20/16:
Family Disturbance: A deputy was dispatched to a family disturbance involving a minor on CR 118. A representative of the Department of Human Services was contacted and asked to respond to the scene.

Altered Mental Status: EMS was dispatched to Sangre Drive in Antelope Valley for a male suffering from an altered mental status possibly as a result of a fall earlier that day. The Wet Mountain Fire Department was dispatched to set up

a landing zone for Flight for Life. The patient was airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

9/21/16:
Traffic Summons: James Cole of Hillsdale, CO, for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Galand Thaxton of Denver for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Marilyn Hennessy of Westcliffe for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Fighting: Sheriff's deputies and EMS were dispatched to Deer Spring Circle for a physical altercation. Both parties declined to press charges. EMS processed a refusal to transport.

9/22/16:
Intoxicated: EMS responded to CR 140 for

a report of an extremely intoxicated subject. The individual was transported to the hospital.

9/23/16:
Traffic Summons: Robert Sanchez of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Linda Celley of Florida for speeding 10 - 19 over.

9/24/16:
Traffic Summons: Karst Postma of Elizabeth, CO, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Luis Quinonez of Wichita, KS, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

9/25/16:
Motorcycle Accident: Dispatch received a 911 call reporting a motorcycle accident with injuries on Highway 96, MM 21. Florence EMS, the Wetmore Fire Department, and a sheriff's deputy

were dispatched to the call. The patient was airlifted to Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs by Flight for Life.

9/26/16:
Traffic Summons: Mark Anderson and Brandon Allen of Cañon City for disregarding/failing to stop at a stop sign.

Lawrence Kapuscinski of Sylmar, CA, was issued a municipal ticket for parking illegally on Main Street in Silver Cliff.

Menacing: A deputy met with a party at the Sheriff's Office who wished to file a report an alleged menacing.

Hit and Run: A party came into the Sheriff's Office to file a complaint regarding a hit and run accident that occurred on CR 160.

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Sept 7th BOCC Meeting Cont'd

Board of Custer County Commissioners Meeting

by Jackie Bubis

Cont'd from last week....

(Editor/LLV: With a personal apology to Jackie Bubis for spelling her name wrong.)

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, interferenc-es with snow removal and maintenance, or too costly. This is a county-wide issue. And while some of the ideas were expensive, Commis-sioner Kattnig reminded the group that road maintenance was expensive too.

Attorney Smith will research legalities with regard to in-hibiting speed on county roads. Sheriff Byerly stated that since he’s taken office, rollover accidents have been reduced by 70%. He attri-butes this in a big part to his office ticketing speed-ers. Commissioner Kattnig instructed Byerly to put some numbers in his budget pro-posal for another officer or two to focus on high traffic ar-eas. Kattnig further suggested that there be a special column in the papers to shame those that have received speeding tickets.

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

Kattnig recommended speed bumps on the county roads. Christensen argued the liability for damage to cars. Kattnig respond-ed that he doesn’t care about damage to cars when speeding is involved.

Sheriff Byerly will speak with other county sheriff departments to get further ideas for what’s working in other counties. He suggest-ed that we might invest in digital signs on trailers (the one the county has doesn’t work). They run from \$1800 to \$3000 each. All the Sheriff’s vehicles have moving radar installed – which means speeders can be targeted both coming and going while the Sher-iff’s Office vehicle is on the move.

Continuation of the Road and Bridge report: A scrap-er for the required work at the landfill will cost \$18K/ month plus hauling fees. Christensen estimated that one month rental would satisfy requirements to be done at this time, but will request another \$18K for next year’s budget. It would cost \$280K to pay someone to open a trench.

Colorado Department of Public Health and Envi-ronmnet (CDPHE) wants to come up for a special

meeting with the BOCC to discuss the plan for solid waste. Commissioner Shy suggested that Beth Lens from COG recycling be there as well. Recycling is going very well, especially for cardboard.

Donna Hobby from Human Resources and Finance re-ported that she is still miss-ing the San Isabel Electric bills for Wetmore. The bills are paid but she needs the actual invoices. Her office only got one bid for pro-pane – from Norup at \$1.25/ gallon. The board discussed the need to move toward owning all their propane tanks.

Virginia Trujillo gave the Treasurer’s report and the board accepted it unani-mously.

The Planning and Zoning report was given by Jackie Hobby. Attorney Smith will send out several letters to property owners who are in violation by having no sep-tic system or equivalent on their properties.

One property in San Isabel was deemed uninhabitable by the Department of Pub-lic Health (the BOCC func-tions as this entity as well,) because of human feces all over the property. A cease and desist order will be written up and the Sheriff’s Department will serve it and escort the squatters from the property.

Commissioner Kattnig won-

dered if the board can force people to clean up their properties. Commissioner Shy responded that there are no junk ordinances and that every time the board tries to pass one, the citizens do not want it.

When the BOCC met as the County Health Department, Hobby proposed the field calculations for septic sys-tems be changed from 100 gallons per person per day to 75 gallons. This is more than adequate and it will lower the cost for infiltra-tors for homeowners. This passed unanimously.

Ms. Hobby also reported that permits are up 20% for new housing starts over last year.

Commissioner Attebery re-ported on the kickoff meet-ing with the contractors and subcontractors for the Wetmore Community Cen-ter. There will be a project management report every two weeks and in addition to Attebery, Larry Haines from Wetmore Road and Bridge will attend those meetings. Oak Disposal’s bid for a roll off dumpster was accepted by the board. The cost will come out of the budget for the Community Center.

The next report will be on October 20th before the BOCC meeting. Report at 9 a.m., BOCC board meeting in Wetmore at 10 a.m.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Custer County
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Tentative Agenda

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016
9:00 AM

Meeting Location:
County Courthouse /Commissioners Room

- Call Meeting to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Amend Agenda
Audience Introduction
Public Comment
Approval of Minutes
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
- Fremont County Humane Society
 - Letter of Support – Cloverdale Mine Preservation
- Staff Reports:
- Airport
 - Public Health
 - Veterans
 - Human Services
 - OEM
 - SAR Building/Antenna Site Lease – Larry Weber

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Tentative Agenda

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016

9:00 AM
Meeting Location:
County Courthouse /Commissioners Room

- Call Meeting to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Amend Agenda
Audience Introduction
Public Comment
Approval of Minutes
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
- Preliminary Budget – J. Piquette
 - There’s Hope in Healing update – Sharon Mont-gomery
- Staff Reports:
- Road & Bridge/Landfill/Recycle
 - Signs – S. Byerly
 - South Colony Trail Head Parking Lot Signage issues
 - Human Resource/Finance
 - Treasurer
 - Extension
 - Planning & Zoning

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September 20th BOCC Meeting

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)

September 20, 2016

—WETMORE, Colorado

by Jackie Bubis

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call. Attorney Clint Smith was not present. At-torney John Naylor was. This was followed by In-troductions of the public in attendance.

Commissioner Kattnig re-ported that the movie film-ing would take place before the end of the month. The times and locations are be-ing kept secret. The movie title is “Hostiles” and star is Christian Bales. There are two filming locations – one south of town and one in the Rosita area.

He also reported on a Board Meeting for the (southern Colorado lobbying group) Action 22, and stated that Action 22 does NOT sup-port the minimum wage re-ferendum (Initiative 101) on the November ballot or the tobacco tax (Initiative 143). An update on the Western Pilgrimage – Kattnig report-ed that 125-150 people par-ticipated, the majority from

Custer County.

Commissioner Shy report-ed that the final film for the Philanthropy Days is com-plete. He also brought a letter from Matt Hudson, an engineer from Salida, who will be wanting a letter of support for the Cloverdale Mine preservation project. This will be on a future agenda.

Sharon Montgomery, who has lived in Westcliffe for nine months, reported to the board that she is working on a program for the school to educate the students on the dangers of cyber-bullying, sexting, and other online mental health threats. Her program, if approved, will be made up of three assem-blies. Parents and other mental health groups will be involved. Her plans for the future include a Youth Inter-net Café. The board asked her to report back in October on her progress.

Commissioner Kattnig in-terjected that the Francis Kettle Memorial has been set up and there is a verbal commitment for a large do-nation for a youth center. He said that it was possible that Montgomery’s project will be a good fit with what

that group will be doing.

The REDI Grant – for the broadband study – was fi-nalized and approved.

Kelley Camper will make the transfer of funds to the Airport Authority for the first round of crack sealing at the airport.

Commissioner Attebery up-dated the group on the con-struction of the Wetmore Community Center. The ex-cavation will be finished the week of the 20th of Septem-ber to be followed the next week with pouring concrete. Brenda Gaide reported that the USDA grant for the kitchen equipment is look-ing good and is ready for the October 1st grant cycle.

Cindy Howard of the Of-fice of Emergency Manage-ment reported her extensive schedule of classes and meetings. She will be fin-ished with the Emergency Management Academy in November. She is work-ing on a number of grants that are in various stages of completion. The 2016 Homeland Security Grant has been finalized. The Hazard Mitigation plan has been sent to the state. Com-missioner Shy suggested

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 07-16

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On July 20, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.

Original Grantor(s)	Ronald C Ledford
Original Beneficiary(ies)	Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc, acting solely as nominee for Peoples National Bank
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt	JPMorgan Chase Bank NA
Date of Deed of Trust	April 16, 2015
County of Recording	Custer
Recording Date of Deed of Trust	April 20, 2015
Recording Information	225117 Book: 754 Page: 1
(Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)	
Original Principal Amount	\$189,900.00
Outstanding Principal Balance	\$187,257.86

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

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NOTICE OF SALE

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PROPERTY

1	016			
128		P	\$374.30**	
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**OTHER YEARS DUE				

2	04			
9000001465		H	\$46.82	
THOMAS ISIAH JR				
1982 TOWN & COUNTRY MOBILE				
HOME 8X35, SER #200P1008				
LOCATED ON TR IN SW4NE4				
SEC 11-21-69				

3	356			
9000001600		H	\$24.84**	
AVARA RANDY				
1966 MARLETTE MOBILE HOME				
10X52 SER #K55CDE51605				
TITLE 52E026439 LOCATED IN				
SPACE #25 VALLEY VIEW				
MOBILE & RV COMMUNITY				
**OTHER YEARS DUE				

4	256			
9000006401		H	\$68.49	
HARSON NICHOLAS				
1974 CARDINAL MOBILE HOME				
14X65, SER #KD1470CKS393				
TITLE #52E023337 LOCATED				
AT SPACE 16 LEA HAVEN MOBILE				
HOME PARK				

5	356			
9000007474		H	\$41.08	
BRIGHT ETHEL B & ANTHONY D				
1975 14X80 GRAND AM LOCATED				
SPACE 30 EBERLING TRAILER				
PARK SERIAL #CKU 801431132				

6	256			
9000007558		H	\$77.27	
MAST BETTY A & FISHER CHRIS P				
1976 LANIER 14X64 MOB HOME				
SN 2FR14686406 LOCATED AT				
SPACE 4 LEA'S HAVEN MOBILE				
HOME PARK				

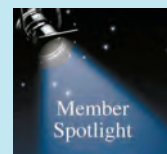
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9000009049		H	\$41.08	
CESSNUN MICHAEL & YVONNE				
14' X 66' SKYLINE MOBILE				
HOME LOCATED AT SPACE 5				
EBERLING TRAILER PARK VIN#				
4R510430L TITLE 52E033444				

The taxes shown are the same as they appear on the assessment rolls and tax list for the year and purposes stated to which is added penalty interest and advertising costs due thereon as provided by law. Witness my hand and seal this 26th day of September, 2016.

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Meetings:**
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Fremont RE-1**
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*101 N. 14th St, Cañon
City*

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

**Cañon City
City Council**
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128 Main St.
Cañon City

**County
Commissioners**
2nd and 4th Tues.
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Homeless Problem Troubles Florence

by Charlotte Burrous

During the Monday night Florence City Council meeting, City Manager Mike Patterson talked about the homeless situation in the community.

“We received some pictures and information and we got some more pictures tonight of homeless folks living underneath the bridge,” he said. “That night, [officers] went out and talked to the first two people. They voluntarily moved out. As soon as those two people moved out, four more moved in.”

Since then, Chief Mike DeLaurentis said they had spoken to public works to clean up down there, which is one issue, but there is a danger underneath that bridge because of the

this time of year, we could have a rainfall that could endanger those folks.”

The pictures show the water almost up to the tent of the first two homeless people living under the bridge. Since then, the administration has spoken to representatives at American Civil Liberty Union to find out more about the City of Denver being sued because of the sweep against the homeless.

“We are not conducting any kind of sweep against the homeless,” Patterson said. “We’re in the process of gathering information, but we have made requests for them to get out of that dangerous location. Basically they’ve complied. The four have not been completely compliant. The police offi-



Historic Bridge on corner of Hwy 67 and Hwy 115 in Florence, Colorado.
Photo from WikiMediaCommons,2013

amount of water that could rise in Oak Creek and Sand Creek at any time because of the season.

Patterson said they had done a lot of research and learned more about homelessness in Colorado and what rights the municipality has and what rights the homeless people have.

“We are definitely being impacted by homelessness,” he added. “The first two were cooperative with us. We requested they get out of there because of imminent danger to them. Oak Creek and Sand Creek are two drainage areas that at any moment, particularly

cers have gone and asked them to move for their own safety, but they tend to go back in.”

In talking with the ACLU, a law firm is representing 33 or 34 municipalities that have had their ordinances challenged by the ACLU. Florence is not one of them, but because of the homeless problem, they are allowing this attorney to go through Florence’s ordinances and help Florence with what is sound practice and what is not.

“The biggest caution that we’re getting from both attorneys on our side and from ACLU folks [concerns] how we treat these



Numerous items are strewn along the places, where homeless people have pitched their tents in and around Florence.

Photo by Paula Svincek

people,” Patterson said. “Whether our citizens like it not, we have to be very cautious in what we do. We have to provide them alternatives. The alternatives they suggest include; try to find a local church, as well as work with the social services community to try to find these people some services.”

Some of the folks are more lucid and are more able to take care of themselves. Some folks have other issues and other challenges.

“We do have a homeless shelter in Cañon City, but it’s not able to handle the entire community. One of the challenges we have, is protecting their property. There’s two reasons Sam’s crews didn’t just go in and haul off the stuff that are in the pictures. We have to be careful about what we can do. Sometimes crews can go through and we can clearly define if it’s garbage, (such as a paper cup). However, we cannot take all of their items and simply throw them away. That’s what Denver’s being challenged for; that’s what other communities are being challenged for. We have to come up with some sort of methodology to sort the items.”

So the city will make two piles, one that is actual garbage and one that is their personal belongings. The crews will document the

garbage pile and personal belonging pile (stuff they could make an argument that it is not ‘garbage’). Garbage will be placed in a dumpster. The rest, Patterson said, “We will not be throwing away... We will preserve for them.”

In the laws of the United States and the State of Colorado, the city cannot throw this stuff away or it may be sued.

“That is the case according to our attorney that was hired by CIRSA ...you’ve got to be very cautious. [What] I’m going to propose is to show some restraint, but we’ve also got to show some action,” Patterson said. “Our citizens also have the right to feel secure in their home and in their businesses. They also don’t want to have the rights [of the homeless] usurping their own. The first thing is— what we’re going to do with the attorney. We’ll be reviewing our current ordinances—What do we have? What are we lacking? We will be bringing over the next month, some revised ordinances, probably copying what’s passed in other cities and bringing [it] back to the city council for your approval.”

The next step is to place warning signs to keep them out of those dangerous areas and the parks.

“Once we’re sure what’s in compliance and what’s not, then we’ll post the signs,” Patterson said. “It’s much more difficult to get the homeless out of the park.”

Those people are not “user friendly,” said one citizen who reported the problem to the police. She noted several of the homeless people had made threatening moves against the citizens.

If they commit crimes, then the police can arrest them. Patterson and DeLaurentis suggested residents call 911 immediately.

“If they’re not breaking the laws, we have to take certain steps,” Patterson said. “But if they come onto your property, they’re trespassing. We can absolutely get them off your property. They can be arrested and taken away.”

He said the bottom line is not to be too soft or too hard.

“We don’t disagree with you,” Patterson said to citizens who brought the complaints to the city. “We agree with you. We’re trying to take legal steps. We’re trying to strike a balance. I believe we’re taking appropriate steps. We don’t want to be successfully sued.

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Fremont County Community Concert Association presents "Seraph Brass"

Press Release

The Fremont County Community Concert Association presents "Seraph Brass" on Friday, October 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cañon City High School Auditorium, 1313 College Avenue, Cañon City, CO. This is the first concert of the 2016 – 2017 season.

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Members of Seraph Brass have performed with such esteemed ensembles as the New York Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony, the Philadelphia Orchestra, Musicians from Marlboro, the Luzern Music Festival in Switzerland, National Symphony, Brass Band of Battle Creek, Royal Scottish National Orchestra, Daejeon Philharmonic in Korea, and the Auckland Philharmonia in New Zealand.

They hold positions in the Richmond Symphony, the Louisville Orchestra, Sarasota Opera Orchestra, the Artosphere Orchestra, New Chicago Brass, Tennessee Tech University, and the University of Virginia.

Season membership for five different concerts: Adults - \$55, students grades K-6th - \$7, students grades 7th – 12 -

\$12. Adult tickets at the door – \$20. Groups of 12 or more – \$12 per person (call ahead). Visit www.fremontcountymusic.org and www.seraphbrass.com to access additional information and audio/video clips, or contact Paula McFarland 275-0144 or Phyllis Koroshetz 275-9616.



Seraph Brass quintet to perform Friday, October 7th at 7 p.m. in the Cañon City High School Auditorium,

Courtesy Photo

Heritage Week: A Variety of Vintage Movies Filmed in Fremont County

by Charlotte Burrous

It's always fun to watch a movie that has been made in the area. In October, the Friends of the Museum and History Center will bring a plethora of movies that were made in the area during its Olde Timey Movie Festival from Oct. 7-13, at the Skyline Theater.

"This is our contribution to the Heritage Festival," said Geraldine Colette, of the Friends of the Museum & History Center. "We will have some kind of a mystery (movie) Thursday and Friday. Everything will be shown twice. We have one that is a silent film, (made) in 1926. It's certainly not the first one made here. The reason filmmakers chose [this area is that] ... people were welcoming for the filming and because of our topography and beauty. I think that relates to all of them."

Colette then talked about the history of the film industry in Fremont County.

"Fremont County has a rich history of film production and was a center

of silent movie production in the pre-Hollywood 1910s," she said in a press release. "Tom Mix was a star and we will feature one of his silent films."

Regional Museum Curator Lisa Studts noted that local resident Karol Smith was instrumental in bringing the movie companies to the area.

"Smith organized area efforts to attract motion picture filming to the area in the 1950s and helped develop the Buckskin Joe movie set," she said. "He went on to be the first director of the Colorado State Film Commission, the first such commission in the country."

In the 1910s, dozens of silent movies were filmed in the area, the press release said. The film commission assisted at least fourteen other movies that were made here since 1950.

General admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and matinees. A family pack of four will sell for \$15 and may be used for any performance, the release added. Tickets may be purchased at

the Royal Gorge Regional Museum at 612 Royal Gorge Blvd., Skyline Theater, 606 Main St. or 4-Mile Cinemas at 127 Justice Center Road.

"The best deal is four tickets for \$15," Colette said.

Films to be screened are listed below.

Ms.Colette thanks the Skyline Theater for allowing a full week to show the films as part of Fremont Fall Heritage Days. She also thanks the sponsors, who are Cañon City Mugs, Great Western Bank, JoAnn Grenard, Home Town Real Estate, Dr. Ellen (McCormick) Noland, Neil and Anne Weekley, Fremont County Historical Society, Friends of the Museum & History Center and Museum of Colorado Prisons.

This week is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Museum & History Center for the Royal Gorge Regional Museum & History Center.

Ms. Colette noted the Heritage Week is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Museum and History Center.

"We have a lot of projects (we're working on)," she said.

Ms. Studts agreed.

"This helps with the preservation, rehabilitation and conservation of museum displays and facilities. In addition to supporting the Museum, funds go to assisting projects such as the Rudd House repair, conserving displays and purchasing archival supplies," she said in the release.

Located at 612 Royal Gorge Boulevard in the former Cañon City Municipal Building, the Royal Gorge Regional Museum is open from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday visitors will be able to browse through displays of area fossils in cooperation with BLM, historic exhibits and a Reading Room to research local historical subjects.

Admission is free. For more information, call (719) 269-9036. The mailing address is P.O. Box 1460, Cañon City, CO 81215. Website is <http://rgmhc.org/>

Events Oct 1st-Oct. 15th

Oct. 1, The Penrose Chamber of Commerce 81st Apple Day Festival. Vendors, a parade, apple pie contest, entertainment. Apple Day begins at 6 a.m. with the pancake breakfast at the Penrose Volunteer Fire Department, which is always a great turn-out.

October 1, Money Matters part 2 , Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Cañon City Public Library.

Oct. 7-14, The Fremont County Historical Society will host an "Olde Timey Movie Festival" at Skyline Theater at 606 Main St. in Cañon City. Vintage films produced and filmed in Fremont County will be featured each day.

Oct. 8, The Alfred Packard No. 1389 dinner. Come to the Cannibal Buffet at 5 p.m. at the Gibson Mansion at 900 Greenwood Ave. Tickets are \$40 per person. Dinner, tours of the mansion and entertainment. For tickets, call 269-3015. Fundraiser for the Museum of Colorado Prisons.

Oct. 8, Oktoberfest event will be held from noon-2 a.m. in the Florence Elks Lodge No. 611 at 131 Front St. in Florence.

Oct. 8, Fremont County Stones 'n Bones will host Dennis Gertenbach, who will present "Ammonites and Their Cousins --- Predators of the Cretaceous from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Cañon City Public Library at 516 Macon Ave. For more information, call 275-9781.

Oct. 8, Seventh annual Fremont County Energy Fair will take place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Sonny's Ace Home Center at 3090 E. Main St. in Cañon City.

Oct. 13, Business After Hours is a monthly networking event, hosted by the Cañon City Chamber of Commerce. The event is open to Chamber members and their guests and takes place the second Thursday of the month from 5-7 p.m. in the library of the Abbey. For reservations, call the Chamber at 275-2331.

Oct. 15, Oktoberfest from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. at Florence Brewing Company. The street will be closed on Pikes Peak from Front to Railroad, including the sidewalk in front of the brewery.

Now through Oct. 15, The seventh annual Religious Fine Art Show 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays at the Abbey Monastery at 2951 E. U.S. 50.

Oct. 15, Sixth annual Trivia Contest at the Harrison Middle School hosted by Fremont Search & Rescue. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with contest starting at 7 p.m. Register early to reserve a spot. Call Deb at 429-0491. Door Prizes all night long!! Prizes for the winning teams!

Oct. 15, Steelworks Center of the West will present a CF&I mining towns Fremont County tour with special stops in Rockvale, Coal Creek, Florence and the headgate of the Minnequa Canal. Tour is from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. from 215 Canal St. in Pueblo. Price for transportation, light lunch and walking tour by Florence City Planner Wade Broadhead and commemorative booklet. Members are \$65 and \$75 for non-members. RSVP for more information by calling Victoria Miller at 564-9086, ext. 108 or email Victoriamiller@steelworks.us.

Film Showings

- "The Cowboys", with John Wayne and Slim Pickins at 3:30 p.m. Friday Oct. 7, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8.
- "True Grit", directed by Henry Hathaway starring John Wayne at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7 and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8.
- "Vengeance Valle", with Burt Lancaster and Hugh O'Brien at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9.
- "Comes a Horseman", with James Caan and Jane Fonda at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9 and 7 p.m. Monday, Oct.10.
- "Cañon City", with Warden Roy Best as himself at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9 and 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct 13.
- "The Brothers O'Toole", with John Astin and Hans Conried at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11.
- "Barquero", with Lee Van Cleef and Forrest Tucker at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11 and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12.
- "The Great K & A Train Robbery", a Silent Movie with Tom Mix at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct.12 and 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 13.



Colorado State News

Amendment 69 and ColoradoCare Guarantee Higher Taxes, But Not Healthcare

by Linda Gorman,
The Complete Colorado,
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If passed in November, Amendment 69 creates a bureaucracy called ColoradoCare. It will have a larger budget than the entire State of Colorado. Amendment 69 increases the income and payroll tax rates by 10 percent to fund ColoradoCare. The state income tax rate will be 14.63 percent, the nation's highest.

Amendment 69 exempts ColoradoCare from Colorado's fair election laws. Taxes can be raised again each year if a majority of those "who cast votes on the proposed increase" say yes. ColoradoCare will design its own campaign laws, voter registration requirements, donor reporting, and election certification rules. The bureaucracy will be free to manipulate election outcomes, and increase its tax take, by holding snap elections at inconvenient times in obscure places.

Voters for ColoradoCare tax increases must be 18 or older and a Colorado resident for at least a year. Residents are people who say they are residents. In an age of easily forged documents it will be virtually impossible to prove that someone has not been a Colorado resident for a year.

Neither voter registration nor U.S. citizenship is required to vote in ColoradoCare elections.

As icing on the "let's go back to holding corrupt elections" cake, Amendment 69 lets ColoradoCare accept gifts, grants, and donations from any source.

But what about Amendment 69's supposed guarantee of superb cradle to grave health care? Would it make massively higher taxes for a wildly expensive and unaccountable health bureaucracy worthwhile?

Amendment 69 does not contain health care guaran-

tees. Section 1 directs ColoradoCare to control "the per capita cost of health care." In practice, this means that if someone gets more health care, someone else must get less. It also directs ColoradoCare to "optimize quality, value and healthy outcomes." If you and your care are insufficiently valuable, ColoradoCare doesn't have to pay.

Section 9 of Amendment 69 stipulates that paying ColoradoCare taxes does not "constitute the purchase of a health insurance policy." Without a policy contract, ColoradoCare is not required to provide you with any particular treatment or service. According to legal opinion provided to the Colorado Health Foundation, the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act will protect ColoradoCare from lawsuits brought by people harmed by its refusal to provide care.

Boilerplate language lifted from the federal Obamacare

statute requires that ColoradoCare cover broad categories of health care. The requirements are so general they are effectively useless. The Obamacare experience has shown that commanding insurers to cover "prescription drugs" does not distinguish between formularies including only drugs that have been around since the 1950s and formularies covering effective new drugs like the humanized monoclonal antibodies that successfully target macular degeneration and refractory forms of cancer.

Amendment 69 includes another effectively useless directive guaranteeing that people be allowed to choose their primary care provider. This sounds good until one realizes that it does not guarantee that who you see will necessarily be a physician. Covered primary care providers may be limited to nurse practitioners or physician's assistants. It also fails to guarantee

that patients have the right to choose their treatments, specialists, or hospitals.

ColoradoCare does not cover people in Medicaid, Medicare, and other federal programs. It does not cover people with private insurance. These people must still pay the 10 percent tax increase. Amendment 69 does not guarantee that out-of-state treatment is covered. It merely directs ColoradoCare to "establish policies and procedures to pay benefits for health care services rendered to a beneficiary who is temporarily living or traveling in another state."

Under ColoradoCare, people may end up needing coverage for health care provided out of Colorado.

Amendment 69 uses price controls to ration access to ColoradoCare's "free" care. It gives ColoradoCare the power to set prices for anything provided by any state licensed provider of health

products or services. Providers cannot accept more than the allowed amount even if patients or insurers want to pay more to ensure decent care.

Amendment 69 makes Colorado a health care Mecca. Be a resident for 15 minutes and you're covered, legal or illegal, taxpayer or not. But who will supply health care as physicians, investors, suppliers, and taxpayers flee the state?

Amendment 69 is a deadly combination of the highest taxes in the nation and an unaccountable bureaucracy that dictates the care you may receive and the price you may pay for it.

It guarantees death and taxes, not health care.

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Cover-Up: VA Retaliates Against Coloradan Who Reported Wait-List Death

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

A VA employee who reported a cover-up involving the death of a Colorado patient is being targeted for retaliation, but U.S. Sens. Cory Gardner and Sen. Ron Johnson are blowing the whistle on behalf of the whistle blower.

The VA employee reported to the senators earlier this month that a veteran who suffered from PTSD had been secretly wait-listed, and while waiting for treatment that never came from the Colorado Springs facility, the 26-year-old Army Ranger committed suicide.

The VA employee had every right and constitutional protection to report to Congress that records had possibly been falsified after the veteran's death.

But in their usual fashion, instead of correcting the problem, the VA launched a witch hunt against the employee accusing him of violating privacy laws.

So, the lawmakers reported the VA to the agency's inspector general for that office to investigate the bogus investigation of the whistle blower, as well as the death of the young veteran.

From Gardner's letter to the Inspector General:

... we have heard concern from VA employees about their ability to speak with Congress due to the fear of retaliation. It should be clear that all VA employees have a right to speak with Congress. Specifically, federal law states: "The right of employees, individually or collectively, to petition Congress or a Member of Congress, or to furnish information to either House of Congress, or to a committee or Member thereof, may not be in-

terfered or denied."

If the VA OIG (Office of the Inspector General) finds during its inquiry, any retaliation due to this whistleblower's contact with Congress, we would request that you notify us promptly.

Disturbingly, this is just further proof that the VA continues to fail those whose lives with which they are entrusted. And when they are confronted with wrong-doing, they attack the messenger.

This is a serious matter and the behavior of the VA is simply out-

rageous. We applaud Gardner's swift action to protect this and all employees from the Obama administration's retaliatory henchmen, as well as the victims of the VA's continued wait-list practices that are costing veterans their lives.

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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 sdcsentinel@gmail.com if you are interested.

We will put you in contact with this patriot.

Time to stand up and save our country from tyranny.

Back-Out Bennet: He's Refusing All But One Televised Debate

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Incumbent Sen. Michael Bennet has backed out of yet another debate, so instead of three statewide televised debates, there will only be one.

Back-Out Bennet refuses to explain why he will only face off with his opponent Darryl Glenn for all to see on one occasion. We strongly suspect it's Bennet's inability to explain to voters his controversial support and votes that gave us Obamacare, outrageous insurance costs, and took our doctors away from us.

Nor can he give a rational explanation of his support of the Iran deal, his flip-flopping over transferring Gitmo detainees to Colo-

rado, or his conflicting stances on energy development in the state.

Out are debates on **Denver CBS4** and **Colorado Springs 11 News**. The only televised debate will be Oct. 11th on **9News**, which will also be hosted by the *Denver Business Journal*, reports the *Denver Post*'s John Frank.

The result is that voters will have little opportunity to evaluate them. Bennet, who is the only incumbent Democrat in a contested Senate seat this year, is sitting on a comfortable lead, giving him less incentive to subject himself to questions. And Glenn is running a campaign aimed at his conservative base and needs a major break to get noticed.

Bennet did meet with Darryl Glenn for the Club 20 debate earlier this month, which was not televised. It apparently didn't go well for Bennet, who is desperate not to give a repeat performance.

There is no logical rationale for Bennet's excuse: His flak accused Glenn of blackballing reporters at the *Denver Post*, so therefore Bennet is blackballing reporters at CBS4 and 11 News.

More likely, the dates conflict with important fundraisers Bennet must attend in Washington.

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Colorado State News

Amendment 72 and the Twisted Logic of Hiking Tobacco Taxes

by Peter Blake,
CompleteColorado.com

Sure, why not triple the state cigarette tax, as Amendment 72 on the Colorado ballot proposes?

It's no bucks out of my billfold, and look who's for it: Every good-think organization you can think of, from the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association and the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado, right through the (huh?) Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1. No more "smoke 'em if you got 'em" in this man's army, apparently.

There are 87 organizations listed on a "Yes on 72" web site and more are said to be coming on board. There's hardly a Coloradan who is more than two degrees of separation from membership in one of them.

The state tax on cigarettes would jump from 84 cents a pack to \$2.59 (in addition to the federal tax of \$1.01 a pack). The excise tax on other tobacco products would jump from 40 percent of the price to 62 percent.

Who doesn't love sin taxes? Relatively few people smoke anymore, and maybe the higher price will get

them to stop. We'd be doing their health a favor by making their bad habits more expensive!

But the best thing about sin taxes is that those who righteously promote them get to share in the proceeds! The amendment spells out how the \$315.7 million produced by the new taxes in the first year is to be distributed.

- For instance, 27 percent to research grants for the study of tobacco-related health issues, to be administered by the health department;
- 18 percent (up to \$36 million a year) on health related programs funded by previously approved tobacco taxes, including Medicaid, children's health care and tobacco education programs;
- 16 percent for anti-tobacco education programs;
- 14 percent to improve the health of veterans and find employment for them. (Aha, now you know why the VFW is involved);
- 10 percent for child and adolescent behavioral health;
- 10 percent for construction of or improvements to community health centers for the poor;

- 5 percent for student loan repayment for those training as health care professionals.

With all these worthy charities counting on additional tax money for their budgets, you'd be doing them a favor by smoking more, not less.

The opposition, "No on Amendment 72", maintains that "less than 20 percent" of the proceeds would go to smoking prevention and that more than half of the money is earmarked for programs that aren't even determined yet. It also argues that the \$1.6 billion from tobacco taxes paid through the years has been spent on programs unrelated to anti-tobacco programs.

"If we're going to tax smokers hundreds of millions more per year, then more of the new money should be dedicated to helping smokers quit or keeping kids from starting," say the opponents.

Those who support Amendment 71, which would make it much harder to amend the state constitution, couldn't possibly support 72, which would weirdly put in that cluttered document specific allocations of tax revenues toward various special interests that could fade or change over time.

The sponsors must certainly understand that problem, but they need to make the change in the constitution because Amendment 72 — of course!—excludes the tax proceeds from spending limits imposed by the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights. You can't do that by statute.

If Yes on 72 wants even more support, they should look just north of the border. Wyoming is full of entrepreneurs — fireworks dealers, gas stations, convenience stores etc. — who would just love to expand their customer base by selling Coloradans many cartons of cheaper cigarettes. After all, the tax in Wyoming is just 60 cents a pack, 8th lowest in the nation.

Entrepreneurs who don't mind risking a run-in with revenueurs might even drive Wyoming cigarettes into Colorado for resale here. Colorado, which now has the 14th lowest tax rate, will go to 12th highest if the initiative passes.

The high probability of cigarette smuggling wasn't mentioned in the ballot blue book soon coming your way. The Legislative Council included only two arguments against No. 72: that low-income smokers would be hurt the most,

and the constitutional problem mentioned above.

But tax experts Michael LaFaive and Todd Nesbit of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, writing in Complete Colorado last month, predicted that smuggled cigarettes, both "casual" and "commercial", would leap from 12 percent to 36 percent of all those smoked here. Half would come from seven neighboring states, all with lower excise tax rates, and the other half from more distant states, like Missouri, whose tax is only 17 cents, lowest in the nation.

So go ahead and vote for Amendment 72. The smugglers will be as grateful as all those researchers whose livelihood depends on proving, over and over and over again, that smoking is bad for you.

(Editor/GG: Vote no on Amendment 72. The State of Colorado has enough of our money. Plus, if passed, it will cause a crime wave of smuggling which is the last thing our law enforcement agencies need right now. It's OUR money, not theirs.)

Please see: <http://completecolorado.com/pagetwo/2016/09/16/blake-amendment-72-and-the-twisted-fiscal-logic-of-hiking-tobacco-taxes/>

STICKER SHOCK:

Premiums for Colorado Obamacare Plans Will Be Up More than 20% in 2017

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

In a depressing announcement by the Colorado Division of Insurance yesterday, Coloradans on Obamacare were put on notice that they will be paying more next year. A lot more. Thanks, Senator Bennet.

The press release noted that lower income people on subsidized plans "may see their premiums decrease," even though the

unsubsidized premiums are going up. But if you are in the middle class and on Obamacare, good luck. The middle class thanks you, Senator Bennet.

The premium increase for individuals with unsubsidized plans will rise a staggering 20.4% next year, on average. Make no mistake, this is a devastating thing for Colorado middle class families. We thank you, Senator Bennet.

Does anyone remember the lies that Obama and the Democrats (like Senator Bennet) were telling us years ago: that this program would slash a family's healthcare costs by \$2,500 per year?

So what's the problem here? Simply put, Obamacare is not a sustainable model. In 2017, both UnitedHealth and Humana, two of the largest insurers in the country, will not offer any individual plans

on the Colorado exchange. They are real businesses that were hemorrhaging cash on the exchange and had to pull the plug. In all, only 277 plans will be available in the individual market, sharply down from the 413 that people had access to in 2016.

The Colorado Department of Insurance would want you to think that the cost of EpiPens and other medicine was driving the premium spikes — yes, they

actually said that in their press release today. Not mentioned was the fact that if you are giving something away, people are going to take more of it. Eventually the costs get so high that healthy people opt out, and the entire financial model that underpins the ability of carriers to underwrite policies crumbles.

Odd. Senator Bennet didn't promise the destruction of the entire healthcare system when he was pitching Col-

orado on this plan. Perhaps that's why Bennet won't debate his opponent Darryl Glenn — Bennet is ahead in the polls and he certainly doesn't want to be reminded that he was the deciding vote to destroy America's healthcare system, right?

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And The Winner Is ...

It was the polished, well-rehearsed, proven liar politician against the brash, organic, unpolished, non-politician who sometimes is so passionate he can't get his facts straight. So who won? In style points, poise and politico-speak, Hillary Clinton was the hands-down winner. Just ask any mainstream media analysts who babble on about birth certificates and other non-issues of this campaign trying their best to level the liar playing field that is so deeply tipped in Clinton's direction. But interestingly enough, those voting online see things differently. At the time of this writing, Donald Trump is ahead in the CNBC online poll 65-35% with 711,327 total votes; Time, Trump is winning 53-47% with 1.37 million votes.

Online voters at Drudge, the conservative news aggregator, have Trump winning 82-18% with 444,266 votes cast. There were many times during the first presidential debate where Trump missed opportunities to drive home Clinton's lifelong malfeasance, shady dealings and incompetency. He said very little about exposing our nation's secrets on her private email server. He didn't go into Benghazi at all. He didn't set the record straight on how Clinton has enriched herself with \$250,000 speaking engagements and selling influence through the Clinton Foundation. Trump said his advisors told him to be nice. But he did drive home the fact that Clinton is a politician that talks a good game but gets nothing good done.

Clinton did talk a good game. She was poised,

“presidential,” and her answers to questions were so well rehearsed that she seemed at times like she was reading them from a teleprompter. She pressed Trump on his tax filings and essentially called him a racist by using his own comments against him. She clearly and concisely explained the difference between her and her opponent—she is a big government socialist, believing in a global foreign policy, and taxing Americans to grow the government and provide government jobs. She arrogantly scoffed at Trump often, especially making light of his points on law and order and foreign policy. She came across as a politician that knows better than the normal citizen.

Trump, while not scoring many points on style, was very organic in pointing out that big government and a continuation of the leadership that Clinton brings is bad for America. Clinton scored a lot of style points as she demonstrated how polished and super-knowledgeable she is on the issues. A couple of Bible verses to consider as you pray about this election: Ephesians 5:6, “Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things comes the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.” Matthew 7:15, “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.” Matthew 7:20, “Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them.”

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!

Bill Wilson

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by Karl Denninger,
Market-Ticker.Org

We are well-past the “use by” date of political correctness when it comes to Islamic Terrorism, alleged “islamophobia” and similar politically-correct nonsense.

It is a fact that just a few short years after our nation's founding this country faced a bunch of Islamic Pirates who were kidnapping our merchant ships' complement, burning their ships and stealing their cargoes. They were also raiding villages for the purpose of taking people to be sold as slaves. When pressed as to the justification for these actions, the response was: “You're not Muslim.”

*We didn't put a stop to that c**p by taking in refugees and “understanding” those who declared that they hate us because we are not willing to kowtow to the demands of their alleged “faith”, although there was an initial flirtation with paying their “tribute” -- a strategy that was quickly recognized as failed when the attacks did not cease. We shortly thereafter insisted that they cut that c**p out and, when they refused, we blew them to bits.*

Now we have a named suspect who is alleged to not only have set off a bomb in NYC, appears to be connected to a second device that exploded in New Jersey, and a third device found unexploded (also in NYC) but, it appears, we have recovered a satchel containing additional devices.

We're seeking him now and you get two guesses as to his religious affiliation but you'll only need one. (Editor/GG: As we now know, the cops in Linden, N.J., found him, had a shootout and captured him. He is a naturalized, Afghanistan, muslim.)

At the same time we have a second person who showed up in a mall the other day and decided he was feeling stabby -- while screaming “Allah Akbar!” You only get one guess as to his religious affiliation. Oh, incidentally, he apparently is one of those ‘refugees’ (good vetting job there Mr. President and Ms. Clinton) and if reports in the press are to be believed his father, who is also here and has been naturalized, can't speak a word of English. Exactly how did he take the oath of citizenship if he can't speak our common language?

A singular event? Nope. There are at least 800 of these people who we not only allowed to stay, we granted them citizenship! (See [http://bigstory.ap.org/search/More than 800 immigrants mistakenly granted citizenship](http://bigstory.ap.org/search/More+than+800+immigrants+mistakenly+granted+citizenship)) Was the father of Mr. Stabby one of them?

And, of course, let us not forget (although the media would like us to) the fine “quite recent” set of immigrants out west who decided that a young girl was to be their sexual plaything and when they were not capable of the act they intended (as they were too young!) they defiled her anyway. This is

what refusing to vet people, not only for their beliefs but also for their willingness to assimilate into our culture and not allow into our nation those with any desire to turn our culture into theirs, which I remind you, is marked by sexual brutality, throwing gays off buildings and similar acts akin to those of lower animals, gets us.

Never forget that Hillary Clinton was Secretary of State and the State Department is the part of the government that is explicitly responsible for vetting those who wish to come here whether to visit or stay and issuing them credentials to do so. She is thus personally responsible, as the Secretary, for these failures. I repeat: THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE FAILURES DOES NOT JUST REST WITH PRESIDENT OBAMA IT RESTS WITH HILLARY CLINTON PERSONALLY.

If you would like more of the weekend's antics and more young girls sexually assaulted (just go ask Sweden about that!) then you can of course vote for the Presidential candidate that espouses “inclusiveness” and “understanding” -- of those who demonstrate, through their actions, that they intend to murder anyone who doesn't comply with their insane religious proscriptions. You can continue to support the clown-car brigade that has imported these people by the tens of thousands over the last many years and not only will our government not throw any of them out, it

will continue to bring more bombers and stabby-mad crazies into our towns and shopping malls. That candidate for President is, incidentally, the same candidate who was personally responsible for the vetting of said immigrants as Secretary of State and thus is personally responsible for those failures -- her name is Hillary Clinton.

*Or you can decide that you'd prefer to live in peace, you'd prefer if your daughter isn't raped and urinated upon, your son isn't stabbed in a mall by an allah-akhbar screaming islamic nutjob and you are not blown up while peacefully enjoying a nice evening out in New York City -- or any one of our other cities and towns across the country. You can instead demand that our borders be closed until we can vet everyone who comes into this nation, we immediately expel those who we failed to vet and cannot pass said vetting now, and we cut the political-correctness c**p and make it clear to all of these people around the world that we will not submit, we will not convert, and if they do not respect our right to worship and live as we wish; then if it is war that they seek it is war they will find, they will lose, and the 27 virgins are all male gorillas who are the horniest creatures they've ever laid eyes on.*

Enough.

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“An appeal to arms and to the God of hosts is all that is left us!...Sir, we are not weak if we make a proper use of those means which the God of nature hath placed in our power...Besides, sir, we shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us...Is life so dear, or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me; give me liberty or give me death!”

Patrick Henry

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Mao Was Right

by The Zman

When I was a kid, it was part of the holiday season to see politicians participating in the rituals of Christmas. The President would show up at a church somewhere to participate in a Christian mass, even if he was not a member of that particular sect. The exception was that non-Catholics would not take communion at a Catholic mass, out of respect to Catholics. Otherwise, it was considered a sign of respect for leaders to show up at a church at times like Christmas.

Similarly, political leaders would show up at a military memorial on veterans holidays to lay a wreath, say a prayer and demonstrate a proper reverence. On the 50th anniversary of D-Day, Ronald Reagan made a week out of showing his respect for the men and women, who saved Europe from herself. Even communist mayors of progressive American cities knew to show respect to veterans on those holidays. The point was for the people to see that these public figures were pious and shared our fidelity to the cultural institutions of our society.

Public acts of piety by leaders are a part of settled society and an integral part of political leadership. Scipio Africanus, the great Roman general, is famous to modern people for de-

feating Hannibal at Zama. In his day, he was famous to his contemporaries for his great displays of public piety and his use of them to win the support of the people in order to defeat his political enemies. Roman emperors invested a great deal of wealth and time into public acts of piety, building great temples and holding elaborately expensive public events. Public piety is a feature of human society.

That's an important thing to keep in mind when watching our public figures perform in public. In almost all cases, these performances are carefully considered and choreographed. They are intended to win support for the public figure. If they are attached to a cause, the way to bet is the public figure cares little for the cause, but is simply using it to curry favor with the public. The point is for you to walk away thinking the public person is moral and good, and therefore deserving of your support.

This is the case with **the Atlantic Coast Conference announcing that they will be pulling their sports ball tournaments out of the state of North Carolina** in protest of the state law banning deranged men in sundresses from stalking women in public toilets. For those unfamiliar with American college sports, our colleges run billion dollar sports leagues for some reason. How this

happened would take a long time to explain, but imagine if your football leagues were all owned and operated by your colleges and universities.

Here's the statement from the college presidents:

"As members of the Atlantic Coast Conference, the ACC Council of Presidents reaffirmed our collective

this statement for weeks so that it is packed the most *pious punch* possible. It has all the abracadabra phrases the Cloud People love. "Collective commitment" is one of my favorites. Cloud People love that phrase. Pol Pot was fond of that phrase, too. The Cloud People never shut up about the glories of unity and collective action, while

and thrown in a pit, all in the name of tolerance and inclusion. The words no longer have a literal meaning for the Cloud People. They are magic words and the point of using them is to make you shut-up so they can boss you around without having to explain themselves.

The insanity of this is not in the fact they are on the side of mentally ill men in dresses and stalking little girls in public toilets. That's crazy, but what's really nuts is the fact they think this appeals to the general public. "I support men in dresses watching my daughter pee," is something said by exactly no one ever. Dirt People feel sorry for transvestites and would support mental health services for them. Normal people would be against throwing trannies off rooftops, as is preferred by the Muslims that the Cloud People are importing.

Otherwise, it is an ugly part of the human condition that normal people tend to ignore. If the man down the street likes to wear something pretty, that's his business as long as it remains just his business. If he goes outside like that, he better be extremely respectful of the rest of us. The same is true of swingers and other fetishes like 'furries'. Normal people have always understood that privacy must be respect and publicity should always be used

carefully. Keep your private affairs private and respect the privacy of others.

It is just another example of the great gulf that lies between the rulers and those over whom they rule. Not so long ago, the rulers would have known this and showed their goodness by defending the little girl from the deranged man in the sundress. They may not have done much about it, other than make a speech, but they would have made the effort to show they are on the side of angels, with regards to men in sun dresses stalking children in toilets. The North Carolina law is perfect example of this practice.

Today, they expect the fathers and mothers of those little girls to cheer them for unleashing perverts onto the public. It is the worst sort of grace on the cheap, because it inflicts a heavy cost on the public. The Cloud People ruthlessly enforce their codes of conduct in their world, while denying normal people the right to do the same. One can be forgiven for thinking that maybe there is a sadistic pleasure at work. The Cloud People humor themselves by immiserating their subjects.

Again, it is easy to see why Mao sent these people to the rice paddies.

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"Cloud People ruthlessly enforce their codes of conduct in their world, while denying normal people the right to do the same."

commitment to uphold the values of equality, diversity, inclusion and non-discrimination. Every one of our 15 universities is strongly committed to these values and therefore, we will continue to host ACC Championships at campus sites. We believe North Carolina House Bill 2 is inconsistent with these values, and as a result, we will relocate all neutral site championships for the 2016-17 academic year. All locations will be announced in the future from the conference office."

Clearly, an army of public relations people worked on

at the same time yapping about diversity and tolerance. **Mussolini would be proud.** (Read "The Doctrine of Fascism" by Benito Mussolini (1932) at <http://www.worldfuturefund.org/wffmaster/Reading/Germany/mussolini.htm>)

Similarly, the "values of equality, diversity, inclusion and non-discrimination" are not values anyone in the Cloud actually follows, but they like the way it sounds so they say it a lot. Show up at a faculty meeting with a Trump hat on and these people will run screaming for security. You will be arrested

"Legends and Heroes Do NOT Wear Shoulder Pads"

by Chris Enloe, The Blaze

One Marine colonel is not happy with National Football League commissioner Roger Goodell.

Over the several weeks, various NFL players have protested the national anthem by not standing at attention during the pregame ceremony. San Francisco 49er Colin Kaepernick, the team's backup quarterback, started the protests earlier this month after he took a knee during the anthem before a preseason game.

The protests have been widely criticized by most, while praised by many others.

However, retired Marine Col. Jeffrey A. Powers has taken specific issue with NFL commissioner Goodell, who has allowed the anthem protests to continue while threatening to fine players who honored the anniversary of 9/11 last week by wearing commemorative cleats.

Writing in an open letter to Goodell, Powers said the "multi-millionaire athletes who never did anything in their lives but play a game" are "essentially spitting in the faces and on the graves of real men, men who have actually done something for this country."

According to Powers, Goodell is "complicit" in making NFL players believe "they're something special."

"You are complicit in this!" Powers wrote. "You'll fine players for large and small infractions but you lack the moral courage and respect for our nation and the fallen to put an immediate stop to this."

"You condone it all by your refusal to act. You're just as bad and disgusting as they are," he added. "I hope Americans boycott any sponsor who supports that rabble you call the NFL. I hope they turn off the TV when any team that allowed this disrespect to occur, without consequence, on the sidelines. I applaud those who have not."

"Legends and heroes do NOT wear shoulder pads," Powers continued. "They wear body armor and carry rifles."

Read Power's full letter below:

Commissioner,

I've been a season pass holder at Yankee Stadium, Yale Bowl and Giants Stadium.

I missed the '90-'91 season because I was with a battalion of Marines in Desert Storm. 14 of my wonderful Marines returned home with the American Flag draped across their lifeless bodies. My last conversation with one of them, Sgt Garrett Mongrella, was about how our Giants were going to the Super Bowl. He never got to see it.

Many friends, Marines, and Special Forces Soldiers who worked with or for me through the years returned home with the American Flag draped over their coffins.

Now I watch multi-millionaire athletes who never

did anything in their lives but play a game, disrespect what brave Americans fought and died for. They are essentially spitting in the faces and on the graves of real men, men who have actually done something for this country beside playing with a ball and believing they're something special! They're not! My Marines and Soldiers were!

You are complicit in this! You'll fine players for large and small infractions but you lack the moral courage and respect for our nation and the fallen to put an immediate stop to this. Yes, I know, it's their 1st Amendment right to behave in such a despicable manner.

What would happen if they came out and disrespected you or the refs publicly?

I observed a player getting a personal foul for twerking in the end zone after scoring. I guess that's much worse than disrespecting the flag and our National Anthem. Hmmmmmm, isn't it his 1st Amendment right to express himself like an idiot in the end zone?

Why is taunting not allowed yet taunting America is OK? You fine players for wearing 9-11 commemorative shoes yet you allow scum on the sidelines to sit, kneel or pump their pathetic fist in the air. They are so deprived with their multi-million dollar contracts for playing a freaking game!

You condone it all by your refusal to act. You're just as bad and disgusting as they are. I hope Americans boycott any sponsor who supports that rabble you call the NFL. I hope they turn off the TV when any team that allowed this disrespect to occur, without consequence, on the sidelines. I applaud those who have not.

Legends and heroes do NOT wear shoulder pads. They wear body armor and carry rifles.

They make minimum wage and spend months and years away from their families. They don't do it for an hour on Sunday. They do it 24/7 often with lead, not footballs, coming in their

direction. They watch their brothers carted off in pieces not on a gurney to get their knee iced. They don't even have ice! Many don't have legs or arms.

Some wear blue and risk their lives daily on the streets of America. They wear fire helmets and go upstairs into the fire rather than down to safety. On 9-11, hundreds vanished. They are the heroes.

I hope that your high paid protesting pretty boys and you look in that mirror when you shave tomorrow and see what you really are, legends in your own minds. You need to hit the road and take those worms with you!

Time to change the channel.

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1776

The Second Amendment Corner

Liberty's Line in the Sand

2016



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

Captain John Parker, Lexington Green, April 19, 1775

A Gun For Me— But Not For Thee

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.Org

So there is “anger” after Trump tells Clinton’s security to lose their weapons, eh?

“I think that her bodyguards should drop all weapons. They should disarm, right?” Trump asked the crowd at a Miami rally. “Take their guns away, she doesn’t want guns. Take theirs — and let’s see what happens to her. Take their guns away. OK, it would be very dangerous.”

He’s right, and here’s why.

Hillary has had *paid-for* by the taxpayer protection with **heavily-armed security since her days in Arkansas** with Bill as Governor; first by the state of Arkansas and then by the U.S. Secret Service. That’s a period spanning **more than 20 years**.

Trump is part of the 0.1%

and **thus can afford to pay** highly-vetted private, **heavily-armed security**. So are the Clintons, although they have managed to instead force **you** to pay for that which (until recently) Trump forked up his own money for.

Trump, however, believes **everyone** has the right to possess and carry the means of effective self-defense.

Hillary Clinton does not; she wants to prevent at least some 4’11” 100 lb. women from having said means of effective self defense against 220lb 5’11” male rapists at least some of the time.

There is only **one** type of weapon that has ever been designed and built that is effective in leveling the odds between said 4’11” 100lb woman and the 220lb 5’11” male rapist.

It is called a GUN.

The Second Amendment contains four little words in recognition of same: **Shall Not Be Infringed**.

Leaving aside the fact that there is exactly *one* way to legitimately change those four words (a Constitutional Amendment) there are over 50,000 laws on the books that *facially violate* the Second Amendment today, including but not limited to the Gun Control Act of 1968 and the Brady Act. Hillary believes we should **add more facial and outrageous violations to those that already exist, and in fact she has said that she does not believe the Second Amendment contains an individual right to possess a gun at all; that is, said 4’11” woman has no right to a gun should she need one to defend against said 220 lb. 5’11” male rapist.**

In other words in Hillary’s view the government can

issue or withdraw a **privilege of self-defense for anyone it chooses; neither you or anyone else have a right to said self-defense at all, irrespective of who it is that might be attempting to assault or kill you.**

You’re free to debate exactly **when** Hillary believes that said woman should or should not be granted a government-issued **privilege** to defend herself against that impending rape, but Hillary has **clearly stated** that such is *not* a right, but is indeed a **privilege** that the government has the ability to grant or deny *as it sees fit* is very clear in her statements, on the record, over the last 20+ years, and her husband, Bill Clinton, shares the same view.

Donald Trump has pointed out Hillary’s raw, blatant and outrageous hypocrisy -- and bigotry. Since Clinton

(and Trump) can afford \$250,000+ a year in either private security or have in the past and do today compel you to pay millions of dollars for said heavily-armed government-provided armed security, she has exactly **no room to tell anyone else that they -- or you -- are lesser and deserv**ing of **less protection against violent aggression**.

If Hillary Clinton wishes to argue that *any* such 4’11” woman should, under *any* circumstance, be denied by *law* the ability to defend herself against violent aggression by a 5’11” 220 lb. rapist then **she** has the obligation *as a person claiming to want to be the leader of the nation to first dismiss her armed security detail so she is exposed to the exactly same inability to defend herself as she demands that others be exposed to.*

That doing so would make her about *as likely to be at-*

tacked as a poor, unarmed 4’11” 100 lb. woman in the ghetto of Chicago walking on the street alone at 3:00 a.m. isn’t “incitement”, it’s **fact**, and that Hillary believes she has the right to that which you do not, ought to be enough to disqualify her for the office of *dogcatcher*, much less, President.

That people are “outraged” by this is proof positive that they believe **certain** people are greater and others are lesser.

That is the very **definition** of bigotry, and if you subscribe to the “outrage” then by your own actions and words you have demonstrated that **you** are a bigot.

As such, if you count yourself as “Standing with Her” then get off my lawn.

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Alert: M&P 15/22's Banned at Appleseed Events

Due to Out of Battery and “Run Away” Discharges

by Bob Owens, BearingArms.com

While I can’t seem to tear myself away from Bearing Arms long enough to head west to the home range at Ramseur as much as I would like, I am still an instructor at Project Appleseed. In my opinion, it offers some of the best positional rifle marksmanship training you can obtain anywhere for the price, and you’re treated to an incredible civics lesson with the

cost of admission. I highly recommend it to everyone.

A warning was issued a short time ago on the Appleseed instructor forum that the popular Smith & Wesson 15-22 is banned from Project Appleseed events nationwide after a series of out of battery discharges were recorded at several events.

I’m not going to embellish or sugarcoat anything for you; this is the notice, as it

was written.

To: All Appleseed Instructors

Subject: TEMPORARY BAN ON SMITH & WESSON M&P 15/22 USE AT APPLESEED

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THE USE OF SMITH AND WESSON M&P 15/22’S AT AN APPLESEED IS HEREBY BANNED UNTIL SMITH & WESSON FORMALLY INVESTIGATES THE PROBLEM AND ISSUES AN OFFICIAL CORRECTIVE ACTION. THE AOC WILL NOTIFY THE CADRE WHEN THIS

BAN IS LIFTED.

The AOC has received a rash of reports regarding safety issues with the Smith



Smith & Wesson M&P 15/22

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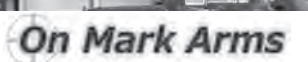
& Wesson M&P 15/22, including a shooter getting injured as a result of an out-of-battery discharge (see reports below).

As responsible instructors, we have a duty to maintain safety at our events. If we know a rifle to be potential-

to exclude the Smith & Wesson M&P 15/22 from future events until Smith & Wesson formally investigates the problem and issues an official corrective action.

As a general rule of thumb, out of battery discharges are rare, and run away guns even more so. The fact that a national rifle training program feels compelled to ban the entire line of firearms because of these issues is disconcerting, to put it mildly.

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“It will be of little avail to the people that the laws are made by men of their own choice, if the laws be so voluminous that they cannot be read, or so incoherent that they cannot be understood; if they be repealed or revised before they are promulgated, or undergo such incessant changes that no man who knows what the law is today can guess what it will be tomorrow.”

— James Madison, 4th U.S. President, Federalist No. 62, February 27, 1788

The Biblical View of Self-Defense

Part 2: "The Biblical View of Bloodshed"

by Michael Tan,
BiblicalSelfDefense.com

So we see we have a Biblical obligation to protect life. Now let's look at the Biblical view of bloodshed. When we come to this topic, we enter an area that requires cultural re-calibration. As you read through the Old and New Testaments, it's very clear that real blood, from animals as well as humans, has a significance not recognized in modern American culture. We must adjust our perception of blood to fit God's view of blood.

Let's look at some relevant passages and contrast them with what our culture thinks about bloodshed.

Genesis 9:5-6

Genesis 9:5-6 ⁵ And surely your blood, the blood of your lives, will I require; At the hand of every beast will I require it. And at the hand of man, even at the hand of every man's brother, will I require the life of man. ⁶ Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: For in the image of God made he man.

These words come in the days of Noah. This is **pre-Mosaic** law. Don't think this is obsolete thinking from the Mosaic law.

If a man was killed, the man or beast who caused the death must pay with his/its own life. God says here, "I will require the life of man." Killing or bloodshed was not always wrong. But when it was wrong, the penalty was ultimate.

We learn here that there is sanctity to spilled blood. Why? Two reasons:

- 1) Life is precious, and the life is in the blood. When blood is shed, something precious is lost. You might not think blood is precious. We tend to consider blood to be just a "bodily fluid". It is, however, precious to God.
- 2) An attack on man is an attack on the image of God. At a trivial level, you're messing with sculptures in God's art studio. In God's view of bloodshed, it is not merely a physiological event, but it is an assault on the divine image. Why is murder punishable by death?

It says, "For in the image of God made He man."

David

We learn more about God's view of bloodshed from David. David is a man who loved God and who was loved by God. God raised him up to defend Israel. God sent David to physically fight to defend Israel. When David killed Goliath and Philistines in battles, it was at God's command. They were righteous killings. Now, with that understanding, let's look at a few passages:

1 Chronicles 28:3 *But God said to me, 'You shall not build a house for My name, because you have been a man of war and have shed blood.'*

1 Chronicles 22:8 *But the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, 'Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build a house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight.'*

David wants to build a house for

the Lord. This is a good desire. But God says, "David, you are disqualified from doing this." Why? Not because of the murder of Uriah. Not because of his adultery with Bathsheba. It is because of the wars, and because David had "shed much blood upon the earth in my sight." David had killed men in the sight of God, and that disqualified him from this spiritual service.

But wasn't David obeying God in engaging in these wars? Yes. Did David sin in shedding this blood? No. But shedding blood is so significant to God that David was unfit for certain "ministries".

Killing someone is not a light thing. Our culture casually depicts killing. In television, movies, and video games, killing, whether it is legitimate or illegitimate killing, is portrayed with such a frequency that most people are relatively desensitized to it.

Here is the bottom line: Shedding blood, taking the life of another, is a big deal. Your life is forfeit if you

wrongfully take the life of another. Even if you take life in a permitted manner, it is serious enough that it can disqualify you from certain types of spiritual service. Even if you are the "good guy", you are "marked" in the eyes of God. I didn't say you are guilty. I am merely showing that God viewed Godly David differently because David had killed men (though righteously).

Bloodshed must have the same significance to us. It is never a light thing, even if you are in the right, even if you do it righteously.

As we move on, I want to ask this question: Does the believer have an obligation to resist evil and to protect life? Think about it.

Having looked at the obligation to preserve life and the Biblical view of bloodshed, let's now look at passages dealing with self-defense and the use of lethal force.

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Dark Skies

Two Star Parties Highlight Saturn and Crescent Moon and International Observe the Moon Night

September 26, 2016

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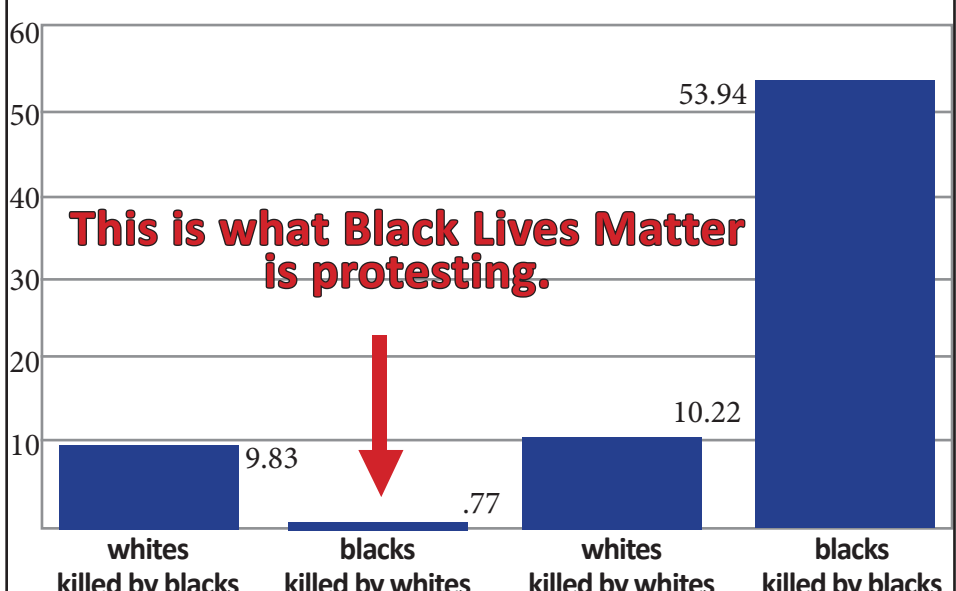
Come enjoy the night sky! Dark Skies of the Wet Mountain Valley is holding two star parties the first week of October. On the evening of Wednesday, October 5th, you are invited to view Saturn with a four-day crescent moon. As dusk gives way to full darkness, other fainter objects such as galaxies, star clusters, and nebulae will be viewed. Come to the new Smokey Jack Observatory at The Bluff at the

west end of Main Street in Westcliffe starting at 7 p.m. MT.

Everyone on earth is invited! Saturday, October 8th is International Observe the Moon Night, an annual worldwide public event that encourages observation, appreciation, and understanding of our moon and its connection to NASA planetary science and exploration. Dark Skies volunteers will have telescopes set-up on The Bluff as well as opening the Smokey Jack Observatory starting at 7 p.m. MT.

In recent years, the dark night skies over the towns have come to be recognized by locals as a natural resource worth preserving. The towns of Westcliffe and Silver Cliff have come together to protect a shared natural resource – their dark night skies. In the first effort of its kind, the towns worked side by side to ensure preservation of dark nights for the benefit of future residents. As a result of their efforts, the towns have earned Colorado's first International Dark Sky Community certification from the International Dark-Sky Association.

Murder of blacks and whites in the US, 2013 (per 1,000,000 members of the murderer's race)



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because your adversary the devil
walks about like a roaring lion,
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1 Peter 5:8 NKJV

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Politics & The Bible

From Pastor Jim



Jim Modlish has been in ministry 50 years, pastoring churches from upstate New York to Washington. He holds a doctorate in theology, but frequently states: “I have education, but I got over it.”



Southern Colorado natives, Jim and his wife, Linda, happily returned to their home state in 2006. He is currently the founding pastor of Huerfano Community Bible Church in Walsenburg. Pastor Modlish believes the Bible is the greatest political science textbook on earth, and that all current events should be examined under the searchlight of Scripture.

All Scripture taken from the King James Version.

The Senator Is Out of the Office!

Well over a year ago I sent a letter to our U.S. Senator, Michael Bennet, wishing to receive an answer even if it came in a very brief form. Based on past experience I realized there was little hope of a reply to a solo Conservative; consequently, I appealed to our church members for help. Over one hundred signatures of registered voters were added to mine with the anticipation that the good senator would not ignore that large a body in his district. WRONG! So far, no response.

Bennet is a Democratic loyalist driven by party agenda far more than any concern for the interests of his constituency. During this present election cycle, the Bennet campaign is running television ads attempting to convince rural Colorado that he is the guy to protect agriculture interests. The question I posed to the senator represents far greater national and international consequences than the price of corn or cattle---but no answer.

Normally, I would expect the Democratic Party to have a position paper on a subject that is so critical in nature to our national interests. It would seem reasonable for the senator or one of his aides to pull it off the computer and send it along to the hicks in Huerfano County. Could it be that the Party finds itself in the tenuous position of walking a fragile tightrope that is best ignored if possible? Politicians like Bennet understand that a limited amount of offense may be tolerated by the public, but it’s never wise to give the opposition too much bulletin board material in their locker room ---- hence, no explanation!

The question was simple and straightforward...clothed neither in expectation or ridicule. The objective was to receive an honest answer, giving voters an opportunity for continued evaluation of the senator’s performance and voting record. Our desire to conform to the Scriptural admonition of judging carefully is clarified in Romans 13:12, 13a: “The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day.” All we needed from the senator was a little light on a vital subject---but alas, we remain in the dark.

Presently, through the distribution of this excellent newspaper, hundreds of others will be enlightened about Senator Bennet’s intolerance toward Bible believing Christians. Evidently, we are not worthy of his time or attention. By now the reader may be ready to read the enquiry which was: “What is your position

on Israel?” That’s it! It’s not a trick question nor is it adversarial. Now we realize that those of us who live down in the weeds of southern Colorado lack the sophistication of the Boulder elites and the Denver voting bloc, but we are intelligent enough to know that a truthful answer will raise the hackles on one side or the other. By its very history and nature, Israel is controversial, but come on, Senator; put your big boy pants on, stroll out to the plate and at least take a swing at the ball. At last report Bennet was leaving the dugout and headed for the showers. While attempting to advance the runners the Democrats have been caught off base. Home plate is loaded with rich Jewish potential donors who must be pacified, but the catcher is an Iranian Ayatollah receiving the ball of billions from third baseman Obama. Democrats are being caught in the rundown.

Many hold the Jewish people in low esteem due to their God-given propensity to excel in the financial arena. Hundreds of conspiratorial theories have abounded concerning Jewish international bankers. The suggestion is that Jews control the world’s finances including the movements of Wall Street. This is not to say that certain Jews have not been involved with conspiratorial intrigue. Karl Marx and Leon Trotsky were Jews; however, Lenin, Stalin, Mao and Castro were not! The Rothschilds are to banking what Marx was to Communism. Although the House of Rothschild has exerted considerable influence on the banking industry, so has the “House of Rockefeller.” J.P. Morgan and Andrew Carnegie were Gentiles ---so is Bill Gates and Warren Buffet.

Without a doubt, it serves American interests well to preserve Israel as a close ally. If a Jewish King is going to melt the elements in the not-too-distant future (II Peter3:10, 12), should we be surprised to learn that His brethren have a similar propensity to things nuclear (i.e., “it’s in the genes”)? How’s this for a “Jewish conspiracy”: Albert Einstein, father of the atomic age; Robert J. Oppenheimer, father of the atom bomb; Edward Teller, father of the hydrogen bomb; Sam Cohen, father of the neutron bomb; Hyman Rickover, father of the nuclear submarine. Now try real hard to guess what these five men have in common! (Here’s a hint: “Stay ‘away’ from my ‘vindow.’”)

If I were a gambling man, I would bet \$1000 that Israel has developed weapons that we know nothing about; one may have the Ayatollah’s name on it. I presume Senator Bennet was not a history major.

A Sheepdog Barks!

We’ve all been watching the situation in Charlotte, NC. Cops have a tough job and have to make instant decisions. When someone has a gun in their hands and won’t comply with instructions, they must be neutralized. It only takes a micro second to raise a gun and shoot. I’ve been following the looters; er I mean the protesters, in Charlotte. They have now demanded the mayor and chief of police resign. It’s outrageous. I found a website called Charlotteuprising.com that has a list of demands from the thugs, er I mean protesters. Charlotteuprising.com is a coalition of community members, local and state organizers committed to ensuring the safety of their communities and advocating for police accountability, transparency and social and economic equity. You have to read them to really see what we are up against here in America. The bold comments are mine:

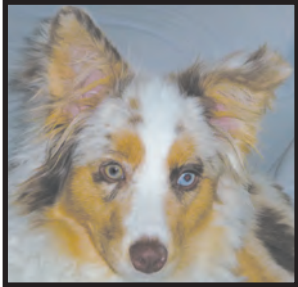
1. The immediate end to the state of emergency, curfew and the removal of the national guard. **(So there can be more anarchy?)**
2. The immediate demilitarization of the police department and the immediate return of all military equipment. **(Yes, we don’t want the cops prepared for anything, do we?)**
3. The defunding of the police department (2017 budget: \$246,644,617) and the redirection of those resources to the needs of our communities (including resources for jobs programs, affordable quality housing, transportation, holistic health and quality schools). **(Right! No cops but more money for more LPSD programs.)**
4. An independent investigation into the killing of Keith L. Scott and an investigation into the Charlotte/Mecklenburg police department by the Department of Justice and a freeze on the nearly 1.5 million dollars awarded in federal grants annually to the department. **(Obama’s DOJ, really?)**
5. A release of the police report and body camera footage connected with the killing of Keith L. Scott and all other killings to the public and immediately repeal of HB 972, which restricts the ability of the

public to access police body camera footage.

6. The immediate and unconditional release of all those arrested in connection with the uprising resulting from the killing of Keith L. Scott and the dropping of all charges. **(Let’s just forget about all the looting and murder, Okay?)**
7. The release of all the names of the officers involved in the killing of Keith L. Scott to the public followed by their firing, arrest and prosecution. **(So much for due process for the good guys.)**
8. Reparations for the family of Keith L. Scott and all victims of police violence as well as the families of those who have been killed. **(It’s always about the money.)**
9. Community control of the police, starting with the creation of a civilian oversight board that has the power to hire and fire officers, determine disciplinary actions as well as dictate police policies, priorities, and budgets. The board shall not include police representation and will be controlled by communities most impacted by policing and incarceration in Charlotte. **(This is even too stupid to comment on.)**
10. An end to the repression and targeting of protestors and all those engaged in the Charlotte uprising. **(For liberals the word protestor is synonymous with rioter, looter and thug.)**

Can you even imagine what an American city might look and function like if the above demands were granted? It would be something like the wild, wild west BEFORE any law and order was established. These people are crazy. The scary thing is these attitudes are spreading across our country like a prairie fire. College and university campuses are a good example of how far too many young people in America are beginning to think and feel. Anarchy folks, that’s what they are demanding. WOOF!

And speaking of our schools, it’s been a while since I’ve included some Only in a Liberal Progressive America (OIALPA) anecdotes, but there have been some doozys lately and I want to keep you updated. Check out these OIALPAs:



OIALPA: Florida. An elementary school sent a Pledge of Allegiance “opt out” waiver home with the children. Part of it said “I understand my rights as a parent...” Really? What about the parental rights in regards to birth control, abortion and homosexuality that the LPSDs have stolen from them. Schools can pass out pills and even participate in a child’s abortion without parental knowledge or consent. That’s the kind of America you get with LPSDs. It’s absolutely wrong. Leave the Pledge of Allegiance alone and say it in school every day. WOOF!

OIALPA: Brown University, Providence, RI. University officials have placed baskets of Tampons in the men’s restrooms. Why, you might ask? In order to provide a climate of “trans inclusivity” they would answer. Good grief we are so screwed up. Will they put wall urinals in the women’s restrooms for the same reason? Why not? Transwomen shouldn’t be forced to sit down or hide from others if you know what I mean. WOOF!

OIALPA: Brown University, Providence, RI. University officials have announced plans to provide FULL tuition for illegal immigrant students. Is there no end to LPSD insanity? WOOF!

OIALPA: University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. Recently I gave a shout out to the President of the University of Chicago because he sent a letter out to the students telling them that there would be no “safe spaces: and speakers from both sides in America would be invited to speak. Well that didn’t please the LPSD teachers. One hundred and fifty faculty members signed a letter urging the students to demand safe spaces. Attention Parents – please be careful where you let your kids go to college. Check out Hillsdale College! WOOF!

OIALPA: University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH. When filling out University paperwork the students are required to make a gender selection. It used to be simple – there were two choices and it wasn’t hard to figure out. Now they can select from a Facebook list of 71 different gender identities. No, Really! Seventy-one! Help us. WOOF!

Best line we didn’t hear during the debate Monday night: Trump – “I can’t release my tax returns because my lawyer used Bleachbit on them.”

May God Have Mercy On America!



FLASHBACK: Bill Clinton Collected Donations, Then U.S. Missile Tech Shipped To China

by Jonah Bennett, Daily Caller News Foundation

Former President Bill Clinton approved the sale of sensitive U.S. missile technology to China following donations from a key missile manufacturer to his campaign, in a move prescient of the Clinton Foundation’s “pay-to-play” activities.

Bernard Schwartz donated about \$1.5 million to the Democratic Party and Clinton’s 1996 campaign for reelection between 1994 and 1998. Schwartz, who was at the time chairman of Loral Space and Communication Ltd., seems to have used his influence to persuade the Clinton administration to switch the licensing authority for missile exports from the Department of State to the Department of Commerce, as the latter was more vulnerable to political influence.

The Commerce Department subsequently approved Loral’s application for the licenses, prompting the Clinton administration to officially approve the sale of the missile tech to China on May 10, 1999. Clinton pledged in a letter that the export would neither harm national security, nor significantly boost China’s space capabilities.

“Approval was recommended by the Departments of Commerce, State and Defense and is consistent with our policy of supporting the launch of U.S. communications satellites by China subject to strong safeguards being in place,” said National Security Council spokesman David Leavy, according to *The New York Times*.

When a rocket launch failed in 1996, Loral was there to help China iron out the kinks, for which it was fined \$14 million.

Judicial Watch, representing shareholders at Loral, tried to pursue the Clinton administration under federal racketeering laws, alleging that Schwartz’s donations were a clear case of bribery.

The suit did not go through, which may have emboldened the Clintons to continue similar arrangements that look suspiciously like “pay-to-play” deals.

For example, documents recently released by Judicial Watch show that the crown prince of Bahrain managed to obtain an audience with then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton after giving a generous donation to the Clinton Foundation of \$32 million by 2010.

These documents, and others, appear damning enough to warrant an official IRS investigation. *The Daily Caller News Foundation* reported in late July that IRS

Commissioner John Koskinen had referred allegations of “pay-to-play” activities to the tax exemption office, known as the Exempt Organization Program, for further investigation. The Exempt Organization Program, incidentally, is infamous for illegally harassing conservative non-profits under the direction of former IRS official Lois Lerner.

Two examples specifically brought up in the allegations sent over by House Republicans to the IRS include funds given to the Clintons by Laureate Education and Uranium One. Laureate donated \$1-5 million to the Clinton Foundation and also paid Bill Clinton in his personal capacity \$16.5 million to serve as an “honorary chancellor.”

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) subsequently invested \$150 million into Laureate.

IFC takes most of its funds from the U.S. government.

Frank Giustra, an owner in Uranium One and a personal friend of Bill Clinton, donated \$100 million for the purpose of creating a “Clinton Giustra Enterprise Partnership” through the Clinton Foundation. That partnership then passed funds over to Pacific Infrastructure (PI). Giustra had significant investments in PI.

(Editor/GG: This technology transfer for cash by the Clinton’s helped China immensely with their missile technology. Flat out bribery and treason. And they are still at it...)

Read more: <http://daily-caller.com/2016/09/02/flashback-bill-clinton-collected-donations-then-us-missile-tech-shipped-to-china/#ixzz-4JCjC2ZjY>

Obama Kept His Promise; 83,000 Coal Jobs Lost and 400 Mines Shattered

by Andrew Follett, The Daily Caller News Foundation

This Labor Day, America has 83,000 fewer coal jobs and 400 coal mines than it did when Barack Obama was elected in 2008, showing that the president has followed through on his pledge to “bankrupt” the coal industry.

A 2015 study found the coal industry lost 50,000 jobs from 2008 to 2012 during Obama’s first term. During Obama’s second term, the industry employment in coal mining has fallen by another 33,300 jobs, 10,900 of which occurred in the last year alone, according to federal data. Currently, coal mining employs 69,460 Americans, according

to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Much of the blame for the job losses is targeted at federal regulations aimed at preventing global warming, which caused coal power plants to go bankrupt, resulting in a sharp decline in the price of coal.

“So if somebody wants to build a coal-powered plant, they can; it’s just that it will bankrupt them, because they’re going to be charged a huge sum for all that greenhouse gas that’s being emitted,” Obama said during a 2008 interview with the *San Francisco Chronicle*’s editorial board. Democratic Presidential nominee Hillary Clinton also pledged that “We’re going to put a lot of coal miners and coal companies out of business.”

Employment has fallen so drastically

because coal production has fallen by 15 percent since 2008 as companies have been forced by environmental regulation to shut down 400 mines due to decreasing demand. Companies opened 103 new mines in the U.S. in 2013 while 271 coal mines were idled or shut down, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA).

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations and cheap natural gas have devastated coal companies as well, even forcing Peabody Energy, the world’s largest coal company, to declare bankruptcy earlier this month. Other American coal companies have faced financial problems too. Arch Coal filed for bankruptcy as well in January and coal

companies like Alliance Coal announced mass layoffs.

As a result, many ex-coal miners are unemployed and Appalachian “coal country” has faced very real economic devastation as a result. The coal-producing areas of eastern Kentucky have an unemployment rate of eight percent and parts of West Virginia have double-digit unemployment.

Even Obama has recognized the economic devastation, and stated that opposition to his policies by coal miners and people in Appalachia is “perfectly legitimate,” during a December interview with National Public Radio. However, the situation for coal miners would likely get worse if Obama’s Clean Power Plan is fully implemented. The EIA pre-

dicts the plan would more than double the number of coal plants shutting down over the next five years. The shutdowns have a cascading effect, causing coal production to collapse by more than 30 percent over the next decade.

The Obama administration responded by offering a mere \$14.5 million in federal funding for programs to retrain out-of-work coal miners, after imposing regulations that greatly hampered the American coal industry

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