

The Junkins Fire: 16,339 Acres in Three Days!



Pueblo West firefighter providing structure protection.

Photo courtesy of Pueblo West Fire Department

by George Gramlich

As of Wednesday, October 19th, the three-day-old Junkins Fire in eastern Custer County, south of Highway 96 (Hardscrabble Road), had consumed approximately 16,339 acres and destroyed five homes and thirteen out-buildings. 281 homes have been threatened and around 400 people evacuated.

The fire started when the high winds Monday morning blew either some metal roofing or a metal shed onto a power line causing sparks to ignite the vegetation around it. This occurred near County Road 165 just east on Highway 96.

With the high winds, the fire spread rapidly east and breached the Pueblo Coun-

ty line Tuesday. It advanced almost 13 miles in only nine hours.

There are multiple local, state and federal agencies fighting the fire with the Type 3 Incident Team being replaced by a Type 1 team Wednesday morning.

As of Wednesday, there were over 300 personnel involved in the effort with 114 actual firefighters engaged. There were also ten aircraft providing air support with water and retardant drops.

The main road heading east out of Westcliffe, Highway 96, has been closed since Monday.

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Elections Matter 2016 – Information for an Informed Vote in House District 60

by: Representative Jim Wilson

As a history major, it is fascinating to see how the public perception of the presidency has changed throughout my lifetime. Presidents used to be respected and their moral weaknesses downplayed (i.e., Eisenhower and Kennedy). Then we had presidents like Nixon and Clinton who made phrases like “I’m no crook!” and “I did not have sex with that woman!” famous. Respect for the office by the opposite party reached an all-time low with Bush and Obama.

Now we have two candidates who are pushing the “respect meter” even lower. Donald may have messed around with women (which is not a first for presidents) and Hillary may have tried to cover up illegal acts (again, not a first for presidents). Bottom line...One of the two candidates *will* become president! Our choice is whether we elect another career politician and expect different results (definition of insanity?) or elect an outsider and try something different. Our candidate choices may leave a lot to be desired, but the stakes are huge! Choose wisely – the Supreme Court and the U.S. Constitution hang in the balance...

Turning to the state ballot, the flood of constitutional amendments includes Amendment 71 – “Raising the Bar”. This amendment would make it harder to amend the constitution. Currently, any special inter-

est can solicit enough signatures in Denver to place an amendment on the ballot. Amendment 71 would require that the signatures be acquired across the state in all 35 Senate districts. It seems pretty simple to me – if an issue is going to be applied to all citizens of the state, then the whole state should have buy-in at the beginning of the process. Our state constitution has way too many amendments. Amendment 71 will not stop the flood – it will just slow down the flow...

On the HD 60 level, education continues to be a concern. As a part of my platform, I have worked hard to improve education in Colorado. During my time at the Capitol, I have been the primary sponsor on several education bills to benefit students and parents:

- Decreased the number of assessments given in schools
- Increased enrollment in Advanced Placement courses
- Created the Colorado Student Leadership Institute
- Allowed Computer Courses to count towards graduation

These bills are just a few examples of the efforts I have made to ensure that our young people have the opportunity to be better educated in

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Westcliffe Says “Trump For President”



Two patriots on the corner of Highways 96 and 69 making their play to “Make America Great Again”

photo by George Gramlich

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*“But as for me, I
would seek God,
And to God I
would commit
my cause—*

Job 5:8 NKJV

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Our Opinion... From the Editorial Board

ARE WE?



Are we better off than we were eight years ago? We were promised hope and change. We were promised transparency. We were promised there would be no lobbyists influencing our government. We were promised a lot more. Lies, all lies. A great fraud was perpetrated upon us. The only promise made and kept was to "fundamentally change" us. That has happened. We weren't made better. We weren't made greater. The economy is only slightly better and in many cases worse than before. Unemployment is artificially low because the labor participation rate is the lowest in 70 years. Jobs are part-time and low paying. The debt has doubled from about \$10 Trillion to \$20 Trillion dollars. We are seriously divided as a nation. Race relations are worse. Law enforcement officers are being ambushed and murdered. The health care situation has been worsened for the majority of Americans because of the illegitimate Obamacare that was forced upon us. It is imploding for all the reasons the opponents said it would. It was

a bad, poorly thought out superficial band-aid to a serious problem. Premiums are skyrocketing and the health insurance companies are backing out. The premise that young healthy Americans would voluntarily sign up, to ensure health care for the old and sick, was inherently flawed and the individual mandate was and still is unconstitutional. The majority of gains were in Medicaid, not ensuring the estimated 40 million Americans without insurance would be covered. Our borders are open, illegal immigration is out of control and unaccompanied juveniles are streaming into America in record numbers. Our security is threatened, we are less safe than before and the world is in a mess. All because the USA is not respected by our allies or feared by our enemies! America has decided to "lead from behind." Our religious freedoms are under attack and abortion has been protected by activist judges against the people's wishes. Our Second Amendment rights have been infringed and the Democrat's want even more gun control. The fos-

sil fuel industry is under attack and the EPA has been instructed to force climate change restrictions upon us which raises energy costs all over America. President Obama has kept one promise. He has indeed "fundamentally changed" America. Sadly it has not been for the better. More Americans are dependent on government entitlements than ever before and the American people are more divided than ever. Why would anyone want more of this? And we all know that Hillary Clinton is more of the same. She has praised all of Obama's policies, programs and executive orders. She has publicly stated she wants to build on those bad policies

like increasing the unvetted refugee program by over 500%. She is co-responsible for the dangerous state of the world and was the architect for many of the problems we have now. Why would anyone want more of the same? Just because she would be the first woman president? Sorry that is just not a valid reason. A woman can clearly be president of the United States but it should be one without her trail of scandals, corruption and crime. Few Americans believe she is not guilty of violating our classified information system and exposing American secrets with her personal server. Some are just still willing to "overlook" her crimes and vote

for her anyway. WikiLeaks has confirmed all we already knew about Hillary. These emails should convince most liberals that Hillary is not worthy of being our president. When there is this much smoke there is bound to be fire.

On November 8th America will decide. It's a simple choice really. More of the same or a bull in the Washington D C china shop. We believe a bull would cause real change to the established ways of our current leviathan government which doesn't serve "we the people" and that would be good. Are we better off than we were eight years ago? Absolutely not!

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Doug Schulz on Elections

Dear Editor:

November 8th is both a critical decision for our country and our county. First, let me address our country. I will vote for Donald Trump, and I encourage all of you to do the same. It's not that I'm a huge fan of Donald Trump; it's that I know that putting Hillary Clinton in the White House means she will continue the disastrous policies of eight years of Barack Hussein Obama and appoint very liberal Supreme Court judges which will be a death knell to our country and the U.S. Constitution. As she has been her entire life, she will be the most corrupt, evil individual to occupy the White House. And yes, if a person stays home and doesn't vote, that is a vote for Hillary, and against our country.

I will also be voting for Donna Hood, and I encourage all of you to do the same. I had some concerns about her campaign, because she has done so much and brought so much to our county, I was afraid she may be a bit too pro-growth. We had a very long meeting, and I posed very tough questions to Donna. Not only did she completely alleviate any concerns I had, but in that meeting and other meetings with her since then, I have learned that she will be the best Custer County Commissioner we probably have ever had. Even here in our county, like in Washington, we have nepotism, waste and ineptness. Donna has plans to make improvements across the board that will be very beneficial to Custer County. With a relatively new slate of County commissioners, I am very confident she can

accomplish great things.

Compare what Donna Hood has done for this county in the last decade, all at her own cost, with no remuneration of any kind, against her opponent. And consider this: Donna has vowed to take every red cent that is paid to her as County Commissioner and donate it back into Custer County. Applause.

This November 8th is not a day to vote for one of your buddies or the old-fashioned, unproductive of voting for “one of the good old boys.” Custer County needs a brainy, aggressive, imaginative, productive, proven individual as our County Commissioner. Donna Hood is that person. And Donald Trump is the other.

*Douglas Schulz
Rural Westcliffe*

Amendment 72 Would Further Hamstring Budget

Letter to the Editor:

Amendment 72 promises to further tangle Colorado's budget. As a member of the Colorado Legislature's Joint Budget Committee, I can assure you that this is the last thing we need.

Earlier this year, legislators struggled to balance Colorado's complicated budget, as is required each year by law, while also providing services that our communities need. Between requirements for education spending, the Gallagher Amendment, and other constitutionally-mandated spending, Colorado's Constitution is a web of conflicting, locked-in, spending requirements.

Amendment 72 would be another \$315-million-dollars per year in spending locked into Colorado's Constitution. Since it is a constitutional amendment, there is no way to change it without another statewide vote of the people, even if the programs it funds don't work or there is waste, fraud or abuse.

Even more troubling is that this measure would lock hundreds of millions of dollars in spending into the Constitution for programs that have not been determined yet. A majority of the spending would go toward grants for which the grant guidelines are not even written yet. The measure offers

little accountability and virtually no oversight for how the funds are spent.

Voters deserve to know how the money will be spent and that it will not be wasted. After all, Colorado families work hard to earn that money and we owe it to them to be good stewards of those funds.

Supporters of Amendment 72 will tell you that this will go to smoking cessation programs, but less than 20% of the funds are earmarked to go to cessation programs. Not one dime will go to Colorado's other pressing budget needs like roads and transportation, education or population growth.

This measure also depends on a declining revenue source, which is unsustainable. This constitutional spending increase will lead to fewer tobacco purchases in Colorado. This would cause two things to happen. First, local governments would see declines in tax revenue, and there is no provision to make up for that lost revenue. Second, the programs that would be created by Amendment 72 would require new funding down the road as these tax revenues decline, possibly siphoning funds from other areas of the budget.

Just last month, legislative economic forecasters told the Colorado legislature to

expect reduced tax revenue due to slowing growth in the state. While the size of the budget shortfall is debated, the fact that the state will likely have to make some tough spending decisions ahead, is not.

Colorado's Chief Legislative Economist Natalie Mullis recently suggested that the state could start the next fiscal year already \$65 million in the red. That means that education spending could suffer.

Even the Governor's Office, taking a more optimistic view of the state's fiscal health, expects a shortfall to fund necessary obligations for next year's budget. This means that Colorado already is facing budget cuts.

If Colorado can't fund its necessary obligations, the state has no business funding projects that have not even been determined or whose grant guidelines haven't even been written.

Amendment 72 is a poorly-drafted measure that would lock hundreds of millions in new spending into Colorado's Constitution with practically no guarantee the money will be spent as claimed. Colorado's Constitution and its state budget is complex enough. Vote NO on Amendment 72.

*Senator Kevin Grantham
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Rigged Elections, Not a Joke

Dear Editor,

Some in the media say that there is no such thing as a “rigged election.” Well, TV talking heads should heed the words of Roman Philosopher Cicero: “To be ignorant of what happened before you were born is to remain always a child.” So for our under 50 citizens, here is a little history. It is acknowledged that Joe Kennedy bought Chicago and West Virginia for his son Jack in the 1960 razor thin Kennedy victory. Then we had the mystery of how all those military absentee ballots were sent late to GIs stationed overseas in the 2000 Bush v. Gore election. And, remember how the networks called Florida for Gore without returns from the heavily Republican panhandle, in the Central Time Zone, to discourage voter turnout for Bush. Let’s not forget the Black Panther thugs at the Philadelphia polling places. Holder would not prosecute...big surprise. The time tested slogan in Chicago is “Vote early and vote often.” It isn’t a joke.

Don’t forget about the voting dead. More than the dead voting is the system that allows the dead, overwhelmingly Democrats, to be kept on the voter rolls and sent absentee ballots decade after decade. One can only wonder what the media’s definition of “rigged” is. These examples sound like rigging to me.

When Trump says that the election is rigged, he is stating the truth.

Sincerely,

*Joe Cascarelli,
Westcliffe*

Sharing Center

It is with great pleasure that the Board of Directors of the Custer County Community Sharing Center announces the addition of new board members to the center’s management team.

Mr. Wayne Ewing first announced the opening of the Sharing Center in the basement of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church 25 years ago last week. This week Mr. Ewing became one of the newest members of the board of the revitalized Sharing Center to help guide the organization into the next 25 years.

Ms. Shanon Proctor also agreed to serve as a member of the board to help direct the new course of the Center as it strives to meet the changing needs of our community.

Both Wayne and Shanon have already contributed to the success of the Center as regular volunteers.

*Paul Sage
Director, Interim Director of Operations*

CCEDC Endorsing Hood

Letter to the Editor:

Change is inevitable. Without a plan the outcome may not be as is desired. We enjoy a tremendous quality of life characterized by the unspoiled vistas of our mountains, clean air, open expanses of our valley and our unspoiled dark skies.

It seems that only Donna L. Hood understands that for us to both maintain the best of our community while improving the status of the less fortunate of our community, we must have a plan and active implementation to best realize a year round improvement of the economy in our community. Such a plan should present transparent goals and act to diminish speculation and conjecture.

For economic development initiatives to realize success, efforts should be complimentary to existing conditions, not destructive of them. We should be able to maintain our heritage while improving our living standards.

*Charles Bogle
President
Custer County Economic Development Corporation*

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- ♦ Committed to being a responsible leader as a senior county elected official
- ♦ Committed to strategic planning that will ensure our county is viable in 10-20 years
- ♦ Solid academic and business background
- ♦ 35 years of experience as a business owner (real estate, retail, ranching & biotechnology manufacturing)
- ♦ 35 years of governing as a leader & volunteer of non-profits & community organizations
- ♦ Will seek & welcome your input and treat you with respect & dignity
- ♦ Will not accept status quo
- ♦ Will be effective, efficient & transparent
- ♦ Will introduce “The Commissioner’s Corner” – a Commissioner’s point of view to the press on issues, as a public service
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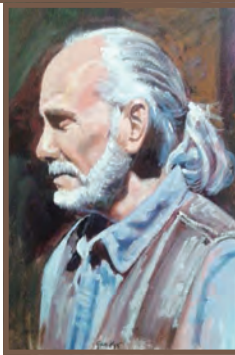
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I UNDERSTAND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH: It isn’t just a campaign buzz word for me. Custer County needs to focus on sustainable growth. I have lived here for almost two decades, and have seen great improvements, including a new bowling alley and restaurant, health club, assisted living center, high school, gym, track and field, health clinic, and library. We have been able to gradually assimilate these changes and avoided a boom that would likely be followed by a bust. Right planning will avoid putting our County into the red, necessitating large tax increases.

UNDERSTANDING THE COMPLEXITY OF GROWTH: Even as we define the problems our community faces, we need to understand that solutions will create new problems.

CONSERVATION: There is no quick fix for water and land conservation and preservation. It will take time and hard work to ensure that future generations can enjoy a sustainable life here. Those lives are worth the time and energy we put into place now. Planning and zoning also require time to study and understand the needs of our community for five, ten, or twenty years in the future.

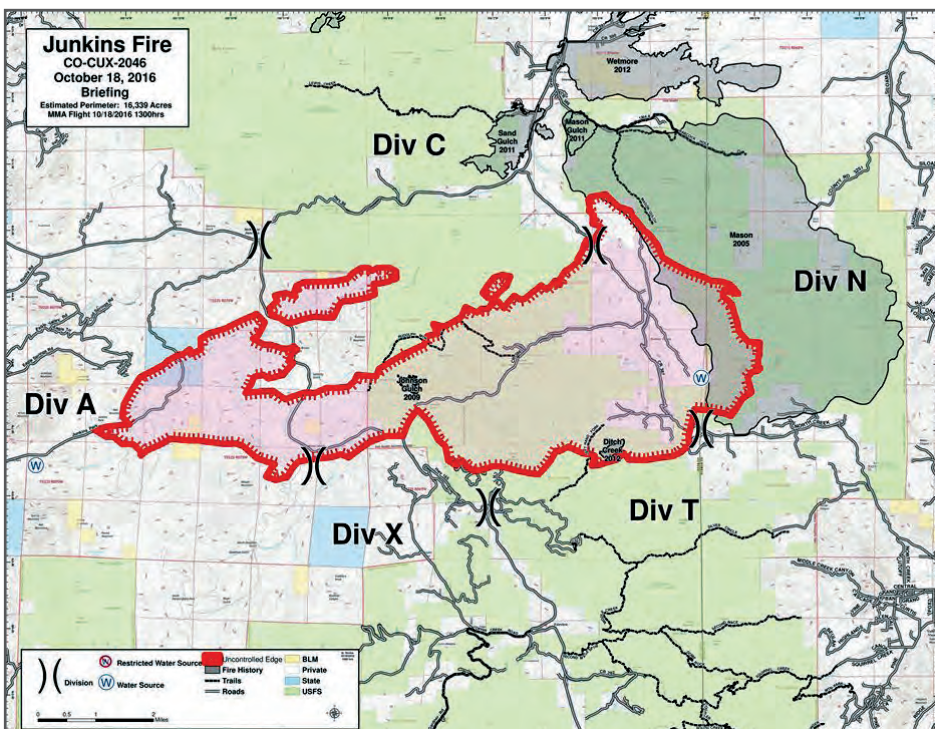
SHARING YOUR VISION: I am committed to the strict preservation of our agricultural heritage. We should maintain the pristine landscape of our beautiful valley by making sure that economic expansion is limited to goods and services that directly support the needs of ranchers and farmers that call this valley home. We can support Custer County’s residents with thoughtful consideration of our primary goal: to provide residents of Custer County with job opportunities that can enable everyone, including future generations, to enjoy a healthy and secure lifestyle.

RIGHT FOR THE JOB:

- I didn’t run for the Commissioner position as a way to influence County affairs in my favor. I am running to serve you, the citizens. I am open and approachable. I listen to all the citizens.
- I have studied planning and zoning in a 60-hour Planning Institute of Colorado course.
- I have attended nearly all the BOCC meetings this year.
- I also have 13 years of experience as a mediator and arbitrator, so I know how to look at every side of any issue, and I know what questions to ask and when to defer to legal counsel.

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Funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have been authorized to support the firefighting effort.

In Custer County evacuation areas include: CR's 358, 386, 387, 388 and 389; Eagles Springs Ranch Subdivision; Highway 165 from McKenzie Junction (MM1) to Highway 78 (12 Mile Road); Highway 96 at McKenzie Junction to CR 390; and Greenwood Road (CR 389) and Babcock Hole (CR 388).



Junkins fire taken from Fremont County.

Photo by Joe Randall of Colorado Springs

Financial donations can be made at the First State Bank in Westcliffe and non-perishable food donations can be given to Care and Share on South 3rd Street in Westcliffe.

An evacuation site has been established at Valley Bible Fellowship, 116 Hermit Lane, Silver Cliff. Large and small animals can be brought to the Custer County Fairgrounds and the Draper Ranch.

Additional information can be found on Facebook at the "Junkins Fire" page, and at Twitter at "#JunkinsFire". With the Type 1 Incident Team coming in, a page has been setup on the U.S. government's "Inciweb" website: see inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5071.

Our whole community wishes to thank all the personnel helping to fight this incredible fire. God Bless them all.

Local Restaurants Support Our Firefighters

Custer County's restaurants and food establishments went into overdrive starting Monday supplying our firefighters and support personnel with breakfast, lunch and dinner in-the-field meals. In addition to the folks noted in the photos (Highway 96 Roadhouse, Belle's Diner and Elevation Meats), Custer County Community Sharing Center prepared a whole bunch of turkey sandwiches and all the restaurants in town provided free meals to those firefighters who walked in.



The Highway 96 Roadhouse crew made 100 dinners for our firefighters Monday with pulled pork and hamburger meat from Elevation Meats. Thank you so much. Pictured L to R; Peggy Collins, Shannon Owens, Chris Roscoe, Landan Jones, Sherrie Eppens and Steve Cocks. Not pictured: Sharon Shepherd.



Belle's Diner made 100 Meatloaf Dinners for our firefighters. L-R; Christy Morrell, Andrew Rogers, Katie Rogers from Belle's Diner



Elevation Meats donated hamburger meat to Hwy 96 Road House to help feed firefighters and volunteers. L- R; Danny and Fawnda Newton and Danielle and Will Taylor.

Photos by George Gramlich

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Lady Bobcats at 11-2 Conference Record



Top; Lady Bobcats at home. L-R Emma Aldrich, Katie Florm, Halie Lemons, Elizabeth Mullet, Serenity Ham, Athena Wisecup, LaTisha Schlabach, Ashley Gillum & McKensie Penkoff. Inset; Halie Lemons & Athena Wisecup waiting for the serve.

All photos by Jennifer Russ

by Greg Cravens,
CCHS Head Volleyball
Coach

With a win this weekend, the Custer County Bobcats volleyball team can secure first or at least a share of first place in the Southern Peaks conference. CCHS finished this last weekend with a 11-2 conference record and 12-6 overall for the season.

The Lady Bobcats were very busy this week with four matches. The Cripple Creek Pioneers were in town on Tuesday for a West Central League match. The Bobcats won in straight sets, 25-25, 25-10 and 25-10. The highlight of the match was Serenity Ham with 17 aces. Athena Wisecup led the team in kills with 9. That is Athena's best match of the season. Wisecup has shown over the last two weeks some of the best volleyball she has played this year.

Friday night saw the Del Norte Tigers in town for a very important Southern Peaks Conference match. The Tigers are third in the

standings and hitting their peak at the right time of year. Devin Dallas is a 6'3" wall that caused problems for the Bobcats all night long. Dallas serves also proved too much for the home team. The CCHS team lost 1-3, 15-25, 25-17, 17-25 and 20-25. Leading the Bobcats was Elizabeth Mullett with 16 kills and one ace. McKensie Penkoff chipped in with three aces.

Saturday was another trip to the San Luis Valley for a match up with the Crested Butte Titans and the conference leading Sargent Farmers. The Bobcats started with a straight set win against the Titans, 25-20, 25-14, and 25-17. Stats for the weekend matches were not available by press time. The Bobcats played with a confidence and anticipation for the match up against the Farmers.

The second match-up of the day proved to be all it was built up to be. Sargent went into the match with two victories over the Bobcats this season and the team from CCHS had something

to prove to the conference leaders. The Bobcats came out ready for the challenge and won the first set 25-23. The CCHS team served very strong the first set, keeping Sargent out of system. The second set saw the Farmers keeping our Bobcats on their heels too much and winning 23-25. The young athletes from CCHS were up to the challenge this day with strong performances in sets three and four winning, 25-19 and 25-20.

Homecoming weekend has the South Park Burros in town on Friday starting with a JV match at 4 p.m. A win Friday would lock up at least a share for the Southern Peak Conference Championship for the Bobcats, depending on the outcome of the Del Norte vs Sargent match on Saturday. The team will be hosting its first Class 2A District 1 pigtail match on Tuesday, October 25th starting at 5 p.m. Please take time out of your busy schedule to come watch this exciting team show off their skills.

Thanks for all the support!



Above, Elizabeth Mullet with the hit. Below, Emma Aldrich up for the set.



Bobcats supporting Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Local Mountain News & Notices

School Board Creates New Policy on Unpaid Lunches

The Custer County school board adopted a new policy and practice pertaining to delinquent food service operations last week in an attempt to recover losses. The school district has to transfer funds on an annual basis to offset the food service losses. According to Superintendent Mark Payler, “delinquent meals are only a portion of those losses - but are an on-going problem which we need to address.” The new policy is for paying families and does not pertain to those families on a free meal status. See the new policy below;

CUSTER COUNTY DELINQUENT FOOD SERVICE ACCOUNTS POLICY

Families must provide for the nutrition of their children by either sending meals with their student or by purchasing meals from our Food Services Department. Parents/guardians choosing to purchase meals are encouraged to pay for meals in advance. When a student’s account balance is completely exhausted and becomes a negative balance, a letter/billing statement will be mailed to the parents/guardians of record.

If an account drops below **negative \$100**, then it will be considered delinquent. The following options are available for delinquent accounts:

- The student can bring their own meal from home.
- The student can bring cash into the school office and be served a meal.
- If the parent/guardian fails to provide the student with a meal or meal money, then the district will provide the student a reduced item meal for a grace period - a maximum of four days. The cost of the reduced item meal (often a sandwich and milk) will be added to the account. Parent/guardians will be contacted by the superintendent.
- If after the four day grace period, the parent/guardian still fails to provide the student with a lunch or lunch money, the parent/guardian must meet with the superintendent and also provide a meal for their student. No meals will be served from the cafeteria lunch line. If the parent/guardian fails to provide a meal for their student, then the family will be reported to Custer County Social Services for neglect.

Office staff will send frequent letters/billing statements notifying the parents/ guardians of balances which are trending to be negative as well as actual negative balances being incurred. School administrators will work cooperatively with parents/guardians to resolve delinquent accounts. We ask that parents visit with their child to explain that they are not able to pay for a school meal. You need to let your student(s) know that a meal must be packed from home and that your students are not to go through the cafeteria line.

The principal of the student’s school may also be visiting with the student about their meal status. Our goal is to support and to honor the student; not to humiliate in any manner.

The implementation of this guideline policy is due to several large negative meal balances (some in excess of \$1,000) that the school district can no longer afford to subsidize. These accounts must have progress made to pay the financial obligation.

Importantly, this practice will not apply to any student on a Free Meal program status, but will apply to those on a Reduced Meal or Full Price Meal program status.

Adopted: October 11, 2016 In effect November 1, 2016

Bobcats Sports Schedule

HS Volleyball Game HOME v South Park (Homecoming)

When: Fri, October 21, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Homecoming Saturday, October 22

When: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. **Parade**

1:00 p.m. **HS Football Game HOME v Kiowa**

4:00 p.m. **Powder Puff**

9:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight **Dance**

4-H Banquet

When: Sun, October 23, 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Where: MPR

Elementary Volleyball

When: Mon, October 24, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Where: West Gym

Volleyball DISTRICTS - TBD

When: Tue, October 25, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Volleyball DISTRICTS - TBD

When: Fri, October 28, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

HS Football Game AWAY @ Simla

When: Fri, October 28, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.,

Where: Simla High School

Southern Colorado Regional Cheer Competition

When: Sat, October 29, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Where: Colorado State Fair Rentals,

1001 Beulah Ave., Pueblo

HS Cross Country State (time TBD)

When: Sat, October 29, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Where: Colorado Springs

HS Volleyball DISTRICTS - TBD

When: Sat, October 29, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.



Bobcat Menu • Oct. 24- Oct. 27, 2016

Monday

Breakfast

Choice of Cereal

Fruit

Milk

Lunch Elem.

Creamy Chicken / Rice

Roll

Gr. Beans & Fruit

Milk

Lunch MS & HS

Creamy Chicken / Rice

Roll

Gr. Beans & Fruit

Milk

Tuesday

Breakfast

Choice of Cereal

Fruit

Milk

Lunch Elem.

Turkey / Cheese Wrap

Carrot/Celery

Fruit

Milk

Lunch MS & HS

Super Turkey / Cheese Wrap

Lettuce/Tomato/Onion

Cole Slaw & Fruit

Milk

Wednesday

Breakfast

Choice of Cereal

Fruit

Milk

Lunch Elem.

Nachos

Spice Bread

Corn & Fruit

Milk

Lunch MS & HS

Super Nachos

Spice Bread

Corn, Rfrd. Beans & Fruit

Milk

Thursday

Breakfast

Biscuit & Gravy

Fruit

Milk

Lunch Elem.

No School

K-5th Grades

Lunch MS & HS

Meatball Sub

Oven Fries

Fruit

Milk

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

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

A la Carte Items To Be Sold To M.S. & HS Only

KIDS

Friday, October 21, 2016

History of the Corn Maze

It’s October, the harvest is gathered, corn stalks are decorating porches and the farmer’s markets are selling pumpkins, squash, and apples.

Have you ever been to a corn maze? It’s quite an enjoyable form of outdoor entertainment for this time of the year. What is a corn maze you might ask? It is a maze cut out of a corn field. Now corn mazes just don’t happen, it takes a lot of planning on the part of the farmer. They can appear in many different designs based on artistic designs or characters from movies. Most have a path which goes all around the whole pattern, either to end in the middle or to come back out again, with various false trails diverging from the main path. The design must be planned out before planting of the crop. Sometimes they are combined with other activities such as hayrides and an offering of hot apple cider and donuts.

So how did mazes get started? During the middle ages as kings and queens built up elaborate gardens, they would often include some sort of hedge maze as a diversion for themselves and guests. The idea was to find your way in and out. Mazes have retained their close relationship with gardens ever since.

In Nebraska, a 54,000 square foot corn maze is so complex that visitors must use their smart phones to navigate the twists and turns.

The world’s largest temporary corn maze opened in 2007 in Dixon, California. It measured an incredible 40.5 acres and took several hours to walk through.

There are two corn mazes and pumpkin patches In Cañon City.

One is Colon Orchards located at 3175 Grandview Ave., Cañon City. For more information on their field trips, corn maze, and pumpkin patch call 719-275-6359.

Another one is Diane’s Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze located at 1649 Poplar Ave., Cañon City. For more information on their hours and activities call 719-812-9133.

There is an admission fee at both sites. Enjoy!

by Audrey Slater, Sources: nbm.org, smithsonianmga.com, Wikipedia .org

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The Custer County Bobcat Band Chili Supper Fundraiser

Custer County Bobcat Band is hosting its annual Chili Supper Fundraiser

Saturday, October 29th, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. \$5 per plate
(In conjunction with the school’s Halloween Carnival)

Chili, cornbread and all the fixings in the MPR at Custer County School. Come enjoy great food, support the band, and stay for the Halloween Carnival! Cost is \$5 per plate, but donations in any amount will be accepted. All proceeds go to support the instrumental music education programs at Custer County School.

We look forward to seeing you!

*The LORD is near to all who call on Him,
to all who call on Him in truth.*

Psalms 145: 18 NKJV

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Obituary Vickie Lee Cline

Vickie Lee Cline entered Eternal Life at home in Cotopaxi, Colorado, October 5, 2016. She was born January 11, 1954 in Torrance, California. Her preference was cremation and no services.

Vickie was appointed Medical Captain of Deer Mountain Volunteer Fire Department in 2014. She then founded and became Director of EMS for Deer Mountain Fire Protection District. Patient care was her number one priority.

Working tirelessly for the community she successfully secured a grant to purchase a new ambulance.

She enjoyed fishing, all animals, nature's beauty and its gifts, and her friends.

She leaves her loving husband Ed of 39 years, sons Anthony Jensen (Kelli) of Eads, Colorado; Joshua Cline (Maria) of Saratoga Springs, Utah; daughter Alicia Guerrero of Twin Peaks, California; sister Laurie Raudabaugh of

Phoenix, Arizona; brother Lloyd Jensen Jr. of Tennessee and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father Lloyd Jensen and mom Lola Williams.

Vickie was the true epitome of a volunteer. She gave enormously of her talents and love for life.

Donations are being accepted at: <http://gofundme.com/2tj3u58> or directly to the family at 41 Pinion Lane, Cotopaxi, Colorado 81223.

Fundraiser For Shelley and Forrest

Most of you remember that Shelley Shelley was seriously injured in a vehicle accident in Oklahoma in July. Her son, Smokey, was with her and was not seriously injured. Shelley had been in a hospital in Amarillo, Texas, until last Wednesday when she was moved to Craig Hospital in Englewood, Colorado. She will be rehabilitated at Craig for the next 90 days. It is expected that Shelley will be con-

finied to a wheelchair as a result of her injuries.

Her care is being covered by Medicaid but her transportation costs to relocate her to Craig were not. Forrest Gompf, a local WWII veteran, paid \$10,000 out of his own pocket to cover the costs. A GoFundMe site has been set up to help defray those costs, and others that may come. Please visit GoFundMe.com/ShelleyShelley and contribute whatever amount you can.

There is also an account set up at First State Bank. It is important that we all help Forrest. He is the only one helping Shelley as her family is not able to contribute financially. If you have any donation questions, please call Terry Lee at (719) 371-5859.

You may mail a card to Shelley at Craig Hospital, 3425 S. Clarkson, Room 402, Englewood, CO 80113.

Events Calendar

Friday & Saturday
October 21 & 22, 7:30 p.m.
"Pete's Dragon", Rated PG
The Jones Theater \$\$
119 Main St., Westcliffe

Saturday October 22,
CCCS Homecoming
10 a.m., Homecoming Parade
11:30 a.m., Tailgate Party
1 p.m., HS Football game Home v Kiowa
4 p.m., Powder Puff Game
9 p.m.- Midnight, Homecoming Dance

Sunday, October 23, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
"Parish House Baroque"
Colorado Springs' Early Music Ensemble
The Jones Theater \$\$
119 Main St., Westcliffe

Monday, October 24, 6:30 p.m.
"This Hope" Gospel Concert
at the First Baptist Church,
417 S 6th St., Westcliffe FREE.

Wednesday, October 26, 5 - 7 p.m.
Fall Festival w/games,
food, prizes and bouncy house. FREE
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Saturday, October 29, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Halloween Carnival
Custer County School West gym
Hallway, MS locker rooms (haunted house)

Friday and Saturday, October 28 and 29,
at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 30, at 2 p.m.
"Bridget Jones's Baby"
Comedy | Romance | R
The Jones Theater \$\$
119 Main St., Westcliffe

Saturday, October 29, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Band Chili Supper Fundraiser
Custer County School

Monday, October 31
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Halloween Merchant
Trick-or-Treat Walk
Main St., Westcliffe & Silver Cliff

Recurring Events

Monday

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.

3rd Monday

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

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

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

Second Thursday of the Month

10 a.m. – 11 a.m. "Ask a Nurse" at the library.

Friday

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.

Services

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50 E. Main Street
Silver Cliff, CO 81252
(719) 783-0750
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612 Main St.
Silver Cliff, CO 81252
(719) 783-9508
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Custer County Community Sharing Center Inc.
120 N. 3rd St.
Westcliffe, CO 81252
(719) 783-3303
Fri.- Sat 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources
417 Cliff Street
Silver Cliff, CO 81252
(719) 783-4357
Mon. and Thur. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Fri. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

West Custer County Library
209 Main Street
Westcliffe, CO 81252
(719) 783-9138
Tue. – Fri.: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sat.: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
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Applications are available at the district office.
For more information, please contact Greg Cravens
at (719)783-4955. Position open until filled.**

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Liberty Rocks

Tavern Style Politics

Amendment 70 (Minimum Wage Hike)

Join us for Liberty Rocks *Tavern Style Politics meeting on Thursday, October 27th. We will meet at Tony's Pizza at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 6 p.m. Come eat, drink, and learn and ask questions. Our guest speaker will be George Brauchler from Americans for Prosperity.

AFP's mission is to mobilize citizens to advocate for policies that cut red tape and increase opportunity, put the brakes on government overspending, and get the economy working for hard workers—not special interests. In that vein, George will discuss how Amendment 70, raising the minimum wage, will impact Colorado citizens.

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

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

First Baptist Church Westcliffe Family Fall Festival

October 26th,
5-7 p.m.

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417 S 6th Street

Bobcats Battle Top-Ranked Farmers

by CCHS Staff

When the Hoehne Farmers rolled into town last week, the CCHS gridders knew they had a challenge ahead of them. Currently ranked sixth in the 8-man polls, the Farmers have a long tradition of championship football. However, the Bobcats didn't blink and battled the Farmers for four quarters of solid football.

CCHS received the opening kickoff to start the game and quickly found out the Bobcats came to play. Sophomore Chad Lewenkamp and Billy Berry ran the option to near perfection with a 9-yard gain. However, a loss on second down forced the Bobcats to punt and the defense went to work. The Farmers had to convert a 4th down to get a first down in their first series as CCHS played solid defense. "Our kids just came out swinging," said head coach Troy Bomgardner. "If we were intimidated you couldn't tell by the way we played."

A 2-point conversion made the score 8-0. On the next possession the Bobcats moved the ball with a 25-

yard strike from Lewenkamp to Kobe Lewsader. However, the drive stalled at the Farmer 30-yard line. The Farmers struck quick on their first play from scrimmage with a 70-yard run. However, CCHS stopped the 2-point conversion and the score was 14-0. The next series, the Bobcats were forced to quick kick on 3rd down and took advantage of it with a 60-yard punt by Berry. The defense made a great stand and held Hoehne on a fourth and 2 at the 38-yard line. A few miscues by the offense and the ball was turned back to the Farmers. CCHS continued to fight on defense forcing Hoehne to earn every yard. An 8-play drive eventually ended in a touchdown. However, again the defense stopped the Farmers on the 2-point play.

The offense began rolling again with a first down but an errant snap took them back to their 2-yard line. The Farmers gained excellent field position and were able to punch in another score before half-time but again, on the conversion, the Bobcats stopped the 2-point play with an inter-

ception by Berry.

The second half found the Bobcats continuing the fight but allowing a few more scores. Offensively CCHS would earn a few first downs and stay competitive with the top-ranked Farmers. The final score ended 42-0. Leading the Bobcats offensively was Berry with 60 yards rushing and 3 for 6 passing while Lewenkamp added 25 yards passing. Defensively, senior Andy Feldmann played well with 15 tackles followed closely by Ray Perez with 13 tackles. "I couldn't have been prouder of our effort," exclaimed Bomgardner. "We simply did not take a down off and battled against one of the stronger programs in the state. Our captains Andy Feldmann, Bryce Roscoe, and David Kinsey showed great leadership in our preparation and our team really responded. I'm excited for our last two games!"

This Saturday is homecoming against Kiowa at 1 p.m. There will be a tailgate party in the west parking lot of the school prior to the game.



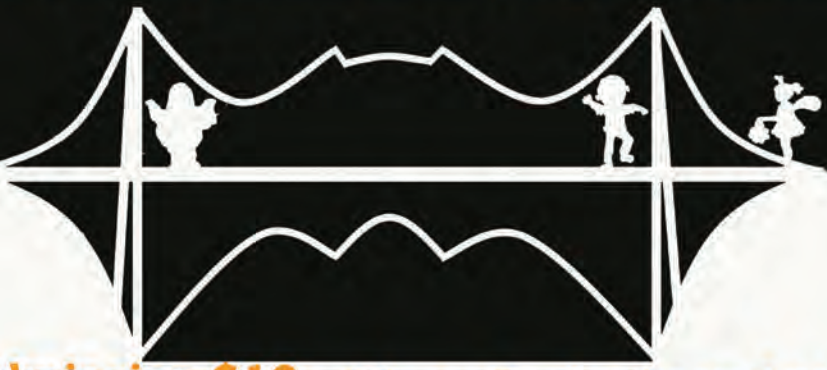
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Windows 10 – 4 Over and Out November 2nd

Press Release

Microsoft Windows 10 can be challenging to wade through, particularly the privacy settings. Interactively learn about tools and techniques to optimize Windows 10 at the upcoming “Windows 10-4 Over and Out” workshop at the West Custer County Library on Wednesday, November 2, at 1 p.m.

Gain insights into how to customize settings and avoid falling prey to malware, that nasty stuff that can bog down and even take over a computer. Attendees are asked to bring their laptops or note-taking materials for those with desktop computers. Presenter and valley resident Jeff Mowry will share his computer ex-

pertise and engineering background to navigate the sometimes quirky aspects of Windows 10. Mowry is a local small business owner that builds, and repairs computers and operates an industrial design firm. According to Mowry, Microsoft default privacy settings in Windows 10 are used to collect data. Once users know

how to customize their settings, the experience will be vastly improved and the amount of data collected by Microsoft can be reduced. For more information on this free library event, please contact Cathy McCarthy at 719-783-9138.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE AS TO PROPOSED BUDGETS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that proposed budgets have been submitted to the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District, including the Upper Arkansas Water Activity Enterprise, for the ensuing year 2017. Copies of such proposed budgets have been filed in the office of the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District, 339 East Highway 50, Salida, Colorado, where the same are open for public inspection. That such proposed budgets will be considered at a regular meeting of the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District to be held at the office of Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District, 339 East Highway 50, Salida, Colorado, on the 10th day of November 2016 at the hour of 2:00 o'clock p.m. Any taxpayer within such district may, at any time prior to the final adoption of the budgets, file or register his objections thereto.

Dated: October 13, 2016

/s/ Thomas Goodwin
Treasurer
/s/ Ralph L. Scanga, Jr.
General Manager and Budget Officer

Sheriff's Report...

Between 10/11/16 and 10/15/16 there were 193 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 3 to EMS, and 2 to the Fire Department. As of 10/15/16 there were 8 males and 2 females in the county jail.

10/11/16: Traffic Summons: Joseph Erb of Sugar Creek, OH, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Fire: The Wet Mountain Fire Department, EMS and a Sheriff's deputy were dispatched to S. Second Street for a fire.

10/12/16: Traffic Summons: April Lundstedt of Cañon City for speeding 5 - 9 over in a school zone.

William Schroeder of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Penny Parmentar of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Christopher Walker of Owasso, OK, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Shannon Brown of Wetmore for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Arrest: Christopher Walker of Owasso, OK, was arrested for a theft valued at between \$75 and \$300 and for providing false information to a pawnbroker.

10/13/16: Traffic Summons: Jessica Burns of Ellis, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.

Ray Howard of Pikesville, TX, for speeding 5 - 9 over in a school zone.

Burglary: A deputy took

a report of a burglary on Chyleen Terrace. The matter is under investigation.

10/14/16: Threats: Deputies responded to S. Second Street in Westcliffe and took a report of threats being made to an individual. No additional action was required at this time.

Vandalism: A party came into the Sheriff's Office and spoke with a deputy regarding vandalism to private property on Highway 69 south. The matter is under investigation.

10/15/16: Trespassing: Deputies responded to a residence on CR 255 on a report of trespassing. The individuals were contacted and reports were taken. No additional action required at this time.

Possible Fire: Deputies and the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District responded to a report of a possible brush fire in the Lake DeWeese area. No fire was located, and no action taken.

Traffic Summons: Irwin Gompf of Westcliffe for speeding 20 over.

Drunk: Deputies responded to Lea Lane in Westcliffe for a verbal disturbance and intoxicated subject. A report was taken and no additional action is required at this time.

Stranded Climber: Custer County SAR was activated for climbers stranded on Crestone Needle. The mission was successfully completed mid-day on October 16th.

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Ms. Sydney Camper's Second Grade Class Visits The Wet Mountain Fire Protection District for Fire Safety Week



Top row from left: Ms. Sydney Camper, Lilly Thomas, Pike Rutt, Rylan Honaker, Keely Huffman, Aurora Straight, Sarah Clince, Kai Dockery, Mason Stover, Marlee Sims, and SPARKY. Back row from left: Tre Corley, Olivia Heisig, Creed Ingram, Trey Florom, and Shelby Langford.



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

Cañon City City Council
1st and 3rd Mondays at 6 p.m.
City Hall 128 Main St. Cañon City
County Commissioners
2nd and 4th Tues. 9:30 a.m.
615 Macon, Rm. 105 Cañon City

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

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

Southern Colorado Survivors
1st Sat at 10 a.m.
El Alazan Mexican Restaurant 1925 Fremont Dr. Cañon City

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Florence-Penrose School District Board Meeting

District Fully Accredited Through the State, New App Indicates Future Funding Not Looking Good

by Charlotte Burrous

During the regular Florence-Penrose School District Board meeting on Oct. 10th, Superintendent Rhonda Roberts announced the accreditation designation for the district.

“We were accredited as a district with our school performance frameworks from our PARCC results from last spring, not just the PARCC results,” she said. “That’s the main assessment. In high school, you also add ACT, drop out and matriculation for colleges and postsecondary kinds of opportunities. The district has in the past been an improvement district and required to do a plan, but this year, we were fully accredited so we’re excited about that.”

Penrose Elementary was fully accredited with 22.8 percent in academic achievement percentage points and 38.3 percent in growth for a total of 61.1 out of 100. Fremont Elementary had an 82.2 out of 100 points. “This means they received 22.2 percent out of 40 for academic achievement and 60 out of 60 for growth”, she added.

“Sixty-five percent or above students in Fremont Elementary made the growth they needed to make,” Roberts said. “It’s a huge accomplishment so we’re really proud of them.”

In the meantime, Fremont Middle School was accredited with a performance plan at 56.2 points out of 100. They were 19.4 achievement points and 36.8 growth points. “That’s a huge accomplishment for the middle school, coming from priority improvement status three years ago,” Roberts added, “[They] came up two levels in performance rating.”

In comparison, the Florence High School is accredited with an improvement plan. There are five categories; turnaround, priority improvement, improvement, performance and distinction.

“Three of our schools were at performance, which is second from the highest,”

Roberts added. “Florence High School is right in the middle with an improvement plan, not meeting the required percentage for achievement and then approaching with growth and postsecondary work force readiness. Definitely there are some fine areas we need to work on. As a district, we were accredited with no plan. That’s exciting news for us. That’s the first time in three years we have fallen in that category so big celebration.”

During the committee reports, Director Linda Schmidt said she and Roberts had attended the regional Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) meeting on Sept. 19th.

“The good news/bad news is there is no new funding for education,” Schmidt said. “The negative factor is still at \$8.31 million and remains flat. Basically what they were saying is that we really need to get out and do advocacy with our school community because the only way Colorado’s mess is going to get fixed is by voters fixing it.”

Out of 178 school districts, 115 are represented by only four of the 35 senate districts”, she added.

“That’s scary,” Schmidt said, “[Decisions are] coming from the urban corridor. They’re making the decisions that are affecting all of us. They’re encouraging everybody to get out and talk to their community members.”

Roberts also talked about the CASB meeting and the app that was developed to understand the issues.

“They reminded us that it was to help educate the community on adjustments to the funding formula, [and what] impacts would increase or decrease funding,” she said. Because of the increases [in] mandatory [funding of] Medicare and Medicaid that comes out first, projections using the formula show a shortage of education funds by 2020.

“The three funding issues for the county are Roads and Bridge, Medicare/

Medicaid and K12 education. Medicare/Medicaid continues to grow because our population is getting older and needing more medical help. Road and Bridge, we know where that’s been, very low on the totem pole and then K12 education— is hard to say when there’s an \$8.31 million negative factor. [Funds] in the general fund [are being used in] support of helping at the state level so that money is no longer in a savings account waiting to be redistributed.”

Director Joe Caruso said it should be used to educate the public.

“I’m glad to hear that because that was one of the things that really came out at the last CASB meeting,” he said. “The public [needs] to know what is going on so the public can see they’re getting robbed right in front of their face. It’s good to hear CASB has taken that step forward.”

Many of the funding problems began when voters approved Amendment 23, said Board President Tommy Covington.

“A lot of people in education were trying to tell people it would bankrupt Colorado,” he said, [While others] “in education were saying ‘we want the extra money.’ [Some people] were putting out predictions about the time it would [take to] bankrupt the State.”

“In the new app, you can adjust TABOR; you can adjust Gallagher; you can adjust Amendment 23; you can increase taxes; you can go for a bond election and [with each adjustment, the app] shows all the implications of any of these strategies,” Roberts said.

Covington indicated that another problem in funding is that when the District ends up with more money, the State decreases funding, making it difficult for the District to get ahead. “I have a little problem with them saying, ‘we need to educate the public’; we need to educate the State.”

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Nov. 14th in the T&I Building at 451 Church St. in Florence.

Events

Oct. 21st - Oct. 31st

Friday, Oct. 21, Boots and Bling Masquerade will be featured from 6:30-11 p.m. at the Abbey Event Center. Dinner, dancing, 50/50 jackpot, door prizes, silent auctions, wine tasting and much more will make up the fundraiser for Family Crisis Services Inc. and Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Crisis Center. Tickets are \$40 per person and may be purchased by calling 275-2429.

Saturday, Oct. 22, Boo at the Bridge! Royal Gorge Bridge & Park offers a howling good time from 4-9 p.m. for this magical Halloween event designed for safe, family fun with special entertainment and a “spooktacular” line-up of Trick or Treat stations at North America’s highest suspension bridge.

Sunday, Oct. 23, Sons of Italy Spaghetti Dinner, 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. The Florence Elks Lodge #611 at 131 E. Front Street, Florence, Colorado. Half of the proceeds go to the local Sons of Italy Scholarship Fund. Call 429-6667 or 269-3519 for Tickets or Pay at the Door. Adults: \$10, Children (12 & under) \$4.

Thursday, Oct. 27, Starpoint Children’s Services will present Fall Festival 2016 from 5-7 p.m. at the Abbey Fieldhouse at 2931 E. U.S. 50 in Cañon City. Lots of fun, games, prizes, treats and much more will be offered. Everyone in the community is welcome. Costumes are optional, but no scary costumes due to presence of young children. For more information, call 275-0550. Presented by Starpoint’s Children’s Services at SPIN and the Fremont County Family Center.

Saturday, Oct. 29, SPOOK-tacular and Trunk or Treat event in Cañon City will take place from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., followed by the costume contest. Parents and participants will be instructed to begin their route at 1:30 pm on the south side of Main and Eighth Street and head west to Third Street. Then, cross over Main and head back east, stopping at the Trunk or Treat area (located on Seventh Street between Main and Macon) before proceeding to the front of Cañon Signature Mortgage where the costume contest will take place at 3:45 p.m. The participating merchants and DOC staff will shut off the candy giving events at 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 28, Cañon City Recreation District will offer a special adult night for those 18 or older. A bonfire, a band and a beer garden courtesy of the Fremont Community Foundation and Rocky Mountain Coors Distributing will be offered. The cost is \$12 per ticket to get entry in to the bonfire, beer garden and the haunted house. If you don’t want to go into the haunted house, the cost is \$5. Of course you must be 21 or older to partake in the beer. This year’s band will be “Hit List.” They are a favorite from the 2012 and 2013 Royal Gorge Whitewater Festivals. You will definitely want to attend this performance by the bonfire.

Oct. 31, Trick or Treat in Florence will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Main Street. Bring the kids for a safe Trick or Treating environment!



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Colorado State News

Amendment 72: Guaranteed Revenues for State Bureaucracies Is Horrible Fiscal Policy

by Linda Gorman,
CompleteColorado.com
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Amendment 72 supporters claim that raising tobacco taxes will reduce smoking.

That's a smokescreen. What the Amendment really does is create a constitutionally mandated stream of revenue for two state health bureaucracies that seek to shake off the shackles of legislative budgetary oversight.

Under Amendment 72, the state tax on a pack of cigarettes will rise to \$2.59 from \$0.84. Most of this new TABOR-exempt revenue will go to the departments of Public Health and Environment (DPHE) and Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF). **If Amendment 72 passes, expect more state agencies to seek constitutional amendments imposing new taxes to create streams of guaranteed revenue for their pet projects.**

Though Amendment 72 is specific about how people will be taxed, it is vague about how the estimated \$315.7 million in new revenue will be spent.

Some money will flow to HCPF to support Medicaid. The rest is allocated to DPHE for vague purposes in broad categories.

DPHE can use the new revenues to fund everything from early childhood education to Alzheimer's disease. It can fund programs for veterans. It can fund unspecified improvements in child and adolescent behavior. It can selectively repay loans taken out by "health professionals" who work in "underserved" areas or agree to enroll in DPHE approved professional "training tracks."

As is usual when political actors are involved, there's less to this than meets the eye. Government classifies most of Colorado as a medically underserved area, including parts of Denver and Boulder counties.

Amendment 35 increased tobacco taxes in 2005. Thanks to it, and the Tobacco Master Settlement program, we have real-life examples of how state health bureaucracies use tobacco revenues.

For FY 2016-17, about 65 percent of available Amendment 35 funds, \$92 million, will sup-

port Medicaid and Medicaid-like programs. The Tobacco Master Settlement funds will support the Children's Basic Health Plan, the Nurse Home Visitor program, early literacy programs, Tony Grampsas Youth Services, and a Fitzsimmons Lease purchase payment to the State of Colorado for buildings used by the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

The Nurse Home Visitor program funds county health department programs to send nurses to households to "help your family meet your goals for success with education, support, and resources." There is little evidence to suggest that nurse home visiting programs are cost effective.

The Tony Grampsas Youth Services program grants fund programs of unknown effectiveness run by schools and non-profits in areas in which government programs have generally had questionable success—preventing violence, promoting early childhood development, and providing general social services.

In 2011, Colorado spent \$5.70 per person on tobacco control. It

ranked 9th in the nation. Since 2009, the two state health bureaucracies have spent over \$200 million a year in tobacco revenues.

This is enough to pay for milling and resurfacing roughly 160 miles of generic 4-lane roadway.

In 2015, the \$21.6 million in Amendment 35 tobacco cessation funding went to local public health agencies (\$6.5 million), anti-smoking advertising (\$4.5 million), and the Colorado Quitline (\$5 million).

This massive spending appears to have been marginally effective at best.

The U.S. Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System estimated that between 18.9 percent and 21.9 percent of Colorado adults smoked in 2002. The average U.S. rate was 23.1 percent. In 2013, between 16.8 percent and 18.6 percent of Colorado adults smoked. The average U.S. rate was 19.0 percent.

Smokers already pay more than their fair share, but Colorado's health bureaucracies want more. Saying no to Amendment 72 would help corral bureaucratic

waste. Maintaining a reasonable tobacco tax also helps reduce crime because it reduces the profitability of cigarette smuggling by criminal gangs.

If Amendment 72 was really about smoking rather than spending, its authors would have empowered the state legislature to allocate the funding to evidence-based programs known to reduce tobacco's harms. Instead, they choose to lock new spending obligations into the state constitution, further fund two already bloated state bureaucracies outside the legislature's purview, and punch a hole in TABOR spending limits.

No matter how you feel about tobacco, if you value good government you should be opposed to Amendment 72.

Linda Gorman is Health Care Policy Center director at the Independence Institute, a free market think tank in Denver.

Please see: <http://completecolorado.com/pagetwo/2016/10/11/amendment-72-constitutionally-guaranteed-revenues-for-state-bureaucracies-is-horrible-fiscal-policy/>

Hillary Comes to PEBLO: Every 25 Years...

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Hillary came to 'Peblo' at least that's how she stumbled over the pronunciation. About 20 minutes into her speech, she risked it again and managed to make it sound like it's spelled, which still sounded wrong to our ears.

The only reason she mentioned the city where she was speaking, other than to say hello, was because someone on her campaign Googled Pueblo and discovered it's where steel is manufactured.

It gave her the opportunity to connect with real people and bring up the fact that her father was a factory worker. Then she backtracked and said it was her grandfather that was a factory worker, daddy was a business owner, probably.

She mentioned the first time she was in 'Peblo' in 1992, because that's the only vis-

it she remembers, and the dung got really deep when she said, "Bill and I talk about Peblo all the time."

Yeah, in the last 24-hours maybe, when he was coaching her [on] how to pronounce it.

Other highlights, she asked everyone to vote early and often.

The polls are tightening, because "America wants to turn out and reject the dark, divisive and hateful campaign by my opponent." She also wants to bring Americans together by insulting their presidential preference, if it's not her.

She mentioned Florida, Ohio, Arizona, and Utah, and then seemed to forget she was in Colorado because she never mentioned the state. She might have been confused about where she actually was, because she thanked the newspaper that has never endorsed a Democratic candidate before but

chose her. Uhm, that would be the *Arizona Republic*, we're fairly certain it was not the *Pueblo Chieftain*.

Then she promised a bunch of free stuff and talked about how much she loved Bernie Sanders, omitting that she stole the Colorado election from him.

She did recognize Sen. Michael Bennet, who spoke on his behalf earlier. She called him "really special," and no, we're not touching that one.

But she did say that "I hope you get out and send him back to Washington."

On that we can agree, we should send him packing back to his real home in Washington, as a private citizen.

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It's Good to be King: No Criminal Charges for EPA Spill

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

The federal government has investigated itself, and decided they are not to blame for the Gold King Mine blowout they caused, and therefore they cannot hold themselves criminally responsible for what they did.

The inspector general, a position appointed by the president, says the Obama administration will not prosecute the EPA employee who did it, or hold the agency responsible, but instead will prepare a report.

Right after the government made this announcement, they ran and hid. From the *Durango Herald*:

Immediately after the announcement was sent, the Office of Inspector General's spokesman Jeffrey Lagda posted that he would be out of the office until 2:30 p.m. Thursday. He later said in an email that he "cannot comment

on the investigation at this stage."

U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton was more to the point, and says that "the EPA's response or lack of response is bigger than any one employee and was the result of numerous failures at multiple levels at the EPA."

Other Republican House leaders are also outraged at the hypocrisy — proof that the government has one set of rules for Americans, and a completely different set of rules for government.

Remember this when you cast your ballots because with Hillary, Gail Schwartz and Michael Bennet, we can expect more of the same.

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Clinton Email Scandal Indicative Of Presidency

The more Democrat-ic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton tries to deflect the email scandal that has besieged her campaign, the more it exposes her deceitful body of work and ineptitude as a leader. She is scurrying about trying to discredit the WikiLeaks hacking of her emails as illegal, but the content of the emails is undeniably pulling back the veil to her duplicitous deeds. First and foremost, this raises the question of whether she can be trusted with the nation’s top secrets because she is so careless with emails she intended to keep secret. She cannot even keep secret her secrets, how much less can she keep our nation’s secrets? But even more revealing are several devastating issues about her.

She smirked the entire time during the last debate when her opponent Republican presidential hopeful Donald Trump recounted how she ridiculed an under-aged rape victim while representing her rapist. She attacked Trump for making admittedly inappropriate remarks about women (of which he apologized). Yet, the recent emails reveal that she knew full well that the Islamic State was being funded and materially assisted by Saudi Arabia—the very government that has given her foundation over \$25 million; the government on whose behalf she lobbied hard to give over \$60 billion of U.S. military funding. The Islamic State is the most brutal violator of women’s and children’s rights in modern history.

The WikiLeaks released emails show how Clinton’s staff colluded with the White House on the

private email server in her closet cover up and investigation. These emails also indicate that Clinton and her staff were considering joking about her testimony on her refusal to send assistance to the U.S. Ambassador during the Benghazi terror attacks, and lying that Ambassador Chris Stevens believed that retreat was not an option. The emails also revealed that the news media is implicitly assisting Clinton’s campaign. CNN, through Clinton ally and CNN commentator Donna Brazile, gave Clinton questions in advance. *The New York Times* gave Clinton veto power over quotes in return for an interview.

Also released in the WikiLeaks emails, the *UK Daily Caller* reports that in March 2015 *Washington Post*, White House Bureau Chief Juliet Eilperin reassured Clinton’s campaign chairman John Podesta that she was withholding information about his ethically compromising links to a Democratic mega-donor.

These are just a few of the most recent horror stories related to Clinton. She is the type of person who is ruled by corruption, dishonesty and carelessness which also would be strongholds of any Clinton presidency. These are harbingers of her soul. Do not trust anything she says. Do not trust what the media says. As Jesus said in Matthew 24:4, “Take heed that no man deceives you.” We live in perilous times.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson

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by Kurt Schlichter,
Townhall.com

So, that man in “Freedom of Speech,” the famous Norman Rockwell painting of an American exercising one of the liberals’ least favorite rights, stands up in 2016 to say his peace and ... it will not end well. You see, to liberals, what our guy has to say isn’t important – what’s important to liberals is to shut him up. It’s to punch down upon him with cheap mockery so he’s beaten into submission. It’s to use shame to silence him and every other irredeemable deplorable in order to consolidate their progressive death grip upon America’s throat.

This will not end well.

See, a republic with democratic features like the United States can’t function without the possibility of discussion. It needs citizens to have the ability to rationally debate the issues, to be heard so that they can perceive the process as fair and one where they are equal participants. But that’s exactly what liberals, with tactics like political correctness, Jon Stewarty snark, and the outright lies of their vinyl-body-suited mainstream media chorus, seek to prevent. Discussion can only exist where customs and norms demand that all voices be heard, that the points of the opposition are at least characterized as something resembling what they are, and that no one is excluded from participation by the fact that they possess views of which the majority – or a powerful minority – disapproves. But instead of that, today we have a liberal elite that gleefully bludgeons people with opposing views into silence, and then pats itself on its collective back for its enlightenment.

This will not end well.

Take our guy in the painting. He stands and says, “Well, I don’t know about this idea of letting men into ladies rooms with little girls.” And, of course, the freak-show left doesn’t address the very real problems that come with allowing grown men into restrooms with little girls. Facts merely enrage them. So there won’t be any discussion of the problem of weirdos and perverts taking advantage of this idiotic liberal nonsense

that this normal guy – like any normal person – would worry about. No, instead he’ll get berated by some screaming gender-freak activist with a half-shaved head and looming daddy issues bellowing “Hate criminal!”



and demanding our guy be fired from his job down at the plant for felony wrong-thinking.

Then maybe whoever that loser is who replaced Jon Stewart, that pioneer of E-Z snark masquerading as comedy, will get a clip of our guy speaking and play it on his show. There’s nothing funnier than a rustic presuming to speak out as if his views matter! Then the host will make a funny face – I mean, how can anyone be so insane and stupid to think that maybe having grown men lurking around little girls as they use the potty could go wrong? – and that goofy smirk will cue the skinny-jeaned audience to go into paroxysms of laughter. Not laughter because it’s funny or clever, mind you, but laughter that demonstrates social solidarity among the kind of smug people who drink pretentious, awful craft beers and think the “P” in “IPA” stands for “pumpkin spice.”

Maybe John Oliver will do a 10-minute rant about him and how Jesus probably told him that dudes shouldn’t be alone with little girls in toilets. Maybe Samantha Bee will scrunch up her tired, sour apple doll face and point out how this guy probably didn’t even go to Yale and where did he get that jacket anyway, at Wal-Mart?

And maybe our guy will sit down

and hold his tongue. And then maybe he’ll remember how he went to a Tea Party to politely register his dissent and how he was dumped on for daring to try and be heard. Then maybe he’ll vote for Donald Trump because maybe if he’s a little louder and a little ruder then perhaps someone will listen to him about not turning his little girl’s bathroom into a social experiment, about the illegal aliens like the one who ran into his truck and didn’t have insurance, and about the rumor going around that his job down at the plant may be moving to Juarez next year.

But then, those concerns apparently aren’t worthy of attention. The news covers, day-in and day-out, some overeating foreigner and drug lord baby mama who Donald Trump was mean to a couple decades ago, but no reporter ever asks our guy about his problems. And they don’t merely ignore him. They come after him, jamming things down his throat like gender neutral bathrooms and murderous Muslim refugees and Wall Street scams that mean he gets about .001% interest on that money he saved just like the experts told him to. And he’s expected to just take it.

This will not end well.

Our guy was in Fallujah as a Marine, and when he wakes up shivering and calls the VA for help, no one answers. President Faily McWorsethancarter hasn’t had time to fix that travesty in eight years, yet he somehow found plenty of time to party at the White House with Leonardo DiCaprio.

Leonardo has a jet and the president’s private email. Our guy has an F-150 with a smashed-in quarter panel and a busy signal. When he dares complain, they call him stupid, racist, and obsolete. He’s struggling to pay his mortgage yet they call him “privileged” because his great-great-great-great-great grandfather came from Glasgow. And he takes it, for now.

But this will not end well.

When the combined weight of the D.C. establishment and the media and

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Patriot Documentary Needs Funding

by George Gramlich

Long time patriot blogger and activist, TL Davis of christianmerc.blogspot.com and his daughter Sammi Lee Davis, have spent considerable time over the last few years interviewing some giants of the patriot/III% movement in this country. They are in need of funds to finish the filming and finally edit and produce the documentary film entitled "Lies of Omission" concerning this movement.

Their company, 12 Round Productions, has interviewed such bulwarks of liberty as Mike Vanderboegh (who visited Westcliffe twice in the last few years and they have twelve hours of tape from Mike!), Claire Wolfe, Matt Bracken, David Codrea, Bill Buppert and others as part of the project to produce

a film "investigating the voices of freedom and justice ignored or defamed by the media establishment."

A quote from their website, "12roundproductions.blogspot.com", shows where they are coming from:

There are two sorts of lies, those of commission (an outright lie) and those of omission (lies that are promoted by omitting truthful information). The media establishment is engaged in both lies of commission and omission, but by far the most damaging is the practice of manipulating public opinion through the lies of omission.

There are those who stand up to this sort of deceit. Today, they are bloggers and investigative researchers who have been doing the hard work of exposing the injustices of a government

no longer held accountable by the "free press."

Lies of Omission goes into the dark corners of the nation to present the voices of those who speak out

exposing major political scandals.

This is a non-partisan effort that recognizes that all political parties and media conglomerates are guilty of

statistics that guide them to elect political figures preferred by the elitist class.

Folks, it takes a lot of money to make movies, and this effort is no exception. The principals behind this project have spent considerable amounts of their own money getting to this point but can't finish this landmark effort without outside, patriot help.

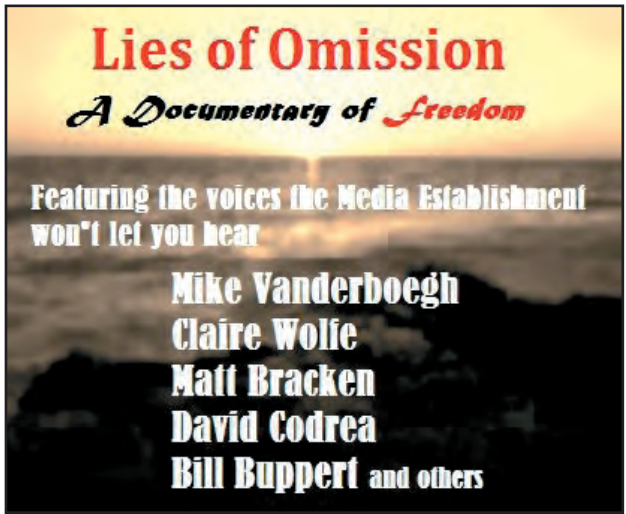
Of particular note is that one of the main participants in the film, Mike Vanderboegh, passed away recently, and this film would be a beautiful memorial of his work as the founder and leader of the modern Three Percent movement in this country.

12 Round Productions is using the fundraising website, www.indiegogo.com as the place where one can donate anonymously.

Any donation over \$25 gets a free copy of the documentary after it is produced.

To donate you can go to 12 Round website at 12roundproductions.blogspot.com and click on the "Lies of Omission" graphic on the top right of the screen. Another method is to go to Mr. Davis's blog site christianmerc.blogspot.com and click on the "Lies of Omission" graphic on the top right of the screen. The final way to donate is at the donation website itself, www.indiegogo.com, type "Lies of Omission" in the "Q" box on the top left of the screen and click on the "Lies of Omission" graphic which appears below.

Folks, it's time for the people to hear what citizen patriots are saying, and that is NOT being done by the mainstream media. Let's make this happen.



against the obfuscation of the media establishment and government collusion. They speak for freedom and have been involved in

this sort of cooperation and those left to suffer the consequences are the people, who are left deceived and fed false and misleading

Gov't Workers Now Outnumber Manufacturing Workers By Almost 10 Million!

by Terence P. Jeffrey, CNSNews.com

Government employees in the United States outnumber manufacturing employees by 9,932,000, according to data released today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Federal, state and local government employed 22,213,000 people in August, while the manufacturing sector employed 12,281,000.

The BLS has published seasonally-adjusted month-by-month employment data for both government and manufacturing going back to 1939. For half a century—from January 1939 through July 1989—manufacturing employment always exceeded government employment in the United States, according to these numbers.

Then, in August 1989, the seasonally-adjusted employment numbers for government exceeded the employment numbers for manufacturing for the first time. That

month, manufacturing employed 17,964,000 and government employed 17,989,000.

Manufacturing employment in the United States had peaked a decade before that in June 1979 at 19,553,000.

From August 2015 to August 2016 seasonally-adjusted manufacturing employment declined by 37,000—dropping from 12,318,000 last August to 12,281,000 this August.

The 22,213,000 government employees in August, according to the BLS, included 2,790,000 federal employees, 5,120,000 state government employees, and 14,303,000 local government employees.

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And Now The Bombshell

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.Org

Why the Friday evening release of the infamous "Trump tape" -- a poor time in the news cycle?

Because Crooked Hillary definitely **did not** want you to pay attention to the transcripts from her paid private speeches.

In them she said:

- "You have to have a public position and a private position on policy." In other words: **Lie to the voters, deliver for those who give you money.**
- Her "dream" was a "hemispheric common market with open trade and open borders." Immigration reform eh? Her version of it is to simply remove the borders **entirely**, despite the fact that this would allow unbridled access to not only criminals **but terrorists as well**. Remember this, in the context of the above -- **lie to the voters, deliver to those who give you money.**
- She **admits** she has sold

herself to Goldman Sachs, saying that she "needs" their support to win.

- Oh, and if that's not enough, she also routinely imposed on anyone who paid her to speak a requirement to hire a stenographer for her records **but not to keep any copy for themselves.**
- Finally, let's not forget Chelsea Clinton's statement about "marijuana kills people" -- while Clinton has said **publicly** she supports states choosing whether to legalize pot. **What does Clinton really believe when it comes to state choice on this matter?** Given the above it **appears** that Chelsea mis-spoke all right -- she told the truth, where her mother **would actually send in the troops to states where legalization has occurred and arrest everyone there under existing Federal law.**

But it gets better. There is **also** contained within those emails from Podesta what appears to be a **bald-faced violation of the law** in that there appears to be documentary evidence of the Clinton Cam-

paign **coordinating with a supporting SuperPAC**, an act that is flat-out, black-letter illegal **and ought to lead to an immediate pair of handcuffs going on both Hillary's and Podesta's wrists.**

Naw, laws are just for the little people, right -- **just like the public positions Hillary espouses but are not what she actually intends to do.**

WHAT HILLARY CLINTON INTENDS TO DO IS THROW OPEN THE BORDERS, ALLOW ALL THE CRIMINALS AND TERRORISTS TO COME IN OVER THE NOW-DISMANTLED BORDER CONTROLS ALL AT THE BEHEST OF HER BIG DONORS WHO WANT THE CHEAP UNDOCUMENTED LABOR.

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Let's Talk Hillary's Tax Proposals

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.Org

Let's talk about taxes for a minute.

All of these are from Hillary's own words (either verbally or in writing from her campaign) - and remember, Hillary has stated she will not tax "the middle class" (and, presumably, the working poor or less-well off.)

She's lying.

- **Payroll tax increase.** Hillary has explicitly said she would **not** veto such a hike. Let me remind you that the Payroll tax hits **everyone** from the first dollar of earned income **and is not deductible or offsettable, ever.** In addition because people in the lower and middle economic classes have a lower percentage of disposable income (after mandatory expenses) **payroll taxes hit them extremely hard vis-a-vis income tax which is subject to bracketing and deduc-**

tions. The "payroll tax", in case you're unaware, is comprised of Social Security and Medicare. *This statement came during the primary campaign during a debate with Sanders and since Hillary has **explicitly refused** to do anything about medical providers and their monopolies **payroll taxes will have to rise by over \$500 billion within the next four years to prevent ruinous deficits.** In other words under a Hillary administration **this tax is coming like in an inbound ICBM!***

- **Soda tax increases.** Hillary has **formally endorsed** a soda tax in Pennsylvania. *Note that working class and poor people buy more soda, per-capita, than rich people. In other words **she supports, directly, raising taxes on poor people.*** (Yes, I realize soda purchases are all discretionary; the point still stands.)

- **Gun taxes.** Hillary has not only called for a **25%** tax on firearms

*she also has supported a **doubling** of the existing federal excise tax.* Yes, there's an existing tax on guns (at the federal level). I'm willing to bet she also would support a federal tax increase on ammunition. Let me point out that since most felons don't go to the range (ever) and get their guns from illegal sources (e.g. theft) **neither of these would do a thing to suppress criminal use of firearms,** but **both** would have **severe** consequences for poorer people who wish to acquire and maintain proficiency with a firearm to *protect themselves from said criminals, and these are the people who **most** need access to firearms for self-defense simply because their economic circumstances force them to live in higher-crime areas.*

- **Death tax.** Hillary **her-self** arranged her finances (as rich people can do) to evade any death taxes, but she wishes to impose one as high as **65%** on

everyone else. Of course those who are not wealthy cannot afford the financial and legal advice to shield themselves from the impact of this. While it is true that *current* policy has a large exemption (which means most middle-class people have no fear of being hit by this) *there is no guarantee that such an exemption will not be reduced or even eliminated.*

- **Capital gains.** Hillary wants to roughly **double** the capital gains tax rate **on long-term gains** by effectively eliminating that. Yet it is **precisely** long term capital gains that power the economy through business investment, *both directly and indirectly.* My firm **and all the people it employed, along with all the taxes that were paid during its time under my control** would **not** have been started under Hillary's capital gains tax regime. Period. To put numbers on this, that's **millions**

of tax revenue and **millions** of earned income for those employees that would **not** have occurred -- at all.

- *Corporate taxes would go up, not down.* Including, I remind you, for small business. Most economic growth comes from **small business** -- either LLCs or Sub-S corporations. Hillary intends to **raise** taxes on those firms, **not** lower them, and **most** small-businesses (in fact, essentially all of them) **are middle-class taxpayers.**

- *Personal income taxes will **not** go down for **anyone.*** If you like shooting yourself in the head because someone else might get "more" tax relief than you, go ahead. Most of us recognize that it is stupid to literally commit suicide because someone else got something you did not, or got more than you did.

- **Carbon tax.** A carbon tax is the **worst** of all taxes when it comes to re-

gressive tax additions **because non-discretionary purchases of food and energy are a much higher proportion of a poor person's income compared against a rich person.** Poor people spend **more**, as a percentage of their income, on energy than do rich people and roughly **double** as much on food eaten at home. Food production is quite carbon-intensive and will never be otherwise; as such carbon taxes **will** raise the cost of food materially. **Carbon taxes will decimate the poor and middle class; the rich will laugh at them since their spending on these goods and services are a non-material percentage of their income.** Note that a carbon tax is an **explicit part of the Democrat Party's platform.**

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An Independent Voter Explains How "The Trump Tape" Scandal 'Changed' His Mind

by Tyler Durden, ZeroHedge.com

(Editor/GG: Make sure you read to the end.)

While the mainstream media does its best to make "The Trump Tapes" the biggest thing since, well the last thing they thought would 'kill' Trump, it appears that Republican voters (not the politicians themselves) are indifferent and unsurprised.

Of course, the lifelong Democrats, Washington establishmentarians, and Hillary sycophants are also indifferent and unsurprised: their vote is known from day one.

Which leaves the Independents, such as Zero Hedge reader Let-ThemEatRand, who earlier opined:

***This whole thing has pretty much taken me off the fence of deciding whether to vote 3rd party or stay home.** Seeing the incredible push by all of the DC power-brokers to have Trump withdraw over this has convinced me that it's not an act. The powers that be (TPTB) really are scared of him and desperately want Hillary to win.*

***That's good enough to convince me to vote for Trump.** I wonder if any others like me who didn't really buy the hype had a similar reaction. I would guess yes.*

The following from Richard Armande Mills will provide some thought-provocation for those of 'independent' mind: Here are a few (of the many) reasons why I've decided to stop supporting Donald Trump.

"Let's face it. Enough is enough!"

First of all, he has racist supporters.

His mentor was a former KKK grand-wizard. When he passed, Trump honored him with a filmed tribute.

Another one of his mentors was a famous eugenicist who sought to rid the world of any nationality that isn't white. He even received an award in that mentor's honor, proclaiming that he admired their "vision."

*His multiple ties to the witch hunt to dispel President Obama's American heritage. **Multiple ties.***

The fact that he appropriated

the spending of \$20,000 for access to a white-only golf course.

When speaking to a crowd of black people, he started mocking their accents.

He told a Black Lives Matter supporter that he would "talk only to white people."

Donald Trump has likened people of urban culture to dogs.

He calls women that have upset his personal relationships "trailer trash."

Up until three years ago, he was anti-gay and strongly opposed gay marriage.

Extending upon being anti-gay, he has also accepted campaign contributions from donors that strongly oppose the LGBT community.

His closest aide strongly opposed female equality up until recently.

In 2010, Haiti had an earthquake. Donald Trump went down there and promptly steered all of the reconstruction bids to his businesses

friends. Those friends then under-delivered, pocketed the difference, and left Haiti further in debt.

During the recent primary race, it was revealed that sources behind Donald Trump conspired to improperly ensure his party nomination.

Donald Trump is willing to wage a war against Russia based on speculation.

He has laughed about the war killings of foreign dignitaries.

Trump joked about using government resources to murder someone who doesn't favor him.

During a speech to businessmen and businesswomen, Trump proclaimed, "I'm kind of far removed from the struggles of the middle class."

Multiple women claim that he's tried to silence them when they were assaulted, raped, and abused.

He also helped the rapist of a 12 year old girl get out of jail on reduced sentencing, later laughing about it during a recorded interview

He ignores the fact that people extremely close to him have made frequent visits to a place known as 'Orgy Island,' owned by a convicted pedophile.

Donald Trump categorically lied to the FBI.

Donald Trump compromised national security by revealing government secrets to his Wall St. friends, who paid him for them.

He also instigated the suicide of one of his closest aides.

People have died because of Donald Trump's professional incompetence.

Just kidding.** This was all Hillary Clinton. **Trump 2016."

(If you go on-line to read this article, each claim above is linked to an article or video supporting the validity of itself.)

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ELECTIONS MATTER from page 1

this world in which we live. Benjamin Franklin once said, "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." As your representative for HD 60, I will continue to work towards investing our education dollars wisely. Public

education has been the foundation of this country – we need to continue to build upon that foundation.

You should have received your ballot in the mail by now. If you have not, be sure to contact your county clerk's office. This election is extremely important – be sure to vote. I am your State Representative and I am seeking

re-election. Jeb Bush was quoted as saying, "Treating people fairly and with civility is not a bad thing... It would be good for our country if political leaders actually took that to heart." In this caustic political environment, I honestly try to treat all my constituents and colleagues with fairness and civility. I believe that it is simply the right thing to do.

Next week's column will cover fiscal responsibility. Being a good steward of public tax dollars is a basic part of being a good legislator. Be sure to visit my website (www.wilsonforhd60.com) for more information about my background, my platform and my vision for HD 60. (The website also archives back issues of "Takin' It To The House...".)

Remember...You can either vote by voting or vote by not voting. If you do not vote, someone else's vote counts more...that is just the math! I would appreciate your vote in this election.

Yours for HD 60,

Representative Jim Wilson – "Unifying HD 60 for a Strong Voice in Denver"

The Return of The Mule

by The ZMan

If you go back and watch videos of Reagan in the 70's and 80's, one of the things that jumps out is how aggressively he attacked the Left. In his first inaugural address, he attacked the very essence of what Jimmy Carter stood for as a politician. The man was sitting just behind Reagan as the Gipper explained that everything Carter believed was dangerous nonsense. The other thing that jumps out, when watching old Reagan speeches, is that no Republican talks like that anymore.

Instead, every Republican that has aggressively pressed the attack against the Left over the last quarter century, has been attacked by the media and so-called conservatives as unacceptably "polarizing" as if that is a bad thing. Official Conservatism has instead insisted that they abide by a set of gentile rules designed by the ruling majority, intended to perpetuate their

Official Conservatism, they sigh and concede that it is unfair, but principle demands "we abide by the rules because that's who we are." If you pointed out that "who they were" was a bunch of losers, they would put on their lemon face and suggest that perhaps you were disloyal or some sort of hate thinker. Conservatism in America became the candy coating to the liberal nut inside the system.

I was thinking about that over the weekend as first we get the leaked tape of Donald Trump talking like a normal man, who believed he was in a private conversation with another man. The beta male pansies in the managerial class don't know anything about this, but normal men in private like to tell d*** jokes, boast about women and reminiscence about their exploits. The f*****ts that take up space in Official Conservatism don't know about these things.

Watching one traitorous fink af-

Buckley-style conservatism, whatever it was, is now just a tool of the managerial class to clear the field for nation-wrecking policies to benefit the ruling elite at the expense of the middle class.

Last night, I was reminded of why Trump was able to obliterate the GOP field despite being out spent a million-to-one. He is not a p***y. Any other Republican faced with the dirty trick pulled on Friday

elephant in the room.

When even the most disloyal of craven rump swabs concedes Trump won the debate, you know it was a great night for The Donald.

Guys like Jonah Goldberg would sooner take a job in the dreaded private sector than say anything nice about Trump or the people prepared to vote for him. As I've

the destroyer of worlds that need destroying.

When this all started, I compared Trump to the character in the Asimov Foundation series called **The Mule**. One way of interpreting this character is as a destroyer that sweeps away that which must be swept away in order for something better to rise in its place. That's the Trump campaign. By cracking the Conservative Industrial Complex and challenging the legitimacy of the managerial class, he is exposing the whole thing as a racket, one which the people can no longer trust.

Last night The Mule returned.

(Editor/GG: OK, I didn't know who The Mule was either. Maybe it is my exposure to Common Core. Wikipedia saves the day, "The Mule is a fictional character from Isaac Asimov's Foundation series.[1] One of the greatest conquerors the galaxy has ever seen, he is a mentalic who has the ability to reach into the minds of others and "adjust" their emotions, individually or en masse, using this capability to conscript individuals to his cause. Not direct mind-control per se, it is a subtle influence of the subconscious; individuals under the Mule's influence behave otherwise normally - logic, memories, and personality intact.)"

Please see: <http://thezman.com/wordpress/?p=8724>

"Conservatism in America became the candy coating to the liberal nut inside the system."

hegemony. You could be forgiven for thinking that maybe the whole thing was a setup, a game of bad cop – worse cop, in order to rig the results.

Whenever the futility of this arrangement has been pointed out to

ter another decry Trump's locker room talk from a decade ago, I was reminded once again that these people were never on my side. It was always a con, a grift, to fool otherwise decent people into putting down their weapons and surrendering to the Left.

would have gone into the debate prepared to grovel and plead, begging for a second chance. It is not at all inconceivable that he would have offered to step aside. Trump went into the debate prepared to deliver a counter bunch designed to knock the old fat cow on her a**.

It was a sterling performance that turned the tactics and strategy of the government party back onto them. If the contest is going to be a referendum on Trump's character, then Trump is going to make a big show of exploring the character of the Clinton Gang. Having Bubba's many sexual assault victims at the event was a missile landing directly into the weapons cache of the Clinton campaign. His demand for a special prosecutor reminded everyone of the

pointed out in the past, Goldberg is Exhibit A for the case against Official Conservatism and the party it has infested. Trump stands as the rebuke of the surrender caucus, that has profited guys like Goldberg so handsomely over the last two decades. If he has to concede to Trump, you know it was a great win.

Trump probably will not win and even if he does, it's probably too late to avoid disaster anyway. Democracies always murder themselves. That is the lesson of history and ours will do the same, sooner rather than later. If the worst is to be avoided, then the present arrangements must be de-legitimized in order for a reform effort to have room to grow. That's the role of Trump in the election. He

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A Psalm of David, Psalm 144:1

It's Over. Glock Won

by Weapons Man

No, we're not talking about the Army's chaotic and spendy Modular Handgun System program, which is miles from any conclusion, but has plenty more chaos and spending to offer in the next two or so years.

We're talking about the pistol of choice in American special operations, where SOF has, to some extent, their own procurement money (Major Force Program 11 budgetary funds) and channels. And pretty much everybody's running a Glock now.

They're still maintaining their old service pistols, but they're carrying Glocks, and specifically, Glock 19s like the gun in the file photo here. While older Glocks are on hand, now the military's buying G4s, and sometimes uses the ability to convert the mag release for a

left-handed shooter, which requires G4 gun and G4 mags.

This has been in the news lately because the Marine Raiders (MARSOC) have publicly announced ditching their unique M45 .45 ACP pistols for bog-standard Glock 19s in 9mm.

But the Marines were not just the last guys to cling to their treasured 1911 platform, they were the last to pick up the Glock. Army SF has been using Glocks for a while — sure, they still have M9s, but the go-to-war gun is the G19. The SEALs, who stuck to their SIG 226 for quite some time, and still have them in their arms lockers, are running Glock — namely, the G19.

We don't know if Tier One units are still running .40s, and we are not 100% certain the Rangers are on the Glock bandwagon, but if they are, it's over, because

that's where the top leaders of the Army come from these days. Special Forces is on its way back to being backwater of somewhat

Why the Glock 19? This is *strictly* our own opinion, but there are a number of reasons that make it attractive.



irregular-war enthusiasts (thank a merciful God), and the lamprey-lipped careerists are all trying to get their tickets punched with the Ragnars and/or They Who Shall Not Be Named. (Careerists should be careful what they ask for. These assignments can make careers, but they can also break them beyond repair).

1. It's a very good size for both uniformed and undercover work. Not too small to shoot well, not so big as to be hard for average-build guys to conceal. (Some of your Belgian horse SEALs could conceal a Barrett, but that's another story).
2. It's as reliable as a ham-

mer. Like any gun, Joe can (and does) break it, but the breaks and stoppages are fewer and further between. It's more reliable than its in-service competitors, the 1911 (M45), M9, and P226 (and the P228/M11 used in some undercover roles).

3. It's durable and tolerant of abuse, neglect, and environmental stress throughout the SOF operating environment, from 0° to 90° N/S and sea level to Himalayan terrain. It might get fugly but it won't lock up.
4. It's easy to learn. Makes a difference when you need to be able to shoot it, but are in a job where shooting pistol is only one of hundreds of tasks you have to master.
5. It's easy to shoot *well*. Most shooters do better on a Glock than on a DA/SA pistol.
6. It's cheap. Sure, Uncle

doesn't pay what you do for a Beretta or a SIG, but Uncle doesn't pay what you do for a Glock, either.

Some of the other Glock-offs, like the Smith & Wesson M&P, can match some or all of these Glock advantages, but it's hard to beat the whole package, as the dismissal of S&W from the Modular Handgun competition suggests.

The next thing the military has to do is pull the plug on the sunk-cost that is Modular Handgun, and instead focus on a higher-performing 9mm round. That would pay dividends to everybody without tying down lots of money and ordnance talent on the quest for a pistol, when every pistol Uncle owns *together* has probably fired fewer than 200 rounds at a visible enemy in over 15 years of war.

Please see: <http://weaponsman.com/?p=35634>

Campus Carry Having a Positive Effect on Texas Campus

by Dean Weingarten, GunWatch.Blogspot.com

It has become a truism that a great many college campus environments have become toxic to rights that were once celebrated and are specifically named in the Constitution, Rights such as freedom of speech and the right to keep and bear arms. It used to be axiomatic that on a campus, people were able to argue about controversial ideas without being subject to censorship. This was especially pushed hard by leftist groups in the 1960's.

It was all a charade designed to gain power for the left. Those efforts led to professors such as Karla Holloway who used her clout to convict the Duke LaCross players without a trial in 2006.

The Group of 88 was a term applied to 88 professors at Duke University who con-

demned the Duke's lacrosse team for their alleged involvement in a rape that was later declared a hoax.

Karla F.C. Holloway, a professor of English and African-American Studies was the person who initially thought of placing the ad.[1]

Now that the "progressives" control college environments, many topics are taboo, and the ability to bear arms has been extinguished for decades.

In Texas, there is a small light of hope. The Texas legislature passed a statute that allows for a carefully vetted, small group of incredibly law-abiding students to carry arms on campus; but only if those arms are carefully hidden, so as not to offend the sensibilities of the local gun haters.

The policy, while considerably short of full recognition of the right to keep

and bear arms, is having a small, positive, effect on the campus population. Some of the most vocal and least tolerant of the gun haters are choosing to stay away from the Austin campus. From mystatesman.com:

A University of Texas English professor says a law

six days after the campus carry mandate took effect: "We already have concrete examples of faculty who have declined to apply for jobs here at the university or who, once offered jobs, have turned them down when they realized that this policy would go into effect, students changing their minds about coming to our

suffers from an amazing surplus of those who are unwilling to allow people to exercise their Constitutional rights. Karla Holloway is the lecturer who refused to come to Austin because of the campus carry law. Austin is better off without her privileged, elitist voice that is used to condemn the society that she has so richly benefited from.

In this case, the Texas law acts as a mild filter, adding an incentive for those with disdain for the Constitution to stay away. In the story cited, the fact checker, was able to confirm only one speaker who would not come to Austin because of the new law, one prospective faculty member who decided to stay away, and one student who decided to cross Austin off his list of prospective schools.

It is a tiny bit of evidence that the law is having a positive effect; but it would be better if the numbers were much higher.

Two faculty members had such high levels of gun hatred and disdain for the Constitution that they felt compelled to mention that the new law had a positive impact on their decision to leave Austin for employment elsewhere.

Again, small, but positive numbers.

Austin is overflowing with boastful, intolerant "progressives" that actively dislike American culture and the American Constitution.

Texas, Austin, and the entire country would be far, far better off if these intolerant individuals stayed far, far, away. I watched the takeover of public universities during the 1960's, 70's, and 80's. It was done with the intention to remake America into the image that "progressives" desire, a centrally planned economy run by them, where those who value the rule of law, freedom, and structures that limit government power, are voices that should be silenced.

It was a mistake to allow our universities to be turned into indoctrination camps for intolerant liberal fascists. That a few are dissuaded from coming to the University of Texas at Austin is a positive side effect of starting to restore the Second Amendment in Texas.

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"It used to be axiomatic that on a campus, people were able to argue about controversial ideas..."

enabling Texans with state permits to carry concealed guns into classrooms has already caused prospective faculty, students and even speakers not to come to the Austin campus.

Lisa Moore said in an NPR interview aired Aug. 7,

graduate and undergraduate programs, and invited speakers declining to come when they realized that we couldn't guarantee that they would give their talk in a gun-free space."

The Austin campus has no shortage of gun haters. It

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and skills with weapons a
good and useful thing

Having looked at a number of passages that deal with weapons and self-defense, let's spend a little time discussing Scripture's view of owning weapons and being skilled in their use. The imagery of weapon use and skill at weapons use is often employed in Scripture, and it is often portrayed as a positive or desirable thing. The Lord's might is something good, and it is often depicted using martial terms (*Zec. 9:14, Psa. 7:13, 18:14, 21:12, 64:7, Hab. 3:11, Deu 32:42, 2 Sam 22:15*). The Scriptures are a sword (*Eph. 6:17; Heb 4:12*). A sword comes out of the mouth of Christ (*Rev. 1:16, 2:16, 19:15*).

Possession of weapons is never discouraged in Scripture. In fact, in 1 Samuel 13:19ff, it is negatively reported that no spears or swords were found in Israel because of the Philistines:

1 Samuel 13:19-22 *9 Now there was no blacksmith to be found throughout all the land of Israel, for the Philistines said, "Lest the Hebrews make swords or spears."... 22 So it came about, on the day of bat-*

tle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people who were with Saul and Jonathan. But they were found with Saul and Jonathan his son.

Let's look at two verses from the Psalms:

Psalm 144:1 *Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:*

Psalm 18:34 *He teaches my hands to make war, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.*

Skill and ability to use weapons here, whether literal and/or metaphorical, is positively portrayed in these verses.

Further, we have accounts of David, not a soldier, not a law enforcement officer, but a youth, employing ranged weapons skillfully (with God's help) against bears and lions. This is domestic use of lethal weaponry, non-military use, with non-military training. The weapons used by young David are not "kid-die" slingshots. They are powerful enough to kill a bear and lion--in today's market, we're talking about a .44 magnum, not a .22, in the hands of someone too young to be in the army.

We might be tempted to

think that was just for dealing with animals that could threaten sheep. But aren't humans worth even more protection than sheep?

We understand that according to Scripture, in matters not of worship or church government, whatever is not forbidden is permitted. I'm not making a claim that ownership of weaponry for the purpose of self-defense is required of the believer. It is not required, but it is permitted by Scripture.

Warnings

Now, let's conclude with some warnings.

Trusting in the sword

First of all, it would be a mistake to leave this class trusting in the sword. Guns, knives, weapons...these are mere tools, and none of these things can guarantee protection, any more than owning a fire extinguisher guarantees that your house won't burn down.

Psalm 44:6-7 *6 For I will not trust in my bow, Nor shall my sword save me. 7 But You have saved us from our enemies, And have put to shame those who hated us.*

We see in Nehemiah 4:14 that the people were armed and willing to use their weapons, but they were

also trusting in the Lord:

"Do not be afraid of them; remember the Lord who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.... 20 "At whatever place you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us."

Do not put your trust in weapons. They are tools that are useful, but they are only dead, inanimate tools, at the end of the day.

"...the LORD does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the LORD's." (1 Samuel 17:47 NAS)

Improperly resorting to the sword

Secondly, beware of improperly resorting to the sword. I would hope the passages dealing with the shedding of blood impressed on you the narrow limitations for when it is proper to employ lethal force. It is never to be in hatred, never in revenge, never in jealousy. David in his pride nearly murdered Nabal, but Abigail restrained him. David would have killed Nabal...and regretted it.

1 Samuel 25:32 *And David said to Abigail, Bless-*

ed be Jehovah, the God of Israel, who sent thee this day to meet me: 33 and blessed be thy discretion, and blessed be thou, that hast kept me this day from blood-guiltiness, and from avenging myself with mine own hand.

Employing potentially lethal force out of anger, hatred, jealousy, or revenge is always wrong and is condemned by Scripture.

Here is a warning: If you find that you have anger or self-control problems, owning weapons is unwise. The believer is to be "not soon angry, no brawler, no striker" (*Titus 1:7*). Lamech is an example of someone who should not own weapons (*Genesis 4:23f*).

When you are insulted or cursed, when your wife or your mother is insulted or cursed, you are not to resort to violence.

27 But I say unto you that hear, Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you, 28 bless them that curse you, pray for them that despitefully use you. 29 To him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also

the other; and from him that taketh away thy cloak withhold not thy coat also. 30 Give to every one that asketh thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again. (Luke 6:27-30 ASV)

There are a lot of great virtues depicted in the classic westerns. The propensity to break into fistfights or gunfights when honor is insulted is not a virtue. The Lord, not you, is to take vengeance and set things right. An insulting slap in the face is something you can suffer as a Christian.

What if you are badly wronged? What if your wife or daughter is badly wronged? You must stop an attack that is in progress, but afterwards, you must not seek revenge. There is no room for vigilantes.

Romans 12:19 *Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.*

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Politics & The Bible From Pastor Jim



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



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.

Heroes or the Hallucinated

When I was a boy—a very long time ago—I delighted in books. I developed a bond of friendship with them, especially tales of adventure and featured stories of independence, imagination, self-reliance, and the overcoming of great obstacles. The chronicle of the early mountain men, pioneers and settlers were particularly intriguing. When a circumstance of impossible odds was presented, it was always fascinating to imagine what I would have done in a similar scenario.

More than one youngster was so spellbound by the Robinson Crusoes of literature that sleep finally captured them with the company of a book and flashlight under the covers. Schoolyards across America were often privy to youthful conversations about the trailblazers who were presented on the printed page. Eyes gleamed when the consumers of these dramas considered what great deeds they might accomplish with their Daisy rifles.

Our parents' generations fought a horrific war to preserve our right to dream of individual heroics and accomplishment. When they chose to impart information to us concerning that wretched conflict, it was usually to make a point about the necessity of victory. We played little league baseball with the complete understanding that there would be winners and losers. We did not expect a trophy for defeat.

Even as the greatest generation won the war, their children went on to construct the greatest economy in the world, an economy built upon principles of individual achievement. As a matter of practical curiosity, I wonder what book titles future adolescents may look to for inspiration. The imagination runs wild with possibilities...

What Difference Does It Make and Effective Email Eradication by Hillary Clinton

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When Charlton Heston led ancient Israel out of Egyptian bondage to freedom, God instituted a form

of government for the pilgrims of the wilderness that would be most closely likened to a republic. When someone asked Benjamin Franklin what kind of government our forefathers had forged for the colonists, he answered, "A republic, if you can keep it." This "in God we trust" style of administration worked well for 400 years when the Hebrew nation followed the basic guidelines. In due season, human nature being what it is, the people voted and demanded a king. They had observed nations and desired to emulate the larger government approach. The idea of the king furnishing cradle-to-grave provisions was a magic lure that few fish could resist. The prophet Samuel issued a stern warning concerning the consequences of such a shift. His lecture testified that the king would eventually control the entire economy, and all of the population would become subservient to his will (1 Samuel 8). Nevertheless, the ballots were cast for the king. The transition was gradual to the extent that, to the uninformed, it was imperceptible. Eighty years later when Solomon entered the "White House" things were dramatically different. The emphasis was then on one man-the king- and his alleged accomplishments. Large government was firmly entrenched, and Samuel's words had found complete fulfillment.

Perhaps the greater tragedy in the epilogue is from that point forward personal heroics disappear in the narrative of the Scriptures. Kings and government become the primary theme. There are no more heroes like Moses or Joshua, Gideon or Samson. David's dealing with Goliath had come to a sad conclusion. Individualism had been successfully eradicated in favor of a one-size-fits-all fascism. This form of misguided nationalism ultimately led them to cave in to Babylonian captivity. The circles of history demonstrate populace leaving bondage to return like a dog to the same vomit. The only champions during the span of the subjugation were the prophets who cried out against the abuses of monarchs and mortals. Jesus even indicated that they were frequently vilified and hated for their voices of protest (Matthew 5:12; 23:13).

On the contemporary scene, after whom should I encourage my grandchildren to pattern their thinking? Big-time, steroid-injected athletes negotiating for obscene contracts, of the Hollywood types basking in ridiculous lifestyles, or corrupt politicians who have asked these children to pay a debt they did not incur? I wonder if the pay czar has his crosshairs on those groups. I trow not!

Methinks David and Robinson Crusoe will serve them well!

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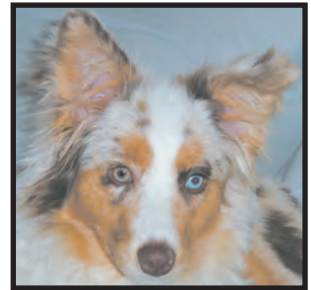
A Sheepdog Barks!

Obama's response when asked about the FBI/State Department quid pro quo email exchange was "the accounts...are just not true." HOWL! That should really clear it up. We can all rest easy now that we know there was NO collusion while trying to protect HilLIARy and the White House. WOOF! The State Department spokesman said questions about the FBI emails were "insulting." REALLY? What is "insulting" is that our corrupt government believes they can lie to us, deceive us and mess with us without any consequences. This latest episode in protecting Clinton and Obama reminds me of the old saying "are you going to believe me or your lying eyes." We still need some honest and courageous FBI agents to step up and tell the American public the truth. WOOF!

The WikiLeaks emails exposing the Clinton campaign's thinking and her speeches to the Wall Street Bankers prove there is a clear bias in the mainstream media (MSM). They are doing everything they can to ignore or downplay these revealing thoughts and positions. HilLIARy told Wall Street that politicians need both a public and a private position on most issues and these emails prove her point. The MSM wants to focus on how they were obtained instead of the content. The content is so ugly that they have no choice but to "bury" the discrimination, bigotry, dishonesty, collusion and even some quid pro quos by over reporting on Trump's locker room/dirty ole man talk. Let's get real. It's not the Russians making this stuff up. It's the content of the emails, stupid! It's the actual beliefs, dirty deeds and policies of Clinton and her campaign staff. Of course her supporters like to say these are not emails directly from HilLIARy. OF COURSE they are not! Do you think the Godfather sent out emails on who to kill? There are always several layers of operatives to protect the real culprits. WOOF! A perfect example is retired navy Admiral John Kirby. He, and others like him, will go on TV and lie straight out to the American

public in order to protect their bosses. He is living proof our government is dishonest and intentionally deceives Americans every day, while apparently sleeping soundly every night. How he can look at himself in the mirror while shaving every morning is beyond me. Kirby is an embarrassment to the military and to America. He lied for Obama when he was the Defense Department spokesman and now he lies to protect John Kerry. He is dirt! WOOF! The problem is Obama's government is full of Kirbys. The only change that will occur if HilLIARy is elected is that a few names will change. The lies, distortions, deceptions, cover-ups and corruption will continue. Do we really want more of that crap? Not me! WOOF! Even Podesta said in some of the emails that HRC has "trouble with the truth" and that he is concerned with her "instincts." Worrisome observations to say the least. Climate Change, which she fully supports, is another good example. Climate Change experts in 2008 said that Arctic Sea Ice would melt entirely by 2016. Well, it's 2016 and the latest satellite images show 31% more ice now than in 2012. Another lie which HilLIARy supports! Imagine that! It never ends with the LPSDs. WOOF!

Vice Presidents are not all that important really unless the president dies. Most presidents have no intention of letting their VP upstage them. Remember when Obama told us that he was putting Joe in charge and "Sheriff Biden" was going to make sure all the stimulus money was properly spent and accounted for? What a laugh! Biden is a clown and couldn't keep track of a teenager's allowance. Anyway I digress. Here's the point I wanted to make. I learned all I needed to know about Tim Kaine when during the VP debate he said "I'm HilLIARy's right hand **person**." He obviously is a politically correct wimp that has been emasculated by the feminists in the LPSD party. The fact that he has agreed to play court jester for this despicable criminal tells me he is a complete wuss. WOOF!



As you all know I love to use animal analogies and sounds. The LPSDs leaders are wolves and go **HOWL!** The uninformed and weak are sheep that go **BAAA!** The Republican Leaders in Congress are straw lions that mew like kittens, **MEEOW!** And of course sheepdogs bark to warn the sheep and scare off the wolves and go **WOOF!** Well now I've discovered another important animal that we need to be aware of. **The Mule!** Please read the great article on **page 19**. A mule is one that can destroy insanity and create needed change. I like that and might include mules in later columns. A mule will go **HEEHAW!** We need a lot of Mules. **WOOF!**

My thoughts on the "Trump Tape." One candidate talks about his sexual fantasies in a bragging, dirty old man way. And it gets wall to wall media coverage. The other candidate was an enabler for a serial sexual predator and abuser who also personally attacked her husband's victims in a vicious manner to "thoroughly destroy those bimbos." And that gets no coverage except by Fox News Channel. Which one is the most guilty? The bragging one or the cover-up one? Words or deeds? Let's get on to the real issues. It's the economy and jobs, stupid. It's our security, stupid. It's our feckless foreign policy, stupid. It's our open borders, stupid. It's our right to bear arms, stupid! Focus my friends; let's focus on the issues destroying our freedoms, our rights, our safety and even our core values. This isn't rocket science. WOOF!

Lastly, my thoughts on HilLIARy. She reminds me of a slug which leaves a trail of slime behind itself wherever it goes. YUCK! Pass the salt please. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



The Truth About GOP Abandoning Trump

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.Org

Let's cut the c**p eh?

Paul Ryan, Mitch McConnell, Reinice, John McCain and the others **are not upset about Trump's foul mouth.**

That's yet another lie.

Here's the truth:

They know d**n well that last year alone the House and Senate, both of which are Republican, presided over, passed and spent at a level that generated a \$1.4 trillion deficit.

Let me remind you that all revenue bills must originate in the house. The President may not spend one dollar that has not been allocated by Congress.

It is a **fact** that the government ran a \$1.4 trillion dollar deficit in the fiscal year ending September 30th. Read the link for the documentation; (Editor/GG: see <https://market-ticker.org/akcs-www?post=231528>) the MTS showing exactly where that went will be out Tuesday, and I will be reporting on it.

Here is the problem: If Trump wins the election then both Houses of Congress and the Presidency will be carried by Republican majorities.

This means they will have nobody to blame for what is a certain fiscal and economic crack-up that will come during the next President's term on the path we are on now and which none of them intend to change.

If Hillary is in office they can blame her just like they blame Obama now, **even though, as noted,** the Con-

stitution requires **all** revenue bills to originate in the House and the President cannot spend one dime without a Congressional appropriation.

*However, the people of this nation are either too stupid, too ignorant or have their face stuffed too far up a social media site's a** to pay attention to this fact and demand that it stop before the federal government blows up on a budgetary level, before our economy blows up and before all of our asset markets -- stocks, bonds, housing, all of it -- go up in smoke with loss-*

es that could easily reach 90%.

THAT is what is coming, it is **likely** coming during the next President's term and the GOPs knows it.

If it happens when the GOP controls **all three portions** of the bill-passing mechanism in the United States **they will own it and have it tattooed all over their bodies** and will not be able to blame it on anyone else.

That is why the "outrage" now, when it is being widely reported that *Paul Ryan* along with others in the Republican Party knew

that leaked audio recording from Trump existed *months if not years* ago.

The issue is not a leaked audio recording from 10 years ago.

It's their mortal fear of being hung, either politically or *literally*, when the economy and federal government collapse on their watch and as a **direct** consequence of their actions *with no way to blame anyone else.*

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Clinton, ISIS, Saudi Arabia and Qatar

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.Org

One of the most-incendiary charges Trump has leveled at Hillary is that she basically created ISIS.

The "indignation" is amusing, consider that the charge is basically true!

Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton sent an email to her campaign chairman John Podesta in 2014, who was then-counselor to President Barack Obama, that said Saudi Arabia and Qatar are both giving financial and logistical support to the Islamic State and other extremist Sunni groups, according to a recent Wikileaks release.

It gets better.

You see, Qatar has given somewhere between \$1 and \$5 million to the **Clinton Foundation** and Saudi Arabia has given upwards of **\$25 million.**

That's right -- two nations that Hillary Clinton *admits* in her own emails to her campaign chairman **are funding and giv-**

ing logistical support to ISIS are also giving her **foundation** money.

What did they buy for their donation? Does this meet the definition of "aid and comfort to an enemy"? Maybe not (money flowing *the other way* certainly would) **but if there was any sort of consideration in return for the funds, and there probably was or is,** that's another matter.

However, that Hillary's foundation accepted money from two nations that she **says, in her own words** are responsible for funding and assisting ISIS with logistics **is fact.**

Did Hillary create ISIS? Yes, pretty-much, during her time as Secretary of State. Through the feckless policies of the Obama Administration and *Hillary Clinton as head of the State Department* we created political power vacuums in critical parts of the Middle East *while at the same time providing weapons that were, in many cases, diverted to a then-nascent ISIS!* Obama has sought to prevent this from coming to light and

even dismissed federal charges against a man who was in the middle of it at the behest of the government when the DOJ was going to be **forced** to release documents (which he subpoenaed for this defense) that would prove that **indeed** Obama and Clinton **illegally** circumvented UN sanctions **with a clandestine plan to arm Libyan rebels that wound up being part of the reason Benghazi occurred and resulted in diversion of said weapons in part to ISIS!**

Do you really want a President that entangles her own family foundation **with nations that are funding the very people that would like to blow us all up or cut off our heads? They're not kidding about that cutting off heads thing, you know, especially if you're gay.**

If that sort of entanglement isn't enough, how about her as Secretary of State, actually arming ISIS? That's not a problem for you as a voter either, right?

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LIBERAL ATTEMPTS from page 17

Hollywood defeats Donald Trump, progressives face a decision point. They can change their ways and return America's culture to how it was, where everyone gets a chance to participate, or they can double down on the new rules of mockery and exclusion to consolidate their own power.

But they are likely too foolish to realize the danger to our country as we know it, too blindly confident that they can play by one set of rules while forcing everyone else to play by another. Instead of seeking unity, they will do the opposite -- more exclusion, more ostracism from self-determination for the people they consider unworthy. Despite a narrow win, they will claim a massive victory over people like our guy, a mandate to complete the subjugation of Americans like him. After all, he's deplorable. He's irredeemable. He's unworthy of respect. His interests are unworthy of representation. The elite will heave a sigh of relief that the threat has passed, that with Felonia von Pantsuit in the Oval

Office our guy and those like him can be safely ignored.

But this will not end well.

Our guy and millions upon millions of others will get angry. Not merely miffed as with the Tea Party, not a bit perturbed as with Trump. Angry. Coldly furious, not only that they have been exiled from their own republic, but because they have been relentlessly insulted, abused, humiliated -- and forced to pay for it all.

Because the elite will have made it clear that the system really is rigged against those outside their caste, and that there is no way for people like our guy to be heard merely by trying to be part of the existing political system. And instead of meekly submitting, millions and millions of people may begin to look to step outside of the system as currently constituted.

And this will not end well.

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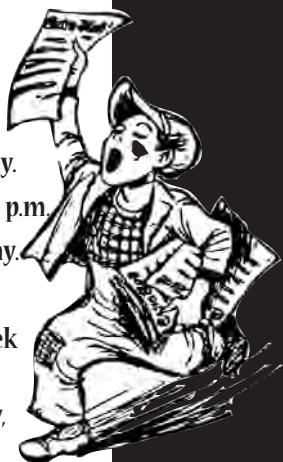
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