

Hayden Pass Fire: Number One in U.S.

by George Gramlich

From the Inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4849 web page, “The Hayden Pass Fire, located 3 miles southwest of Coaldale, Colorado; started as a lightning strike on July 8th. Fire crews searched for smoke over the weekend but were unable to pin point its location in the rugged terrain of the Sangre de Cristo Wilderness. Smoke from this fire reappeared on Sunday, July 10th, just after 2:00 p.m.; by 10 p.m. the fire had grown to over 5,000 acres (*Editor/GG: now 12,193 acres, see below.*). Strong winds, dry conditions and the large volume of dead woody debris in the area contributed to this rapid growth.

A Type 2 incident management team, Rocky Mountain Incident Management Blue Team, assumed command of this fire at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 11th. The incident commander for this team is Jay Esperance.”

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Hayden Creek Fire, taken from the Fox Creek Subdivision on July 11th.

Photo by Jennifer Huffman

Westcliffe Stampede This Weekend!



Photos from 2015 Westcliffe Stampede and Ranch Rodeos.

Sentinel courtesy photo

It's rodeo time again in Custer County. The annual Westcliffe Stampede, sponsored by the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club (WMVSC), celebrates its 70th year, kicking off with the Ranch Rodeo at the rodeo grounds on Friday at 6 p.m., followed by a dance at the adjacent WMVC clubhouse. Admission is just \$10 for both events.

Come, join the fun and be a part of the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club Rodeo Parade, Saturday, July 16th, 2016 10:00 a.m.



The main rodeo events start Saturday with the first Stampede Rodeo starting at 1 p.m. and a second Stampede Rodeo at 6 p.m. Ticket prices are

a very reasonable \$10 for adults with military members and children (under 18) being \$5. The annual Stampede Rodeo dance starts at 8 p.m, at the WMVSC clubhouse with the Atomic Fireballs leading the charge. Tickets are \$10 for singles and \$15 for couples.

The final Stampede Rodeo is Sunday at 3 p.m.

For more information call (719) 371-3853 or visit the WMVSC's website at www.wmvsc.com.

Fire Ban in Custer County!

Effective Wednesday, July 13, the Board of Custer County Commissioners has ordered a Stage 1 Fire Ban. To see the entire Stage 1 Fire Ban ordinance, go to www.custercountygov.com/pdf/OpenBurnOrdinance.pdf,

See page 22 for more information..



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God Bless and Comfort the families of these officers who chose to serve and protect their fellow citizens by standing for justice and by standing in the gap for the safety and legal rights of all peoples, including their right to peaceably exercise their first amendment rights.

Please pray for their families, for Dallas residents, for our Nation, and for all officers who continue to serve and protect us.

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We will not be constrained by the illogical, misleading and inaccurate thinking and use of “political correctness” but by truth, facts, logic and

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Our Opinion...

From the Editorial Board

CAN WE TRUST OUR GOVERNMENT?

Most of you are familiar with the Shakespeare phrase “There’s something rotten in Denmark.” We have concluded there is something rotten in Washington D.C. also. Just how inept, incompetent, dishonest and corrupt might our federal government be? The lies, misleading statistics and corruption are overwhelming. Many of us thought that our country’s bedrock was the rule of law. We can no longer count on that. This current administration will turn out to be the most non-transparent in our history. In order to be reelected Obama orchestrated a totally dishonest narrative to the American people about what really happened in Benghazi. How is it that Americans can be good with that? The failure to activate the “situation room” once the president and the secretary of state knew an attack

was ongoing is unforgivable and corrupt. We know that the guidance from the White House to the administration officials was to “underscore that these protests (note the lack of the word attacks) are rooted in an internet video and not a broader failure of policy.” Americans know now that it was exactly a failure of policy?

On a daily and monthly basis the federal government lies, misleads or is dishonest to us on just about every situation in America. We are given dishonest unemployment statistics based on a flawed formula, they spend money we don’t have, and they attach pork barrel spending and regulations to every legislative bill they work on. Americans should not accept these kinds of actions and force our government to be honest. Too many

Americans believe and accept that all politicians lie. Why would we accept that? Growing up most of us believed in our elected leaders. Many of us used to believe that their decisions were based on what is lawful and what is best for America. Many of us no longer feel that way. Just in the last ten years we have learned that there are banks that are too big to fail (no matter how corrupt and greedy they were), selected corporations are too big to fail (no matter how inept they were) and now we have absolutely learned that some Americans are too big to fail (no matter how corrupt they are and how many laws they violate).

Consider what we just saw in the last few weeks. While the FBI investigation was still ongoing, a former president (possibly a target himself) and the husband of the target of mishandling classified emails met with

the attorney general who would make the final decision. That was so wrong it defies explanation. We are expected to believe that the plane was cleared of all the people just so Bill and Loretta could talk about grandkids and golf. Really? The attorney general should have resigned or been fired in an honest, transparent government. The FBI Director spent 13 minutes explaining how the former secretary of state mishandled classified emails and used an unauthorized personal server to conduct official government business. He then spent the last two minutes telling us that he would not recommend charges. The ending was so outrageous and wrong that most honest Americans were dumbstruck. He also told us no one knew what he was going to say but, Air Force One was already in the air with the president and the former secretary on board to campaign together

in North Carolina. Do you really believe the “ending” wasn’t already known? Of course it was! This situation is another example of exactly why we cannot trust our federal government. This cover up is a miscarriage of justice. No one is above the rule of law. No one should be too big to fail. The facts are there. No criminal intent is necessary. Lying under oath is obstruction of justice. The former secretary of state cannot be that uninformed. She was grossly negligent, thus she committed the crimes. If she was that uninformed she is certainly not qualified to be the president of the United States. We all know better though don’t we? Hard core liberals don’t care. They just want to elect the first woman president. The rest of America should care however. Indeed, there is something rotten in Washington, D.C.



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Custer County Search and Rescue (SAR): Death on Crestone Needle

from SAR Facebook page

Two Western State Mountain Rescue Team members assisted Flight for Life with the recovery of a 55 year old Parker man at 07:30 this morning and are hiking out now.

The man died late Sunday afternoon in a fall on Crestone Needle, after descending off-route. His climbing partner notified law enforcement of the fall via 911. A 3rd member of the party, who had turned back when he felt the conditions exceeded his abil-

ity, became disoriented and also requested assistance, by alerting his family of his situation. They contacted law enforcement and a CCSAR team located that individual and brought him to Westcliffe Sunday night.

Yesterday's Custer County Technical Team coordinated with the two person Saguache team to manage lowering operations and transfer to the landing zone, completing that operation at 10:45 Monday.

Mechanical and logistical issues with FFL prevented

completion of the mission yesterday and the effort was aborted at 17:30 hours. Both teams hiked out together, via Broken Hand Pass, arriving in Westcliffe at 23:15.

The team of 2 from WSM-RT relieved those rescuers to complete the mission this morning.

Thank you to all the SAR teams involved.

Our thoughts, prayers and condolences are with man's family and friends during this difficult time.

A Clarification to "RINO Hunting in Colorado: Update"

(Editor/GG: Representative Jim Wilson called the other day to talk about our RINO Hunting in Colorado article we ran a few weeks ago. It was an interesting conversation, to say the least. But all good.

He mentioned that in our follow up article in our July 1, 2016 issue titled, "RINO

Hunting in Colorado: Update" I mention the fact that we haven't received any replies from the three subjects of the original article, but I did receive an email from Senator Grantham, and I stated in the article that the email was "Something about maintaining a Republican majority in the Colorado Senate."

Jim was concerned that that one might infer that the solicitation was for Mr. Grantham's campaign. The email was a fund raising effort to keep the Republican majority in the Colorado Senate and NOT about Mr. Grantham. This is his last term as he is term limited. We're sorry if anybody felt otherwise.)

Rotary



Wet Mountain Valley
Westcliffe, Colorado

Rotary Pancake Feed to Benefit Students Saturday July 16th

The Rotary Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday, July 16th from 7am-10am in the West Parking lot of the Custer County School. The annual breakfast is the big fund-raising event for the Wet

Mountain Valley Rotary organization. The funds raised will provide post-secondary scholarships to Custer County students. "Each year Rotary provides scholarships for our local students,"

noted current Rotary president Monty Lee. "This past year we provided over \$20,000 in scholarships to help students pursue their dreams and this breakfast is our primary fund-raising event

to keep providing scholarships to our local students."

We will be set up in the school parking lot. Tickets for the event are a suggested \$10 donation for adults and \$5 for

children under 12. Tickets are available through local Rotary members and will also be available at the breakfast. Don't miss this opportunity to support our local students.

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Psalms 85:12

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Custer County Drive Smart at Stampede Rodeo

Press Release

July 11, 2016

DRIVE SMART Custer County will be at this weekend's Stampede Rodeo on Saturday, July 16 offering motor vehicle education for all ages.

Activities will include car seat safety checks, a mini roll-over simulator demonstration, and CarFit checks for older drivers.

Most parents think their child is in the right car seat and installed correctly, but they are not. Motor vehicle injuries represent the leading cause of death among children age 0–15 years old in the U.S. Many of these deaths can be prevented. Placing children in age and size-appropriate car seats and booster seats reduces serious and fatal injuries by more than half. Having the guidance from a trained professional can help save a child's life.

CarFit is a free interactive and educational program designed to improve older driver safety. Trained volunteers provide information to ensure the safest "fit" for older drivers and their vehicles. Older drivers are often the safest drivers in that they are more like-

ly to wear their seatbelts, and less likely to speed or drink and drive. However, older drivers are more likely to be killed or seriously injured when a crash does occur due to the greater fragility of their aging bodies.

Driver safety programs improve adult driver safety by addressing cognitive abilities and skills, however, older drivers can also improve their safety by ensuring their cars are properly adjusted for them. A proper fit in one's car can greatly increase not only the driver's safety but also the safety of others.

Certified child passenger safety technicians and CarFit technicians will be on hand to make sure that the driver and all passengers are as safe as possible in your motor vehicle. Both the car seat checks and CarFit checks last about 30 minutes and take place in your vehicle.

Even if you are not able to come partake in this Saturday's activities, please remember to always buckle up. Every ride. Every time.

For more information, check out upcoming events at Facebook.com/DriveSmartCuster/



Custer County 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale: A Preview



Cameron and Tiger Tank

Dear Sangre de Cristo Sentinel,

Hello, my name is Cameron Penkoff and I am 11 years old. This is my second year of doing a swine project. Last year I was in 4-H and competed at the State Fair with my Outdoor Adventures project and placed third.

I play baseball during the summer on the Majors team. I play football and basketball during the school year. My favorite position on the football field is linebacker! My favorite subjects in school are science and social studies (my mom told me recess and lunch don't count!).

My pig's name is Tiger Tank and he is a Hampshire. I named him that because he was huge when I got him.

He has a lot of muscle! Tiger is a great pig. He is big, healthy and strong and my favorite thing about him is how he walks because he is so big! I am excited to see how he does at the fair.

I would like to invite you to the Custer County Fair. The swine showmanship is on Thursday, July 14th, 2016 at 5 p.m. at the fairgrounds. You can bid on Tiger Tank at the 4-H Livestock Sale at noon on Sunday, July 17th. Tiger Tank and I will look forward to seeing you at the fair!!

Sincerely, Cameron Penkoff

Dear Sangre de Cristo Sentinel,

Hello, my name is Ben Penkoff. I am 12 years old and going into 7th grade. My favorite subjects in school are recess and science. I have received awards in science, math and reading and I maintain a 3.9 grade point average. My favorite sports are basketball, baseball and football. I'm a point guard in basketball, a first baseman in baseball and quarterback in football.

I have been in 4-H for five years. In the past, I have participated in archery, rocketry, visual arts and speech. This is my third year raising a pig. My pig is a Hampshire and

her name is Bullseye. I named my pig Bullseye because she has a black spot on the side of her body. My pig is very calm although usually hungry. Her favorite thing to do is typical, eat and play in the mud. Her favorite spot to be scratched is on her belly.

I would like to invite you to the Custer County Fair. The Swine showmanship is on Thursday, July 14th, at 5 p.m. at the fairgrounds. You can bid on Bullseye at the 4-H Livestock Sale on Sunday, July 17th at noon.

Bullseye and I will look forward to seeing you at the Fair!

Sincerely,
Ben Penkoff



Ben Penkoff with Bullseye



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First Liberty Rocks Meeting: Amendment 69 Another Healthcare Disaster for Colorado

by Fred Hernandez

On June 30th, a group of politically-engaged citizens met to hear Don Rodgers present facts about an upcoming ballot initiative known as Amendment 69. Rodgers spent a year researching 69, which would amend Colorado's Constitution forever, and what he uncovered and presented at Liberty Rocks' first meeting was staggering.

Ballot initiatives make their way into Colorado's elections, in part because we have a low threshold for stopping these avant-garde, clearly socialist and flawed ideas from being voted into state law.

In states like Colorado, these laws that are then used by special interest groups as a precedent for other states to follow. This is how bad laws poison the nation. A good case in point is the marijuana initiative in Colorado, now considered harmful to the state by many communities which are trying to amend

or eliminate it, to minimize the damage being caused. In the meantime, other states are by attempting to pass their own marijuana laws using, you guessed it, Colorado's ill-conceived law.

Regarding Amendment 69, a universal healthcare system actively supported by The Socialist Party USA, the goal is to implement the next phase of ObamaCare, an already a failed exercise in government power-grabbing. Putting Amendment 69 on the ballot is an attempt to get voters to pass it; the Colorado legislators know this is a bad thing and will not support it. If liberal Governor John Hickenlooper is against Amendment 69, we know it's terrible.

The Socialist Party USA has as its platform "The Socialist Party stands for a socialized health care system based on universal coverage, salaried doctors and healthcare workers, and revenues derived from a steeply graduated income

tax." Backers of this initiative are State Representative Irene Aguilar, former State Senator Jeanne Nicholson and T. R. Reid, Chair, Colorado Foundation of Universal Health Care.

Speaker Don Rodgers, an activist who works closely with doctors, economists and insurance professionals to gather statistics over the last year in order to pass these on to concerned citizens in so they can then make informed and educated decisions on issues that will impact their family's future

Amendment 69 is truly egregious. For starters, a board of unelected, unappointed "officials" will oversee the implementation of this amendment, if it passes, they are responsible to no one. They are not accountable to any governor, senator or elected official in the state (or even Federal) and can do as they please with no accountability whatsoever. They cannot be fired or recalled. The objective is to take control of ColoradoCare.

If passed, total control of ColoradoCare would be in the hands of 15, at the beginning, and eventually 21, so called "trustees". The initial board, as we understand it, will be democrat and proponent controlled since three of the five appointing authorities are democrats. Once appointed they can, by majority vote, purge the board of any dissenters, making it possible to continuously purge the

board of any dissenters. In addition, they can "stack the deck" by controlling the election process. This could be perpetual.

The amendment itself is nothing short of a grand

state must "provide coverage that is at least as comprehensive" as ObamaCare. It claims to be a fiscally responsible endeavor – NO additional spending required- when the truth is this is a \$25 Billion tax

viders get paid and insurance costs go down when in reality Medicaid, is a disaster for doctors' reimbursements and private insurance, is slashed and unavailable to most people. It claims health insurance co-ops are a model of how this will work when in reality all federally instituted co-ops (exchanges) created by ObamaCare are now in serious financial trouble or have already failed and are now out of business.

Healthcare in the State of Colorado accounts for 34% of the total state budget of \$26.3 Billion or \$ 8.9 Billion. Taxes collected under Amendment 69 would equal and most probably exceed the entire budget of \$26.3 Billion...a recipe for DISASTER. Vote NO, NO, NO on Amendment 69, an effort to destroy our state economy and practically enslave the population. Get involved and get the facts as they truly are. Contact Mr. Don Rodgers at his email address, don-rodgers@hotmail.com, or Dan Bubis, an organizer at LIBERTY ROCKS. Dan's email address is dbubis@gmail.com

Educating yourself and your neighbors about one really bad initiative and vote for the common good of all. See <http://amendment69co.com/> or Independence Institute: <http://www.i2i.org/amendment-69-what-you-need-to-know-about-the-ColoradoCare-single-payer-health-care-measure/>



Liberty Rocks hosts, Jackie and Dan Bubis (left), with Amendment 69 speaker, Don Rodgers. The informative event was held at Tony's Pizza.

Courtesy Photo

deception. While Colorado insurance companies are going bankrupt with Obamacare and overall, citizens are unhappy with it, amendment backers are counting on low information voters to vote yes on this premise of a replacement. Here are the claims they make. The first of the BIG LIES is that this amendment is an "opt out" of ObamaCare. An absolute falsehood when you look at Section 1332 of ObamaCare which says: a

increase (on top of it all this TAX is exempt from TABOR and can be raised as "needed" by a board that cannot be impeached, recalled or fired). It claims to be no burden to Colorado families when in reality it is a MONSTROUS TAX increase and where will that come from if not Colorado families? It claims patients make treatment decisions when in reality the unimpeachable board determines what care is acceptable for each patient. It claims pro-

LIBERTYROCKS

Developments taking place in our country at this time in its history, some of which clearly pose threats to our freedoms, led rise to another group formed to stand against the floods of tyranny, LIBERTY ROCKS. The organization of concerned, caring citizens who meet every last Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at Tony's Mountain Pizza in the town of Silver Cliff, Colorado. They gather not only to have some fun, fellowship, food and drink in a collegial and friendly atmosphere but, at the same time, to have a vibrant and educational group discussion on matters of urgency and

importance that affect the immediate community, the state and even the Nation. Organizers, Dan Bubis, and his wife Jax, along with other like-minded patriots held a meeting recently on Amendment 69. The next meeting, later this month, may have as guest speaker, Mr. Darryl Glen, who is running for the Senate. For confirmation of guest speaker and more information you are most welcome to email Dan Bubis at dbubis@gmail.com. Mark your calendar; last Thursday of the month (this month it is on July 28). Join us at the next LIBERTY ROCKS meeting.

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Paca Peace Open House

Saturday, July 23rd
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Visit Paca Peace Ranch's new home and meet and feed alpacas. We'll have refreshments and lunch. If you wish, you may join others in adding to a fence to enlarge the alpaca's pasture.

Directions: Route 96 east from Westcliffe to Bear Basin (CR 271.) Turn north on CR 265 then west on CR 264. Turn north on Ernest Ave. and go to the end which is Paca Peace.

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Press Release

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a 12 hour review course before it expires. By July 23rd, the final date of the course, trainees must be at least 15 years old. Younger swimmers may orient in parts of the course as Junior Lifesavers.

The upcoming Life Guard Training pre-swim skills test is Friday, July 15th from 4 – 5:30 p.m. (or at prior date with arrangements), followed by the 26-hour course in the evenings the following week. The cost \$160; however, some scholarships are available for qualified lifeguards who commit to lifeguarding at Club America. There is a required training manual and the Club has a few for loan. For more information about this course taught by experienced trainers, please text Lisa at 719.269.3606. We hope to see you on or before July 15th!

Silver Cliff Town Board Meeting July 11, 2016



Artist depiction of the new Silver Cliff Town sign. The Town of Westcliffe will have a similar one.

Courtesy photo

by Sentinel Staff

Highlights of the meeting:

1. A Daniels Grant has been awarded for substantial renovation of the Senior Center.
2. New town entrance signs for both Silver Cliff and Westcliffe will be coming soon.
3. A new event for Custer County, the Wet Mountain

Western Pilgrimage was discussed along with its press release. The three day event will be held September 16th through September 18th.

(Editor/GG: The Sentinel will publish the Wet Mountain Western Pilgrimage Press Release next week. Looks like a great event featuring various aspects of the history of the Wet Mountain Valley.)

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Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below, there were 288 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office, 17 to EMS, and 6 to the Fire Department. As of July 10, there were 4 males and 2 female in the county jail. Calls for Service between 7/4 and 7/10:

7/4/16:
Traffic Summons: Ellis McIntire of Greenwood, IN, for speeding 10 - 19 over.
Elisabeth Walsh of Centennial, CO, for speeding 20 - 24 over.
Cloud Spitzfaden of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over:

Janie Pendergrass of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over.
Cassandra Routt of Westcliffe for speeding 10 - 19 over, failing to use turn signals, and for displaying expired license plates.
Benjamin Rael of Pueblo, for speeding 10 - 19 over
Andrew Casano of Grand Junction for speeding 10 - 19 over.
Elizabeth Trujillo of Pueblo for speeding 10 - 19 over.
Gregory Pierce of Lowell, MI, for speeding 20 - 24 over.

Brian Shaw of Fort Pierce, FL, for speeding 10 - 19 over.
Zachary Gee of Colorado Springs for speeding 10 - 19 over.
Matthew Francis of Denton, TX, for speeding 10 - 19 over.
Jane Flanigan of Colorado Springs for speeding 10 - 19 over.
Arrest: Raymond Nygard of Gardner was issued a summons and arrested for operating a vehicle with defective missing headlamps and driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs or both.

7/6/16:
Traffic Summons: Warren Stoddell of Pueblo for speeding 25 - 39 over.
Lost Camper: A deputy was dispatched to Highway 165 in response to a report of a female camper who had not been seen for over four hours.
Accident: A deputy was dispatched to take a report of an hit and run accident in the parking lot of a merchant on Main Street in Westcliffe.
7/7/16:
Traffic Summons: Paul Bredthauer of Houston, TX for speeding 10 - 19 over.
Child Abuse Arrest: A

deputy on routine patrol in Westcliffe was flagged down by an unknown female who reported her 16-year-old daughter had run away from her vehicle and would not come back. The deputy requested back up help to find the juvenile. Ross Timlin of Pueblo was subsequently arrested on four counts of menacing, third degree assault, child abuse and harassment.
Civil Standby: A deputy was dispatched to CR 255 for a civil standby.
7/8/16:
Cacophony: A deputy was dispatched to a noise disturbance on Main Street

in Westcliffe.
Burglary: A deputy was dispatched to a residence on CR 377 in the San Isabel area in response to a reported burglary.
Shoplift Arrest: A deputy was dispatched to Main Street in Silver Cliff on a report of a shoplifter. Melissa Rodgers of Cotopaxi was arrested and booked into the Custer County Jail on the following charges: unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and theft between

SHERIFF
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BOCC Special Meeting July 5th

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Special Meeting
July 5, 2016
—WESTCLIFFE, Colorado
by Jackie Bubis

The meeting started at 9 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, and Introductions of the public in attendance. Commissioner Attebery was absent. Commissioner Katnig offered general comments of approval of the Independence Day weekend events.
He also reported on the June 30th meeting he attended regarding a Water Balance study for the Upper Arkansas district. It was an information only meeting regarding the study of groundwater, potential storage basins, and underground aquifers. When the study becomes official, the Custer County

portion of the \$600K study will be \$3K.
Attorney Smith brought the Raise the Bar Resolution for approval, which passed unanimously. Raise the Bar campaign strives to protect the Colorado Constitution from frivolous and expensive changes. (RaisethebarCO.com)
Staff Reports (Partial)
Robin Young from the Extension Office brought the commissioners the "hot off the press" County Fair booklet. The schedule can also be found on the county website. Ms. Young is working to schedule a canning class for August or September.
Gail Stoltzfus from the Public Health Office reported on immunizations given by her office as well as blood pressure screenings. They are in full swing giving sports physicals. She

brought report on recent Emergency Preparedness training and exercise. The Inter-governmental Agreement (IGA) for the shared nurse with the school was approved by the board and signed to be sent to the school board.
Tim Swartz from the Veteran's Service Office gave his report, indicating that his database now contains 263 veterans information. He continues to work through the paper files, contacting veterans and getting them into his database for help. Laura Lockhart, from Human Services reported that the fiscal year ended with 200 households receiving food assistance. She brought the MOU for the new TANIF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) standards for the board's signatures.
The meeting adjourned at 11:20.

KIDS Friday, July 15, 2016

July is National Blueberry Month

July is the month to celebrate the blue gem - blueberries.
This month is National Blueberry Month because it is the peak of the harvest season.
Following are some fun facts about the little blue gems.
Blueberries are one of the few berries that are native to North America.
Native Americans used the potent fruit to treat coughs. They once called them "star berries," because the five points of the blueberry blossoms make a star shape. They commonly used blueberries to make pemmican, a jerky type of dried food packed for sustenance on long journeys, and they used blueberries in non-traditional ways, like making dye from blueberry juice for textiles and baskets. Some early colonists made gray paint out of blueberries by boiling them in milk.
Blueberries are one of the only natural foods that are truly blue in color.
The berries rank second only to strawberries in popularity of berries.
This plump summer berry is packed with antioxidants and vitamin C.
Blueberries are ranked as having the highest antioxidant capacities among all fruits, vegetables, spices, and seasonings, and may help prevent damage caused by cancer, heart disease, and Alzheimer's. You could call them "super berries."
These are also low in calories -- fewer than 100 for a full cup. Eating them raw provides you the best flavor and the greatest nutritional benefits.
Not all blueberries are created equal. There is a difference.
Frozen/fresh wild blueberries are wildly different from regular blueberries you find in the produce section. Wild blueberries have twice the antioxidant capacity per serving of regular blueberries.
Maine is the blueberry production capitol of North America and produces almost 100 percent of all berries harvested in the country. Blueberries grow best in acidic soil at a pH of four to five and make a good container plant.
So enjoy the little blue fruits this month and know that you are also eating healthy. Stick out your tongue and show us that you ate your blueberries today.
by Audrey Slater, Sources: whfoods.com, webmd.com, 2020site.org, wild-blueberries.com

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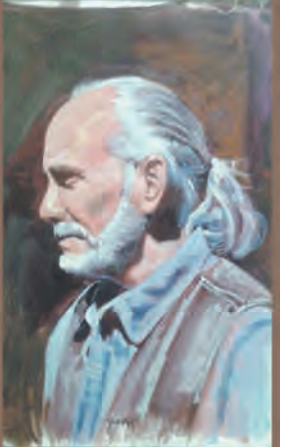
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BOCC Special Meeting July 6th

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Special Meeting

JULY 6, 2016
WESTCLIFFE, Colorado

by Jackie Bubis

The meeting started at 9 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, and Introductions of the public in attendance. Commissioner Attebery was absent.

There were no public comments.

Commissioners Kattnig and Shy attended the Firewise meeting.

Commissioner Shy drove out to the airport to assess damage. He reported that Roger Camper had already replaced the skylight before the recent fly-in. He took photos of the hangar damage and is waiting on a bid for repairs from Roger Camper.

Attorney Smith brought back the Inter-governmental agreement (IGA) between the Public Health nurse, the county and the school district and the BOCC accepted and signed it, sending it on to the school district for their action on it.

As part of the ongoing underfunded courthouse grant, the contract for the needs assessment was approved and signed. Commissioner Attebery will be the contact person and will meet with them on the 21st of July. The Custer County courthouse is one of the four worst courthouses in the state. In this grant, the county applied for \$30K for the assessment and was granted \$40K.

Roger Squire reported for Road and Bridge (R&B) along with Rusty Christiansen from the Landfill. They have new reflective signs which will be used when old signs are replaced. He reported that the road behind the DeWeese dam did not wash out this year. They continue to work on county roads and have started mowing operations. Traffic count machines will be placed soon. They also discussed the Denver International Airport (DIA) auction and what equipment that Road and Bridge might need. Commissioner Kattnig expressed that the rules state that anything purchased from that auction needed to be assigned to

the airport for two years before it could be officially transferred to the Road and Bridge department. But he said he didn't see any problem with equipment being assigned to the airport but used by R&B. Of course, he said, they couldn't paint it with R&B insignia but suggested maybe magnetic signs that could say Butler Field/Custer County Road and Bridge. Commissioner Shy suggested it might be prudent to check the rules for the auction.

The request by the landfill to waive the 180-day requirement for capping a pit has been submitted and is under review. Because of the short warm season here and other issues, the landfill is requesting five years.

Chuck Ippolito reported on the RETAC grant request. Despite having a two-month lead time, the EMS department did not submit a request. SAR did. The grant money available through RETAC is \$15K and SAR only requested about a third of that. Therefore, Ippolito will submit for the entire \$15K, listing generic equipment and training in hopes that RETAC will approve it. He wasn't convinced that they would.

Tom Duke, the architect for the Wetmore Community Center project was next on the agenda as Commissioner Kattnig requested. Kattnig questioned him about the reason for the project going as high as it has. Duke reminded him that the low bid for the project was \$862K, which had been whittled down to \$760K. **A group of citizens from Wetmore were in attendance and expressed their views that they had been working on this process for over three years. Their concern was that if the grant money wasn't used, they would lose it all and the project would never get done. They stated that every delay was raising the cost on the work. They stated that they felt Commissioner Kattnig was continually throwing a wrench into the works and was not on their side.**

Commissioner Kattnig took exception to this statement. "I was in Wetmore way before most of you people were. My family has been in the

Wetmore area for over 100 years." He continued with his childhood history and ended with, "I have a very strong commitment to your community."

The spokeswoman for the group responded, "Well, you say that but I'm not seeing it."

The discussion went on with Mr. Kattnig talking about how much it had gone up and the Wetmore contingent reminding him that with every delay the cost rises.

Commissioner Kattnig reminded them that the real world isn't always what you want.

When the dust settled, Commissioner Shy made a motion to move forward finalizing the contract so that it could be signed at the BOCC meeting in Wetmore. The motion passed.

Donna Hobby reported for the Human Resources/Finance department. She reported that the FPPA (Fire and Police Pension Association) insurance that her department had been discussing with Sheriff Byerly was not the good deal they had both thought it would be. She requested that they discontinue it as soon as possible. No other county is using this insurance as it seems to be geared more for large metropolitan areas. The commissioners agreed and she will move forward with canceling this policy as soon as possible.

County Treasurer Virginia Trujillo presented the June statements for the board to review.

Cindy Howard, from the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) presented her report. She is looking for funds for the Ready Set Go Program to inform the community how to prepare for the eventuality of fire. Commissioner Shy gave her several options to check for funding. She presented some rewording of the hazard mitigation plan. There was a discussion about the use of MOUs (memorandums of understanding) vs the redundancy of equipment that would only be used once or twice a year. The OEM is tasked with a radio inventory in the county and that project is ongoing.

County Auditor Sam DeNardo reported his assessments to the commissioners.

Events Calendar

Monday, July 11, 2016 - All Day to Sunday, July 17, 2016 - All Day **Custer County Fair**
90 CR 241 Westcliffe

Friday July 15, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday July 16, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Summer Arts and Crafts Fair - Friends of the Library

Friday July 15, 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Saddle Club Ranch Rodeo and Dance
90 CR 241 \$\$

Friday July 15 and Saturday July 16, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 17, 2p.m.
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Saturday July 16, 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Rotary Scholarship Pancake Breakfast Annual Fundraiser \$\$

Saturday July 16, 10 a.m.
Saddle Club Rodeo Parade

Saturday July 16
Saddle Club 70th Annual Stampede Rodeo All Day
90 CR 241 \$\$, For more info contact Annie Kerns anniekerns@centurylink.net

Sunday, July 17, 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
SUMMER IN THE PARK Concert - Mike Blakely
Westcliffe Feed Store Amphitheater & Park, Westcliffe FREE

Tuesday July 19
9 a.m. Wetmore
Commissioner's Meeting

Saturday July 23, 12:30 p.m.
Book signing, reading and discussion of **Apryl Lynn's book "The Legacy"** at West Custer Library

Recurring Events

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

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

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

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

Wednesday
Club America — 7:55 a.m. High Altitude Training; 8:00 a.m. Kids Zone; 10:00 a.m. Low Impact; 5:15 p.m. Step Aerobics.
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Farmers Market. Jess Price Park, Westcliffe.
9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Line dancers meet at the Methodist Church. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370.

6 p.m. Closed Big Book Study Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Friday, July 15, 2016

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES



PUBLIC NOTICE

The following is a list of all bills presented, audited, and ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Custer County, Colorado, from their respective funds at the regular meeting on June 30, 2016.

Custer County Payments for Airport Fund Payments From June 1, 2016 Through June 30, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
CENTURYLINK	SRV	104.88
DDW INC	WIRELESS SRV	60.00
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	SUPPLIES	6.98
	Final Totals...	171.86

Custer County Payments for Capital Improvement Fund Payments From June 1, 2016 Through June 30, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
KS STATE BANK	SHER 2012 RAM LEASE PYMN	12,617.50
T A DUKE & ASSOCIATES	WCCLP ARCHITECTURE FEES	405.00
UNITED REPROGRAPHIC SUPPLY	ASSR COPIER MAINT AGREE	90.00
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING	ASSR MAPPING COPIER	285.40
	Final Totals...	13,397.90

Custer County Payments for Emergency Services Fund Payments From June 1, 2016 Through June 30, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AT & T MOBILITY	OEM SRV	85.31
CENTURYLINK	SAR LANDLINE & CELL	105.35
CRESTONE GRAPHICS	EMBROIDERY	63.00
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	EMERGENCY SERV INS	3,945.00
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	COUNTY FUEL	80.99
DIGITCOM ELECTRONICS	RADIOS & INSTALLATION	2,893.70
HOWARD/CINDY	HPMG STRJLDR MTG REIMB	230.41
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT	13,749.38
MOUNTAIN PUBLISHING CO INC/ THE	HELP WANTED 5/6 & 5/13	188.00
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	OFFICE SUPPLIES	80.86
US BANK	OFFICE SUPPLIES	644.81
WEST CUSTER CO HOSPITAL DIST	PHTLS CLASS & BOOKS	598.64
WEST MTN FIRE PROTECTION DIST	DIAG FEE 1ST RESP COMM	50.00
	Final Totals...	22,715.45
	Payroll...	9,757.31

Custer County Payments for General Payments From June 1, 2016 Through June 30, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ALL AMERICAN PUBLISHING	SHERIFF PUBS	654.00
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	DS W/H	129.58
AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE	CN W/H	167.30
AMERITECH INC	DEATH CERTIFICATE PAPER	13.55
AT & T MOBILITY	SERVICE	943.96
BERG HILL GREENLEAF & RUSCITTI	PROF SRVS	8,790.03
CARD SERVICES	TREAS ACCOM CHGS	525.57
CCEDC	CCEDC PASS THRU EXPEND	4,047.50
CDPHE	WC & CUSTER UNDEL SRVS	1,281.25
CENTURYLINK		350.63
CENTURYLINK	SERV	3,989.28
CHEMATOX LABORATORY	DRUG TESTING	335.00
CINTAS CORP	LANDFILL SUPPLIES	103.80
COLORADO ASSOC OF TAX	ASSR APPRAISAL CLASSES	395.00
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	GARNISHMENT	135.00
COX/CHARLES	REIMBURSEMENTS	216.60
CRESTONE GRAPHICS	ELECTION SUPPLIES	345.55
CSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION	QRTLY CO FORMULA YOUNG	3,325.00
CTSI VOLUNTEER INSURANCE	CLASS II INSURANCE	211.20

CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INSURANCE WH	35,555.52
CUSTER COUNTY EXTENSION	MISC & OFFICE SUPPLIES	529.98
CUSTER COUNTY MEDICAL CLINIC	SERVICES	682.76
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	FUEL	1,906.31
DISH NETWORK	TV SERVICE JUNE & JULY	90.18
EL PASO COUNTY	SERVICES	2,700.00
ENDPOINT DIRECT	POSTAGE TAX NOTICES	512.96
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	GARNISHMENT	442.00
FED EX	FREIGHT	135.52
GCR TIRES AND SERVICE	TIRES	1,013.52
GONZALEZ ROOFING AND GUTTERS	ROOF & GUTTERS 50%	12,600.00
GREEN/ELIZABETH	PRIZES HPV CAMPAIGN	296.90
HART INTERCIVIC INC	PROG BALLOTS & ENV	8,674.94
HENRICH/JAMES D	SUMMER CONF REIMBURS	279.76
HOUGH ELECTRIC	ANNEX REPAIRS	195.00
IPPOLITO/CHUCK	ROUTER/DRIVE REIMBURS	793.85
JACKETTA/DYLAN	RADIO EQUIP	300.00
KATTNIG/ROBERT (BOB)	CELL/TRAVEL/MISC REIMB	75.00
LEDS LLC	DOC PRESERV PROJ	12,695.40
LEGALSHIELD	LEGAL SERVICE WH	38.85
LITTLE/JEFF	REFUND OVERPAID FEE	20.00
LIVELY/TED	REFUND PERMIT APP	300.00
LOWE'S PAY & SAVE INC	FOOD MAY & JUNE	1,449.29
MARTIN/RHONDA K	CELL PHONE SUPPLIES	74.39
MB POLICE EQUIPMENT	UNIFORM SUPPLIES	11.49
MCFARLAND OIL	FUEL	1,505.79
MODERN MARKETING INC	SUPPLIES	431.48
MOORE'S HEATING AND COOLING	AC SERVICING	193.25
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	VEHICLE MAINT	519.87
NAYLOR & GEISEL P.C.	PROF SRVS	624.00
NEVE'S UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	140.00
NORUP GAS INC	SHERIFF COMPLEX SRV	413.73
OAK DISPOSAL SERVICE	CRTHS & EXTRA PU	107.50
OFFICE DEPOT	TREAS SUPPLIES	21.04
OFFICE DEPOT	CCPIHS SUPPLIES	139.08
OFFICE OF THE DIST ATTORNEY	PROF SRVS	7,645.83
PIQUETTE ENTERPRISES LLC	JUNE ACCT	794.66
PITNEY BOWES	QRTLY POSTAGE MACHINE	775.89
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE MACHINE INK	130.88
POSTMASTER	BOX RENTALS	224.00
PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER	CORONER SUPPLIES	818.98
QUILL CORP	P & Z SUPPLIES	81.02
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	CRTHS SRV	235.50
SAM'S CLUB	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	359.60
SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC	LANDFILL SRV	101.45
SBA STRUCTURES LLC	SITE RENTAL	521.68
SCHOCH/BRANDON	CORONER CALL OUT	100.00
SHY/CHRISTOPHER (KIT)	REIMBS	75.00
SMITH/CLINTON A	PROF SRVS	1,600.00
SSR AUTO SUPPLY INC	SHERIFF REPAIRS	149.20
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	360.96
STATE OF COLORADO	JUNE MVR DELIVERABLES	280.15
STOLIZFUS/GAIL		769.99
TASC PVR	TASC W/H	1,083.32
TOTAL OFFICE SOLUTIONS		586.17
U S POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE MACHINE POSTAGE	2,000.00
US BANK		3,047.98
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	946.23
VIVID INK AND TONER	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	248.61
WENZEL/H A	CORONER CONF TRAVEL	210.00
WEST CUSTER CO HOSPITAL DIST	REIMBS	199.55
WESTCLIFFE PETROLEUM	SHERIFF TIRE REPAIRS	57.00
WEST MOUNTAIN TRIBUNE	IMU2	579.10
XEROX BUSINESS SERVICES LLC	ASSR DATA PROCESSING	6,229.27
ZIMMERMANS BODY SHOP	SHER 04 DOD RAM REPAIR	1,442.37
	Final Totals...	143,083.15
	Payroll...	102,129.06

Custer County Payments for Human Services Fund Payments From June 1, 2016 Through June 30, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
	Final Totals...	10,563.98
	Payroll...	14,207.27

Custer County Payments for Road and Bridge Fund Payments From June 1, 2016 Through June 30, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AFLAC	AFLINS WH	56.16
AIRGAS INTERMOUNTAIN INC	CYLINDER RENT	443.62
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	AFA INS	532.52
AT & T MOBILITY	SRV	184.02
CANON GLASS INC	REPLACE GLASS	582.50
CENTURYLINK	WETMORE SHOP PHONE	193.25
CENTURYLINK	PHONE SERVICE	505.77
COLORADO DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	ANNUAL EMMISSIONS FEE	48.98
CUSTER COUNTY EMPLOYEES HIT	INSURANCE	10,978.76
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	CHAIN SAW REPAIRS	49.00
CUSTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	WETMORE PETTY CASH	63.36
DAY/KEVIN	REIMBURSEMENT	195.45
DIGITCOM ELECTRONICS	RADIOS & INSTALLATION	1,460.00
ENVIROTECH SERVICES INC	DURABLEND	5,464.81
FREMONT PAVING & REDIMIX	HBP	11,439.35
GCR TIRES & SERVICE	TIRES & REPAIRS	1,085.39
GENERAL AIR	CAPS & CUTTERS	132.51
J J KELLER & ASSOCIATES INC	OSHA TRNG & HAZCOM MANU	1,185.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	MISC SHOP SUPPLIES	50.09
KNECHT HOME CENTER OF CANON	QUICKRETE, OUTLET & GLUT	25.16
LEGALSHIELD	LEGAL SRV WH	51.80
LOWE'S PAY & SAVE INC	MISC CLNG & OFFICE STUFF	97.77
MACDONALD EQUIPMENT CO	LCD DISPLAY	1,473.18
MHC KENWORTH	SEAT	31.78
NAPA AUTO PARTS OF WESTCLIFFE	MISC PARTS	728.17
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	SIGNS & BRACKETS	249.63
OAK DISPOSAL SERVICE	DUMPSTER SERVICE	132.00
POWER MOTIVE	BALANCE DUE ON ACCOUNT	53.29
PROCOM	TESTING & SUPPLIES	70.50
PURITY CHEMICALS INC	CLEANER	195.00
ROUND MTN WATER & SANITATION	HYDRANT & BULK WATER	1,649.21
RUSLER IMPLEMENT CO	SEAT	283.55
SNAPON TOOLS	DRILL KIT & GLOVES	345.30
SSR AUTO SUPPLY INC	BATTERY	329.79
STOLTZFUS/GAIL	CPR/AED TRAINING CLASS	60.00
TASC PVR	FLEX PLAN WH	574.98
VALLEY ACE HOME CENTER	POTHOLE PATCH & MISC	7,698.16
WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO	CUTTING EDGES & MISC	3,942.62
WESTCLIFFE PETROLEUM	PROPANE, REG & DIESEL	13,330.26
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XEROX CORP	BASE CHRG & PRINTS	63.59
2ND STEEL	DAMPERS & ADAPTERS	461.22
4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	ORING, SEALS & FILTER	432.68
	Final Totals...	67,571.78
	Payroll...	35,212.76

Custer County Payments for Self Insurance Fund Payments From June 1, 2016 Through June 30, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
CTSI VOLUNTEER INSURANCE	CLASS 1 VOLUNTEERS	169.00
	Final Totals...	169.00

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

Custer County Payments for Tourism Fund Payments From June 1, 2016 Through June 30, 2016

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR	CSC AIRPORT DISPLAY AD.	3,150.00
MOUNTAIN MAIL/THE	SUMMER 16 ADVENTURE GUID	1,029.00
WEISENBACH/ROBERT	REIMB PAY WEB HOSTING	270.05
	Final Totals	4,449.05

STATE OF COLORADO COUNTY OF CUSTER

I, Kelley S. Camper, County Clerk in and for said county, and in the state aforesaid, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true, full, and correct list of all office bills allowed paid by the Board of County Commissioners of said county and state, at the regular meeting held in June 2016, as shown by the records and files of my office. Given under my hand and official seal this month of June A.D. 2016.

Kelley S. Camper
County Clerk

Date published: July 15, 2016
Sangre de Cristo Sentinel
Westcliffe, Colorado

Custer County BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Tentative Agenda

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2016
9:00 AM
Meeting Location:
Wetmore Fire Station

Call meeting to order
Pledge of allegiance
Roll Call
Amend agenda
Audience introduction
Approval of minutes
Public Comment
Commissioner Items
Attorney Items
Executive Session
New/Old Business
- Airport Hangar Repair
- Wetmore Community Center/Library Project - HE Whitlock Contract/Supplemental Grant request letter
- 2016 Housing Rehabilitation application
- US Forest Service Road Agreement

NOTICE TO PUBLIC: To meet publishing deadlines, all agenda items must be submitted either by calling the Commissioners Office at 719-783-2552; in writing to the Commissioner's Office at PO Box 150, Westcliffe, CO 81252; or by e-mail to brenda@custercountygov.com no later than 9:00 AM on the Monday of the week prior to the BOCC meeting. Items not submitted in time may be tabled for one month so they may be properly published. True emergency items will be heard. (Audio recordings of the BOCC meetings are available for public review or purchase.)

Sheriff's Report cont'd

\$50 and \$300.
Fire: The Wet Mountain Fire Department, EMS, and a Sheriff's deputy were dispatched to a structure fire on Electric Avenue in Centennial Ranch.
Suspicious Person: A deputy was dispatched to Highway 165, MM 4-5 in response to a report of a suspicious vehicle.
7/9/16:
Traffic Summons: Michael Merkt of Carlsbad, CA, for speeding 10 - 19 over.
Arrest: Shane Hall of Westcliffe was arrested on a warrant out of El Paso County.
Ill Hiker: Dispatch received a 911 call from a female who became ill while hiking Humboldt Peak. Custer County Search and Rescue was activated. The Wet Mountain Fire Department was dispatched to establish a landing zone for Flight for Life. The patient was airlifted to a hospital in Pueblo.
Bad Dog and Owner: A deputy on routine patrol in Westcliffe observed

a dog running loose in the street. The deputy was walking 10 feet behind the dog when it turned and charged him. The dog attacked his right foot. Chase Tucker of Westcliffe was issued a summons for the unlawful ownership of a dangerous dog and a municipal summons for animals running at large. The dog was kenneled and quarantined since the owner could not provide documentation that the dog has a current rabies shot.
7/10/16:
Shots Fired: A deputy was dispatched to Gabbert Drive in Rosita Hills to investigate a report of shots fired.
Harassment: A deputy was dispatched to CR 388 on a harassment complaint.
SAR: Members of Custer County Search and Rescue provided an agency assist to Saguache County, bringing down a hiker whose colleagues were summiting Crestone Peak. See report on page 3 of Sentinel.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

Where: Rancher's Roost

Date: July 20, 2016

Time: 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

RMWSD's Board of Directors invites you to attend a presentation by SGM Engineers regarding the options available to the community for final disposal of its wastewater effluent. This step was to determine if the district's current groundwater disposal method is cost efficient by comparing it to surface water disposal to Grape Creek.

The next phase of upgrading or replacing the current wastewater treatment system will look at the actual treatment systems and their locations.

FIRE from page 1

As of Wednesday, the fire size is 12,193 acres and there are 247 total personnel assigned to it. The fire is expected to spread south and east. There have been mandatory evacuations in Coaldale. Also, the Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp in Custer County, south of the fire has been evacuated as a precaution. There are three large, three medium and two light helicopters working the fire. Bulldozers are plowing multiple fire lines.

Our prayers for the fire-fighters, all those who are helping, and our neighbors who are in danger.

To stay updated: Inciweb. nwcg.gov/incident/4849, Custer County's radio station KLZR (91.7 FM), the incident management's facebook page for this fire: www.facebook.com/HaydenPassFire/, the Fremont County Sheriff's Office Facebook page, the Custer County Sheriff's Office Facebook page, and The Custer County Emergency Management Facebook page.

NOTICE

Custer County Road & Bridge is accepting applications for the following positions of **1 Driver/Equipment Operator** in the Westcliffe area. Successful applicants are required to have (at the time of interview) a minimum of a Class A CDL license with a tanker endorsement and a clean motor vehicle report. The applicant must be able to lift 50 pounds and pass a pre-employment physical and a drug & alcohol screening. Starting wage is \$13.60 per hour with a nice benefit package for the employee.

Applications are available at the Office of the Road & Bridge Dept. in Westcliffe from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The deadline for receiving applications is the end of business on Friday, July 22, 2016.

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2016 INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE IN WESTCLIFFE, COLORADO

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Westcliffe Open-Carry

by T.L. Davis, Christianmerc.blogspot.com

(Editor/GG: This article ran on Mr. Davis' very popular national blog site a week ago and we thought our readers would enjoy it.)



SCPC members with their banner, July 4, 2016

Photo courtesy of T. L. Davis

On July 4th, in a small town America, a large group of intrepid patriots buck imported liberal politics to stand up and walk behind a banner that reads: Southern Colorado Patriots Club. It has not been an easy road to get an Open-Carry contingent in the annual parade.

Mike Hess spoke passionately about the attempts to derail their efforts over the years. "They wanted to cancel the whole thing, rather than let us march," he said, sweating after the nearly one-mile hike at altitude 8,000 feet in the hot sun. "One year, they wanted to let us march,

iff's deputies by name and stop to shake their hands, the liberal fear of a gun takes a back seat. This is especially true where Mike Hess and George Gramlich have taken on the local liberal newspaper by starting the *Sangre De Cristo Sen-*

lives that have been given to maintain it for 240 years (depending on when you start the clock), but then one might go to Westcliffe and discover that there are a lot of Americans who remember what it took, and know what it will take, to maintain the liberties we have come to rely on over that time.

At the end of the parade, I spent some time at the *Sentinel* office where a number of people had gathered to give their thanks to Mike Hess and George Gramlich. Those gathered were and are as big a part of the success of the Open-Carry event and the newspaper as either of them, because without readers (such as those who read this,) there is little one can do to

*tin*el, a conservative newspaper that boasts 20+ pages with extensive advertisements.



Independence Day Parade in Westcliffe/Silver Cliff.

Photo courtesy of T. L. Davis

It was an honor to march with these patriots on the Fourth of July. At first I came to support them, but as we moved down the crowded street and those

spread the message of liberty. Without those willing to march down a street with weapons carried openly, the certainty of the Second Amendment is lost.

Thanks George.

(Editor/GG: Mr. Davis' blogspot is extremely popular with the patriot movement. We have reprinted several of his articles over the last few years. T.L. drove a long way July 4th to march with the Southern Colorado Patriots Club in our Independence Day Parade. We thank him for his gracious comments and for his dedication to the cause of freedom. Hope to see you again soon. Please visit T.L.'s blog often.)

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George Gramlich, Editor and board member at the *Sangre de Cristo Sentinel*.

Photo courtesy of T. L. Davis.

but without even a banner, weapons, or a rally at the end. There goes the Second Amendment and the First Amendment."

But, in the rural mountain town of Westcliffe, Colorado, where those marching with AR-15's slung across their backs call the Sher-

watching from the sidewalks waved and cheered for this group of patriots, I felt like the one who was being supported. It is easy to fall into the habit of thinking everyone is against patriotic feelings in America and that no one remembers how we started this nation and the

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Colorado State News

Trust This: Senator Gardner Moves to Revoke Clinton's Security Clearance

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

In a move that sent cheers throughout the nation, Colorado U.S. Senator Cory Gardner teamed up with U.S. Senate Whip John Cornyn to revoke Hillary Clinton's security clearance. The bill is hilariously (and pointedly) titled the Taking Responsibility Using Secured Technologies (TRUST) Act of 2016. Those senators have a sense of humor – TRUST Act. You know, because nobody trusts Hillary.

The Act would not only revoke Hillary's security clearance, but also the staff who helped jury-rig an independent server (that may

or may not have been hacked by Russians) for her when she served as Secretary of State. Here's what Gardner said about the bill:

"The FBI's investigation into Secretary Clinton's personal e-mail server confirmed what Americans across the country already know: Secretary Clinton recklessly accessed classified information on an insecure system – establishing a vulnerable and highly desirable target for foreign hackers. If the FBI won't recommend action based on its findings, Congress will. At the very least, Secretary Clinton should not have access to classified information and our bill makes sure of it."

The bill is in response to the Fed-

eral Bureau of Investigation's lack of will to prosecute Secretary Clinton despite FBI Director James Comey saying, "there is evidence that they were extremely careless in their handling of very sensitive, highly classified information" and "none of these e-mails should have been on any kind of unclassified system, but their presence is especially concerning because all of these e-mails were housed on unclassified personal servers not even supported by full-time security staff."

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tons-security-clearance/

(Editor/GG: We ran this article as another example of republican failure theatre. Gardner and the rest of the U.S. Senate RINO's voted to fully fund the State Department which is a cesspool of left wingers. They voted to confirm Loretta Lynch as the head of the Justice Department KNOWING that she is a totally corrupt left-wing hack (note the "pay-off meeting with satan himself, Willie Clinton, at the airport two weeks ago), they voted to confirm extreme anti-American U.S. Supreme Court justices, they voted to fully fund EVERY PENNY OBAMA AND THE BOLSHEVIKS REQUESTED

to further the federal tyranny. On and on. Now, after the machine that is destroying our country (i.e., the federal government and the corrupt RINO and bolshe legislature) has gotten everything they wanted, the RINO's stage little theatre Ops like this so the peasants who voted for them think they are fighting the machine. Folks, THEY ARE THE MACHINE and puff pieces like this are their way to get your vote again. This thing will go nowhere. They know it. And you better start knowing it asap. It's time to confront the fact that the establishment republican party is the problem with kabuki theatre puppets like Gardner and Tipton headlining the play.)

Robbing Colorado Homeowners to Pay Democrats

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Formerly known as Castle, Meinhold, Stawiariski and later as Castle Stawiariski, the Castle Law Group is a **known foreclosure factory that swindled money** from down-and-out Colorado families that thought they were paying to save their homes from foreclosure. The company's nefarious business practices have been covered for years, but just this week Colorado Attorney General Cynthia Coffman scored a decisive victory against the group. In the State vs. The Castle Law Group case, Colorado's Supreme Court authorized Attorney General Coffman to demonstrate evidence at trial that Castle Law Group "used affiliat-

ed businesses to artificially inflate foreclosure-related costs."

In a number of cases, the referenced lawsuits had never been filed – but families were still billed more than \$40,000 by Castle Law Group.

To confirm, the fees did not exist – but Castle Law Group charged them anyway, essentially robbing families of the money they had to scrape together to keep from losing their homes. Or so they were led to believe.

On top of the clear moral flagrance of these cases, what makes Castle Law Group's history all the more intriguing are its connections to the Democrat-

ic Party. While more than \$40,000 was lost by down-on-their-luck Colorado homeowners, Castle Law Group assumed its rank as one of the **largest donors** throughout Congressman Ed Perlmutter's political career. That's right: the same company that took money from disadvantaged families consistently donated heavily to Democratic political races in Colorado.

Now that Ed Perlmutter knows that one of his biggest donors was a foreclosure factory that swindled money out of Colorado families, will he give the money back or, better yet, give it to the families that the money was stolen from?

The answer: probably not. After all, in 2012, both Ed

Perlmutter and Jared Polis made wildly hypocritical remarks over the business practices of Bain Capital during Mitt Romney's presidential race. Democrats take the moral high ground when it suits them, and then take advantage of others when they stand to benefit.

Looks like this is just another case of Democrats using their self-serving, shady businesses to fund their own crooked political practices.

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101 N. 14th St, Cañon City
Florence-Penrose Fremont RE-2
2nd Mon. at 7 p.m.
403 W. 5th St. Florence

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

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

Royal Gorge Tea Party
2nd Thursday 6:30 p.m.
Core Knowledge School Gymnasium,
890 Fields Ave. Cañon City
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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
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Please let us know about an upcoming event or meeting you would like to see printed here, or covered in an upcoming issue.
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Florence City Council Approves Task Order to Improve Reservoir

by Charlotte Burrous

During the July 5th meeting, the Florence City Council approved a task order for \$57,400 for Farnsworth and \$5,380 for Smith Geotech to redesign the South Reservoirs in Florence.

“As we discussed earlier, Mark Perry had sent the email, letting us know that we are being reclassified from significant to high risk dam breach possibilities,” said Water Superintendent Brandon Harris. “He is going to issue a formal letter of the hazard class change after the innovation map is completed and that’s part of this phase II project that’s going on at the South Reservoirs. I’m looking for approval to move forward with the change orders, Task Order 56A through Farnsworth and the extra

works being done by Smith Geotech. There is an additional charge for having to meet the standards for the reclassification as a ‘high risk’ dam breach.”

Richard Saxton stopped all progress of design once he got word Florence might be reclassified so that he “wouldn’t waste any of the city’s money”, he added. It’s for the redesign for the dam itself, the intake structure, the intake tower and drain pipe and now in addition, what wasn’t in Task Order 56 is now the spillway or our overflow pipe. They’re going to go with a big concrete pipe.

“Once the design is completed, then Richard Saxton with Farnsworth will send out a scope of work for the project. Hopefully, it will be done by November.

Then crews will be able to start work in December or possibly January”, Harris added. This is all dependent on the state and its timeline to approve the new design.

“Currently, we have a bond, but we’re fighting, looking, begging for more money,” Harris said. “Hopefully we can get some DOLA grants or whatever.”

When asked why it needed to be done, he said there is a risk of possible fatalities. In between the South Reservoirs and Florence, there is a house in the middle of the big drainage and what they classify as high risk is a combination of two things -- velocity and depth of water. If those two numbers add up to more than seven, they classify that as high risk and possible fatalities.

St. Jude’s Fundraiser: 100 Mile Motorcycle Ride and 5K Walk/Run Slated for July 30th

Bike Ride Loops through Cañon City, Parkdale, Westcliffe and Wetmore

by Charlotte Burrous

For the eighth year in a row, the Fremont Motorsports will host its annual St. Jude’s Fundraiser with three events on July 30th.

Starting at 9 a.m., participants may gather for a pancake breakfast at 600 E. Main St. in Florence. Immediately following breakfast, the kickstands will go up and the riders will be rolling on a 100-mile ride around through Cañon

City, through Parkdale, up to Westcliffe then return to Florence. At 1 p.m., riders are expected to arrive back at Fremont Motorsports, where they’ll enjoy lunch, listen to music and sip on cold beer. Entry fee for this event is \$20 per person.

In the meantime, the 5K Walk/Run will start with check-in at 8 a.m. in Pioneer Park. At 8:45 a.m., participants will begin the walk/run, followed by a pancake breakfast. At 11 a.m., the awards will be presented to the participants. Entry fee for the 5K will be \$10 per person.

To top the day off, a St. Jude’s Fundraiser dinner will be featured from 5-8 p.m. at 131 Front St. The event will feature live music, dinner and much more. Entry fee is \$10 per person.

“Last year was the first time we had the dinner,” said Gary Buderus. “We have a lot of out-of-towners who participate in this event so we wanted to offer dinner to them also.”

All proceeds will go to St. Jude’s.

“We would like to raise \$3,500,” he said. “My goal is to raise a little bit more.”

Businesses who have agreed to help Fremont Motorsports this year are Miller Coors, KRLN 1400, Star Country 104.5, Daily Record and Big D Superfoods, and of course Florence Elks Lodge No. 611. For more information, stop by Fremont Motorsports. All entry fees must be paid in advance at 600 E. Main St. in Florence.

Events

July 15-August 7

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

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

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

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

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

July 2nd through August 27th. Fremont Center for the Arts Summer Family events FCA is open from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at 505 Macon Ave. DAWN to DUSK, A two-month Summer Family Event on the lives and art of **Colorado Native Americans and Early Settlers**. General Admission Tuesday through Friday and reception night is \$3 for FCA members, \$6 non-members and free for children 12 and under.

July 12-16, Drawing Workshop will be offered from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Fremont Center of the Arts at 505 Macon Ave.

July 15-16, Mercy Today Ministries will host a **yard sale** starting at 8 a.m. Doors open at 7:00 am. There will also be a **bake sale** on both days and a **car wash on July 15 only from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Car wash proceeds go to The Back Pack Program of Cañon City. The festivities will be located at 320 N. 16th street, behind City Market.

July 16th, The Royal Gorge Bridge and Park will present “**Park After Dark**,” featuring **Blue Oyster Cult** at 8 p.m.

July 23rd, The First United Methodists will host a **Day of Prayer** from 10 a.m.-noon in Cañon City. Drive through services also will be available. The event will be held inside the Fellowship Hall or in the parking lot at Ninth and Main Streets. The organizers invite everyone to request prayers on that day or anytime they feel a need. Believe in the power of prayer.

July 16th, Orchard of Hope will host its annual **Walk for Hope** at 8 a.m. with opening ceremonies at 9 a.m. in Veterans Park. For more information, call 275-0089.

July 30th, 8:45 a.m. July 30th, 8:45 a.m. Annual St. Jude’s Fundraiser: 100 Mile Motorcycle Ride and 5K Run/Walk. Fremont Motorsports. See Article to left.

July 30 – Aug. 7, Fremont County Fair at the Fairgrounds at the top of Ninth Street hill. Activities include horse showmanship, home economics, home-made wine, dog show, dairy cattle, goats, music, kids activities, seniors and much more. For more information, visit www.fremontcountyfair.com.



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When the Rule of Law Breaks Down

Jesus said in Matthew 24:12, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Some interpretations use lawlessness, wickedness, abundance of evil, and sin in substitution for the word iniquity. The actual Greek word is anomian, transliterated as anomia, meaning without law, lawlessness; the utter disregard for God's law; the impact of lawlessness on one's soul. Chapter 24 is about the end times. Jesus is saying that because the laws of God are not followed, the love of many grows cold. We are seeing, in the very least, a type and shadow of this very profound proverb taking place in our nation on a daily basis.

Bold in the headlines this week was the "acquittal" of Hillary Clinton without the benefit of a public trial. Her crooked and lawless dealings have resulted in decades of scandals that follow her like the stench that follows a garbage truck on a hot day. Yet, she is celebrated as the first serious female candidate for President, a women's rights activist, and a champion of progressive (communist) government. Her lawlessness is not only the disregard of the laws of our nation, but also the disregard for the laws of God. She is an example of what is wrong with our nation, its leaders and the people who elect them. There are even those who call themselves Christians who would vote for this soulless, evil person.

Clinton is not without company. From breaking his oath to uphold the Constitution by choosing which laws he will enforce and those he will not, to supporting Islamic terrorist groups, the

occupant of the Oval Office has contributed to a growing lawless society. He has imported lawlessness willingly and dutifully through allowing hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants into the U.S., who commit violent crime after crime, are arrested and then allowed to go free. He has revered criminals as heroes and has contributed to the waxing cold of the love that Americans should have for one another. Congress, as a whole, is no better. It has allowed the lawlessness, as has the Supreme Court.

Now we have a powder keg of violence, the fuse once again lit by police officers who killed the black men they were arresting. This gave the Islamic-and-Marxist-inspired Black Lives Matter an excuse to hold demonstrations, which lured police into an ambush, leaving five policemen dead. Lawlessness upon lawlessness, violence upon violence, terror upon terror all because not only the rule of law in our nation has broken down, but also because God's laws are not followed. One precipitates the other. When there is a total disregard for God's law, the love that humanity should naturally have one for another waxes cold. As Christians, we need to reach out, not withdraw. A kind word turns away wrath. It's a start. We have to start somewhere as we are charged to be light in this dark and dying world.

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
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"Be Prepared, At All Times, To Defend Your Community": Dallas, Texas Can be Anywhere

by Stewart Rhodes,
Oath Keepers

Sadly, this sniper attack does not come as a surprise after the incessant cop-killer-inspiring rhetoric of Black Lives Matter and similar radical leftist groups, inciting violence against all police officers while alleging that any and all shootings of black or Hispanic suspects in this nation just *must* be driven by racism, with condemnation and cries of "racist!" coming before any investigation has a chance to even start. And it also does not come as a surprise given the incessant Marxist mantra that America is a "racist nation" and that police serve as the weapons of that racist nation against all "people of color" – all of which serves the Marxist agenda to divide and conquer along racial lines and inspire blind hatred against all police, and against this nation in general (which is clearly successful, judging from the many photos and videos of Black Lives Matter activists standing on the American flag, burning the flag, and even wiping their rear ends with the flag, with many favorable comments and thumbs up given in support online).

And this attack shows the extreme vulnerability of police officers to sniper fire during such events. From here forward, officers would be well advised to treat all such public protests as magnets for snipers and terrorists, and take appropriate countermeasures, such as active patrolling

and/or police occupation of any elevated location that may serve as a possible sniper position. You can also expect officers to end the practice of going alone on patrol, and instead teaming up in buddy pairs (and that was already starting to happen in response to the increasing targeted assassination attacks on officers in the past two years).

And this attack will cause

heel of the DOJ. In other words, they will blame the victims of this attack, and innocent American gun owners, since they see both as their enemies.

Therefore, I call on all Oath Keepers, and all patriotic Americans, to come to the aid of their local police, and to the aid of their communities, and unite and coordinate in mutual defense against this or-

to defend your community against these Marxist terrorists as well as their Islamist terror allies. Remember, they are in league, and you are their common enemy and their common targets.

The power elites who control, aid, abet and fund these terrorists will attempt to use these attacks to further destroy what little is left of our Constitution, but the one thing they do not want, and the one thing they truly fear, is for We the People, who are still armed, to come together and restore the militia of the several states. And the elites' terrorist proxies, among the Marxists and Islamists, also fear such a revitalization and restoration. So, let's do what our enemies all fear most. Let us resurrect and restore the militia system of this nation, which the Founders told us is necessary for the security of a free state, and which must consist of ALL of the able-bodied citizens of your community. It is time to finally get down to doing what is necessary. It starts with you and your neighbors coming together, now, to address this grave threat, and for you to lead them toward the only constitutional solution – the revitalization of the militia

For the Republic,

– Stewart Rhodes

Please see: <https://www.oathkeepers.org/snipers-kill-four-officers-wound-seven-during-dallas-black-lives-matter-protest/>

"What is now needed, more than ever, is the reestablishment of the militia of the people, trained, equipped and organized in each town..."

police to want to further militarize, in their own defense, to include deployment of counter-sniper and armored vehicles, and will cause police to be even more jumpy and on-guard during contacts with the public. No doubt, that is what the Marxists want as well, so they can further justify their cop-hating rhetoric and incitement to violence. And it will also further their agenda to trample on the right of the people to keep and bear arms. The blame will not fall on their rhetoric and incitement, but will instead fall on gun ownership in general. The Marxists' only proposed "solution" to an attack they caused will be to disarm the rest of us, and to insist on the nationalization of all police, bringing them under the

chestrated campaign of Marxist terrorism, which is the modern version of the wave of terrorism we saw in the late 60s and early 70s by the Marxist Weather Underground and related groups (who also frequently targeted police), along with the closely related Jihadist terrorism offensive, with Orlando being merely the latest in an ongoing wave of attacks. What is now needed, more than ever, is the reestablishment of the militia of the people, trained, equipped and organized in each town, to defend against what is now clearly a "Tet Offensive" American style, as Navy SEAL veteran Matt Bracken warned. While we work to reestablish that militia system, you must go armed at all times, and be prepared, at all times,

Rotten To The Core

by Robert Gore,
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Coercion is inseparable from corruption. When a group coerces with impunity, it steals from, lies to, defrauds, and enslaves the subjugated. The dominant group invariably develops a morally comforting ideology of its superiority and the subjugated's inferiority. Such relationships are the essence of corruption.

Every square inch on the

planet is subject to the jurisdiction of one or more coercive regimes, with their attendant corruption and fraud. Trillions of dollars, euros, pounds, and yen, et al., are extracted from the productive and diverted to governments, who buy political support. Trillions more are borrowed. Central banks issue fiat debt units backed only by laws mandating their acceptance and extract funding for governments via the hidden tax of debt depreciation and the

hidden theft of debt monetization and interest rate suppression. Regulation allows governments to reward cronies and extort and terrorize the unfavored. Perpetual wars benefit militaries and those who supply the armaments, with part of their profits recycled to those championing war. This is pervasive, legal corruption. One can only guess at the extent of sub rosa criminality, which may dwarf it.

Last week's Brexit vote, in particular financial mar-

kets' reaction, underscores the corruption and fraud, and the inevitability of its failure. Brexit is a victory for Britain's honest producers; those who work in districts far removed from The City, London's financial precinct. They will be freed from onerous European Union mismanagement, bureaucracy, regulations, and taxes that have contrib-

Here's Why It's All But Impossible to Fire a Fed

by Kathryn Watson,
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Federal workers are far more likely to be audited by the IRS or get arrested for drunk driving than they are to be fired from the civil service payroll for poor performance or misconduct.

The odds are one-in-175 for the IRS audit and one-in-200 for the drunk driving arrest, while the odds for a fed to be fired in a given year are one-in-500, according to the Government Accountability Office (GAO). The rate is higher for employees who are in the one-year probationary period that follows their hiring.

Private sector workers face just the opposite situation. They have a roughly one-in-77 chance of being involuntarily terminated — the Bureau of Labor Statistics doesn't distinguish between fires and layoffs — *in a given month*.

With such odds, it's no wonder that bureaucratic horror stories are so common. *The Daily Caller News Foundation*, for example, recently reported Environmental Protection Agency officials let an employee convicted of stealing thousands of dollars worth of equipment from the EPA back to work after a 30-day suspension. Another EPA employee was convicted of sneaking marijuana and marijuana pipes into a federal facility, but went back to work after a 21-day suspension.

The embattled Department of Veterans Affairs said it will take no less than 275 days to take disciplinary action against a nurse charged with operating on a veteran while drunk, due to the complex and time-consuming hoops administrators have to jump through, according another *DCNF* report.

Federal workers have enjoyed incredible job security for a long time, thanks to layers of bureaucracy, complicated employment laws, well-funded and politically powerful government unions, and multiple incentives against firing anyone, former federal personnel officials told *TheDCNF*.

"It ends up being very, very difficult to fire a federal employee even when there is the best of cause," said Joseph Morris, general counsel for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) during the Reagan administration. "At the end of the day, the civil service often ends up being a haven for poorly performing employees, and that drags down the morale of others."

Morris and former colleague Patrick Korten, who worked as OPM's executive assistant director for communications and policy, would know. They listed every possible step a manager had to take to fire an incompetent federal employee, using old computer paper. Their boss, then-OPM Director Donald J. Devine, often rolled that paper out for congressional committees.

"It was a demonstration of how, if someone chooses to follow every single twist and turn in the regulations, it could turn out," Korten said.

It stretched 30 feet.

"It was pretty dramatic," Morris told the *TheDCNF*. "... It would cause a combination of shock and laughter. And people would look at the thing and look closely and realize that it was describing a real-world process that would begin with a government manager deciding to take action because of misconduct by an employee."

The roll would probably stretch much longer than 30 feet today, Morris and Korten said, thanks to the increasing strength of federal employee unions and failures by succeeding presidents from both political parties to make it a priority to reward high performers and get rid of poor performers in the federal bureaucracy.

Dealing with unions, the formal civil service grievance process, and the internal agency requirements usually takes months, not days or weeks. If an employee appeals to the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB)—an entire agency devoted to hearing and adjudicating employees' grievances — it can take more time. And federal court appeals can take years, Morris said. Appeals heard by MSPB took an average of 243 days to adjudicate, according to GAO.

"By the time you went through this process, there were scores and scores of people who had to be involved in it, and every stage along the way occupied time," Morris said.

It's an uphill battle, even in seemingly obvious cases. Federal law requires agencies, in instances of criminal misconduct, to prove the criminal activity hurts the agency's mission, Morris said.

So, government bosses often don't bother trying to fire problem employees, figuring they're "better off just sticking someone in a corner and paying them," former Sen. Tom Coburn told *TheDCNF*. Coburn is an Oklahoma Republican who is now pushing for a convention of the states to reign in what he considers to excessive power and spending by the federal government.

"The way bureaucracy is run is, never do what's best if you can do what's safe," Coburn said. "Everything settles out at the lowest common denominator. People look the other way all throughout the VA (Veterans Affairs). Everybody knew what was going on. Nobody spoke up."

Morris called government worker unions the "snake inside of the tent" and called on the next president and his or her senior advisers to make civil service management reform a high priority.

Coburn said the bureaucratic firing process is only a symptom.

"These are all symptoms," Coburn said. "They are symptoms of a greater and bigger problem. You have an uncontrolled federal government that nobody can manage."

The first step, he said, is cutting the federal workforce — drastically.

"The first thing you need to do is downsize the government by about two million people," Coburn said. **There are about 2.7 million people working in the executive branch**, according to OPM. But Coburn doubts Congress has the willpower to do anything drastic.

"Most of them don't even know how to run a business, or hold people accountable," Coburn said.

"You can report on this, you can bring transparency to it," Coburn added. "But the American people, as you're seeing in the election, they're fed up already."

(Editor/GG: This is socialism. This is big government. Look at the VA.

And the democrats want to take over the entire health care system and replace with a VA-like, third world, death machine. Wake up folks.)

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America Died at 11:00 ET 7/5/2016

by Karl Denninger,
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There is no longer the Rule of Law in this nation.

The law is *clear*. Knowingly removing classified documents is a *criminal offense*.

The very setting up of such a server and transmission or reception of classified material violates the statute since it is not possible to accidentally cross the *SIPRNet* boundary. It can **only** occur through *intentional* conduct.

Further, there has been **zero** mention of the *Clinton Foundation* and what facially appears to have been *the selling of favors by the Clintons during and after Hillary's time in office*.

Here is the section of U.S. law that *Comey admitted* and stated that the FBI found Hillary violated:

(f) Whoever, being entrusted with or having lawful possession or control of any document, writing, code book, sig-

nal book, sketch, photograph, photographic negative, blueprint, plan, map, model, instrument, appliance, note, or information, relating to the national defense, (1) through gross negligence permits the same to be removed from its proper place of custody or delivered to anyone in violation of his trust, or to be lost, stolen, abstracted, or destroyed, or (2) having knowledge that the same has been illegally removed from its proper place of custody or delivered to anyone in violation of its trust, or lost, or stolen, abstracted, or destroyed, and fails to make prompt report of such loss, theft, abstraction, or destruction to his superior officer— Shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both.

and

(g) If two or more persons conspire to violate any of the foregoing provisions of this section, and one or more of such persons do any act to affect the object of the conspiracy, each of

the parties to such conspiracy shall be subject to the punishment provided for the offense which is the object of such conspiracy.

Which in turn implicates Bill Clinton, Chelsea Clinton *and every one of the people who worked on said server or in Hillary's entourage and knew what Hillary was doing*.

In short:

The Rule of Law was officially burned and buried today on live television by the Director of the FBI.

You therefore no longer have any moral requirement to adhere to same; your entire analysis must now rest on whether you are sufficiently afraid of being shot — and nothing more.

America, as envisioned and fought for by the founders, died today at 11:00 AM ET, 7/5/2016. 240 years and one day from birth to death.

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Marine Corps Changes Fitness Standards: Women Can't Do Pull Ups!

by Jonah Bennett,
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The Marine Corps has rolled out a series of physical fitness changes, saying women can simply do pushups as an alternative to pullups and admitting the service lowered standards to keep women from failing.

Marine Commandant Gen. Robert Neller has called this physical fitness standards update the most dramatic since 1972.

Brian McGuire, deputy force fitness branch head for the standards division of Marine Corps Training and Education Command, told Marine Corps that the pushups were implemented to make sure that the Marine Corps didn't "create a manpower problem by having some female Marines failing."

In other words, pushups constitute lowered physical standards in an effort to make sure that more women don't wash out of the service.

In November, the Marine Corps launched a review of physical fitness standards (PFT) and finalized the changes as of Friday. The new standards, which come as a final solution to

the problem of women failing at pullups, will kick in January 1, 2017, Military.com reports.

Instead of the previously offered flexed-arm hang as a substitute for doing pullups, the new substitute is a set of pushups—for both men and women. But with pushups, the maximum PFT score achievable is lower than the maximum PFT score for pullups.

For example, women can reach the highest PFT score of 100 if they complete seven to ten pullups, whereas if they opt for pushups, their max score is 70, which limits opportunities for upward mobility in the service.

If women choose for the pushups option, they'll have to complete anywhere from 40-50. For men who choose to do pushups over pullups, they'll have to complete 70-80, depending on age.

"Push-ups become an option on the PFT, but Marines are incentivized toward pull ups, as these are a better test of functional, dynamic upper body strength and correlate stronger to physically demanding tasks," Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Robert Neller told troops Friday, according to Military.com.

"Push-ups are also a valid exercise and good test; however maximum points can only be earned by executing pull-ups."

Although the service previously relied on flexed-arm hangs as a substitute for pullups, it became clear that it was a poor substitute, and so Marine leadership eliminated the option in 2012. Instead, the plan was to mandate that women perform at least three pullups. But that plan of mandating three pullups never really saw implementation, as leadership delayed it repeatedly because it turns out that more than 50 percent of women in boot camp couldn't pass even that low of a standard.

(Editor/GG: Sickening. If women can't do pull ups, how are they supposed to climb ANY FREAKING OBSTACLE at all??? And notice no resignations by the Marine Corps brass (or Army, or Navy, or Air Force over the INTENTIONAL evisceration of our armed forces) in protest. Where are the men with honor?)

Read more: <http://dailycaller.com/2016/07/01/marine-corps-gives-women-the-option-of-ditching-pullups-for-pushups-instead/#ixzz4DC2UewEq>



What Are You Going To Do About It?

by Robert Gore,
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Even small children recognize injustice, especially when they are its victims. “No fair” is the common schoolyard refrain. A sense of justice undoubtedly serves a host of evolutionary purposes. Imagine a world where the unjust, the wrong, always triumphed. Thieves prospered as crime went unpunished, the few stalwarts hewing to honesty and rectitude were marginalized or eliminated, and this social order evoked commendation rather than condemnation. How long would such a society survive? Cynics will say we are there now. That’s overblown, but they have a point.

A desire for political change that becomes an actual movement, drip-feeds on perceived injustices. No political movement of consequence fails either to wrap its objectives in the mantle of justice or portray its opponents as evil. The Declaration of Independence is a transcendently important work of political philosophy, but it’s also a laundry list of grievances against King George. The aggrieved, not the political theorists, propel revolutions. The straw that breaks the camel’s back is often relatively minor, even trivial. However, it generally has disproportionate symbolic importance. The tea tax exacted on the colonists was a pittance, but it inspired the Boston Tea Party and the revolutionaries’ “No taxation without representation” slogan.

Eric Hoffer noted that: “What starts out here as a mass movement ends up as a racket, a cult, or a corporation” (*The Temper of Our Time*, 1967). The government birthed after the revolution, has indeed degenerated into a racket and those not in on it, increasingly

recognize its injustices. It still tries to wrap its objectives in the mantle of justice, but the sole objective of government has become more government.

When the American welfare state got started during the Depression, it was sold

Fires and cauldrons dot the landscape. Nobody has forgotten who got bailed out in the last financial crisis—banks, other large financial institutions, and a couple of car companies—and who didn’t—millions of homeowners with underwater homes and foreclosed

ical and insurance choices shrink as their premiums and deductibles rise. Trite homilies that they are helping fund insurance and care for those who previously had none, do nothing to assuage their anger, and undoubtedly increase it. Access to quality medical care is a significant concern for the nation’s aging population, and the law’s destructive absurdity, blessed by tortured Supreme Court rationalizations, is now obvious. As the quality of the U.S. medical system deteriorates, people will suffer needlessly, or die when they should have lived. Victims and their survivors will be understandably perturbed.

tool wielded by those who control the government against everyone else. Yesterday’s announcement by FBI Director James Comey that the FBI would recommend against charging Hillary Clinton in the email matter is the government wielding the law to protect its own. The fix has been in since at least 1913, when it gave itself permission to steal its constituents’ money (the income tax) and to begin the process of profitably substituting its scrip for gold (the Federal Reserve Act). The Clinton fix is business as usual. The exempt-from-the-law class expect outrage and contemptuously ignore it. Indeed, disclosure of the

the least of which is their arrogance and inability to even recognize, much less, acknowledge them. A not exhaustive list: debt; their anachronistic command and control philosophy; an imperial, costly, stupidly counterproductive, and unsustainable foreign policy; an economy held together by central bank baling wire and illusion; a hollowed-out industrial base; stagnant incomes; a bought-off class of savages that must stay bought off to forestall chaos; immigration; terrorism, and cities on the verge of financial collapse.

King George and cohorts enacted the tea tax with the same insouciance with which the exempt have once again exempted Hillary. They had no idea they were lighting the fuse of revolution. What are we the outraged, the disgusted, the cynical, and yes, even the resigned, to do about this latest depredation? That last, one-too-many evil of the exempt turns ordinary citizens into nothing-to-lose revolutionaries. Don’t say it can’t happen; it has happened, repeatedly throughout history. Power’s inevitable corruption, oppression, and the best of humanity’s refusal to live their lives in chains has extinguished, against daunting odds, many an evil regime... and will continue to do so. Revolutions require revolutionaries. It would be altogether fitting and proper if this travesty—announced one day after Independence Day—was the tea tax to a Boston Harbor-style rebuke of the Clintons and their criminal class come November, and served as a rallying cry for a revolt that doesn’t end until the entire lot of them are overthrown.

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“The exempt-from-the-law class expect outrage and contemptuously ignore it.”

as a humanitarian response to that crisis. That sentiment may have animated some of those who paid for the New Deal back then; those who pay now know they’re getting fleeced. The government is a giant redistributive mechanism (with a substantial portion redistributed to the government), and most of those on the receiving end are not “needy.” They are, however, desirable sources of votes and payola.

Between the low-class grifts of phony disability and unemployment and the high-class swindles of government contracting, labor racketeering, influence peddling, subsidies, tax breaks, regulatory machinations, spurious litigation, and all the other ways the denizens of America’s richest metropolitan area line their and their cronies’

mortgages. It requires no great perspicacity to recognize who has benefitted from central bank policies since the crisis—leveraged speculators—and who has not—everybody else, with particular harm suffered by savers and those living on fixed incomes. Burn and bubble.

We’re all supposed to be blind to race, gender, ethnicity, sexual preference, and every other characteristic held to be irrelevant to human worth, except when it comes to government contracting, employment, and admission to institutions of learning. Might that rile those excluded because they didn’t have the right set of irrelevant characteristics? Proponents of such exclusion are invited to make their case directly to the excluded, and are advised to be careful when

“...humanity’s refusal to live their lives in chains has extinguished... many an evil regime...”

pockets, those stout souls who still engage in honest and productive labor know they’re being robbed blind. Beneath the shrugs and resignation, fires of anger burn, and cauldrons of resentment bubble.

they do so. Victims don’t like being told they’re being screwed for the greater good.

That would include the victims of Obamacare, who have seen their med-



Justice and equality are inseparable. Equality here does not mean the fatuous and impossible equality of outcomes that animates collectivists, *but equality before the law*. Equality of outcomes in all its collectivist guises obliterates equality before the law, the foundation of which is the concept of individual rights. For that concept to have any meaning, each individual must have the same rights, which receive the same protection from the government. Individual, equal rights must be the basis of the law, and when they are not, no justice is possible.

Law, instead becomes a

Loretta Lynch-Bill Clinton meeting may have been designed to rub the noses of the not-exempt in it. Yes, it looks terrible, but we run things, you don’t. You don’t like it? Tough sh**, *what are you going to do about it?*

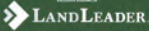
The not-exempt are left with the thin gruel of cynicism and the even thinner gruel of resignation. Are we without recourse? There are those burning fires and boiling cauldrons, fueled by Mt. Saint Helens’ magma-builds of righteous rage. Comey’s decision notches up the temperature. As important, there are the manifest weaknesses of the exempt, not




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The Second Amendment Corner

Liberty's Line in the Sand



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

Captain John Parker, Lexington Green, April 19, 1775

Armed Worship: Mixing God and Guns

by Jeff Knox,
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Lawful concealed carry and religion intersected in the news recently as Mississippi considered a law to “allow” churches to form church security committees for the protection of the congregation and, with training, for security committee members to carry concealed guns. Previous Mississippi law prohibited concealed carry in a church. The reaction was swift and shrill, with predictions of blood in the aisles. The experience of other states speaks otherwise. Congratulations to Mississippi for expanding liberty.

Laws banning guns from houses of worship violate the First and Second Amendments to the Constitution. The First Amendment prohibits Congress

(and through incorporation via the 14th Amendment, state legislatures) from making any law regarding the establishment or free exercise of religion. The “Establishment Clause,” as it has come to be known, has been liberally interpreted to forbid any sort of favoritism for one religious doctrine over another. Prohibiting the bearing of arms in houses of worship supports a doctrine of pacifism over doctrines of preparedness and righteous defense of innocent life.

Constitutional issues aside, carrying a gun at church raises important questions, both doctrinal and practical. At the highest level, it’s worth pointing out that very few religions preach total pacifism or passivity in the face of a threat. No matter what denomination or creed, doctrinal questions should be worked

out between individuals, church leadership and God. Having the doctrine settled at the outset will help establish boundaries and can help dictate actions in the

tally immersed in spiritual communion. This is a personal matter, but it needs consideration. In contrast, a person who is routinely armed may find that being

shopping malls, the idea of going armed has been steadily gaining ground. It once seemed strange for a church, mosque, or synagogue to even have a secu-

To some people, especially people in highly restrictive states in the Northeast, this might sound shocking, but to gun-folks in the South, West and Midwest, it’s just everyday life. We are generally comfortable with firearms and the people who carry them. More importantly, we understand that laws, signs, or polite requests not to bring a gun somewhere, whether it be a house of worship or a convenience store, will deter only people who represent no threat. Without secured entrances, metal detectors and bag-checks, anyone choosing to ignore the law or the sign on the door will simply do so. If they have evil intentions, they know that the law or the sign simply reduces the likelihood that they might meet any armed resistance to their plans.



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Most religions recognize the sanctity of life and condone the use of deadly force in defense of the innocent. Churches, synagogues, mosques and temples have been targeted throughout history by cowards seeking easy targets. Such attacks have occurred here in the United States from the days before the Revolution right up to the present, and some of those attacks have been stopped by armed worshipers. Whether it is a Jew with the words “Never Again!” engraved on the slide of a German Luger, a Sikh remembering the attack in Wisconsin, a Muslim worried about being blamed for terrorist acts committed in the name of his religion, or a Christian volunteering to guard the flock from whatever may come, we should all consider ourselves blessed to live in a country where the right to bear arms is recognized and protected, and where there are people willing and able to stand against evil, even in our sacred places.

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event of an incident. Having those questions settled beforehand will make for a more effective response.

The practical matters of guns in churches are significant. Many people have a strong visceral reaction to the idea of someone carrying a gun in a house of worship. Carrying a gun also brings with it a responsibility to maintain a heightened level of awareness and preparedness. That level of awareness can easily conflict with the desire to be to-

disarmed can also interfere with one’s worship. Someone who is more comfortable being armed may be uncomfortable and somewhat distracted if forced to go without it, especially in a place with little security and large crowds.

There is also the issue of interfering with the worship of others. Right or wrong, justified or not, many people are simply uncomfortable around guns. If they become aware that someone in the worship service is armed, it could distract them from their worship. Not being sensitive to these folks’ feelings would be inconsiderate and could be a violation of scriptural guidance. The apostle Paul exhorts Christians to avoid things which might cause a brother to stumble, but of course, that can be a difficult proposition when dealing with people with irrational fears.

In this age of the “War on Terror” and a rash of deranged and suicidal individuals taking out their rage on “soft targets” like churches, schools and

rity plan, much less armed security guards. It is now unusual for houses of worship not to have a plan, and armed, though usually discreet, security is common.

Anyone attending a worship service in states with a strong “gun culture” can pretty safely assume that there are people in the service who are armed. Some are armed at the best, or at least with the knowledge and agreement of their elders, pastors, or rabbis. Others keep their arms totally discreet, not divulging their presence to anyone. In states like Arizona, which has a long tradition of open carry of firearms, it is not unheard of for someone to show up for church with a gun visible on his hip. Since Arizona lifted requirements for a license or permit to carry a firearms concealed, the typical response to someone carrying openly would be to ask if he would mind pulling his shirt over the gun so as not to disturb any of the other worshipers, but it would be very unlikely for the person to be turned away.

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The Founding Fathers and “Assault” Rifles

by Craig Boudreau,
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A popular gun control mantra is that the founding fathers could not have envisioned assault rifles when they wrote the Second Amendment. Turns out that idea is bunk, according to an investigation by *The Daily Caller News Foundation*.

TheDCNF found “repeater,” multi-shot rifles from even prior to the Revolutionary period. Further, the investigation shows that founders and leaders from that time period were starkly aware of advancements in innovations in small arms manufacturing.

“Of course, semiautomatic firearms technology didn’t exist in any meaningful sense in the era of the founding fathers. They had something much different in mind when they drafted the Second Amendment,” according to a recent article by *The Washington Post*. “The typical firearms of the day were muskets and flintlock pistols. They could hold a single round at

a time, and a skilled shooter could hope to get off three or possibly four rounds in a minute of firing.”

Thomas Jefferson tapped the famous westward explorers Lewis and Clark to explore with a gun that, according to *The Washington Post*, didn’t exist.

Enter, the Girandoni air rifle. The Girandoni air rifle is a repeating rifle capable of firing 22 shots in under a minute without needing to reload — and Meriwether Lewis’s air gun was one such firearm. Lewis’s rifle was a .46 caliber, magazine-fed repeating gun capable of shooting 22 shots in under a minute.

Lewis brought his gun to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where he picked up a 55-foot keeled-boat for his travels down the Ohio River. On his journey, he docked September 8, 1803 at Wheeling, West Virginia, for a meeting with Colonel Thomas Rodney, who was on his way to Mississippi to assume position as a federal judge per appointment by Jefferson.

Rodney documented his encounter with Lewis’s air gun, “which fired 22 times at one charge. When in perfect order she fires 22 times in a minute.” It is a curious piece of workmanship not easily described and therefore I omit attempting it.”

An article published by Buckeye Firearms claims Jefferson himself actually gave a couple of the rifles to Lewis and Clark, a fact *TheDCNF* confirmed in a conversation with Master Gunsmith John G. Zimmerman, Thursday.

At least one expert disagrees with the mantra that the founders couldn’t envision such weaponry or progress of technology.

“[The Founders] lived during the Age of Reason. They celebrated the achievements of the human mind. They had witnessed huge advances in firearms technology — i.e. matchlock giving way to the wheel lock, which, in turn gave way to the flint lock,” William Atwater, a military technology expert and curator at the United States Army Ordnance Museum

in Aberdeen, Maryland, told *TheDCNF*. “Each and everyone of these developments were huge in their day.”

Atwater said any of these developments were big news, and presumes “they would have expected small arms to continue to develop.”

He noted that people of that time were constantly on the lookout for the next great thing in firearms. “The idea that firearms technology was static during the 18th and 19th Century is bunk,” Atwater explained. “Everyone that used firearms was on the lookout for the next best thing so it could be utilized.”

Another innovative and powerful gun from centuries ago is the Kalthoff repeater. Originally made by an unknown inventor in the 17th Century, the gun got its name from the family who later produced it, the Kalthoffs.

The Kalthoff repeater is a musket with two magazines: one that holds the bullet balls, the other holds

gunpowder. The user pulls on the trigger guard, which puts a charge of powder and a bullet ball into the breech of the gun as well as cock it. To fire the next shot, simply pull the lever guard and let the gun do the rest.

The early version of the gun could hold seven bullet balls, later models could hold twelve, according to an article published by Firearms History, Technology & Development. There was even a claim that one Kalthoff could hold 30 bullet balls. Whatever the capacity, it is certainly capable of firing more than “three or possibly four rounds in a minute” as *The Washington Post* article stated.

Then there is the Belton flintlock, which works in a manner similar to a roman candle. Once the fuse is lit, the gun can fire multiple shots in quick succession without need for reload.

In a letter to the Continental Congress in April 1777, inventor Joseph Belton describes the gun:

“May it Please your Honours, I would just inform this Honourable Assembly, that I have discover’d an improvement, in the use of Small Armes, wherein a common small arm, may be maid to discharge eight balls one after another, in eight, five or three seconds of time.”

Belton tried to sell his gun to Congress but was ultimately turned down for what Congress viewed as “excessive fees.”

“Congress was interested in the invention, and it was demonstrated before noted scientists and military officers (including well known scientist David Rittenhouse and General Horatio Gates), but was rejected due to Belton’s demand for what Congress considered excessive fees for the use of Belton’s design,” as noted in an article published on danaloeschradio.com

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The 2nd Amendment: The Supremes Cannot Read

by Karl Denninger,
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Let me preface this: Domestic violence -- actual, real violence -- is a monstrous problem. It is a problem that has been with us since the early days of civilization and likely extends all the way back to the proto-human male that grabbed the closest “cute” female by the hair and dragged her back to his cave.

It will probably always be with us as a problem too, for this reason people are irrationally violent from time to time. This is **not** a gender-biased phenomena either; there are plenty of women who have thrown pots of boiling water at their husbands or boyfriends and even those who have murdered or shot their children. The common chestnut of women being “superior” in their protective instinct toward their kids is just flat-out false and not borne out in the criminal statistics when it comes to child abuse.

With all that said we are once again witnessing the utter disregard for the Second Amendment by the SCOTUS and federal law in general.

In a major victory for domestic violence advocacy groups, the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday upheld the broad reach of a federal law that bans people convicted of do-

mestic violence from owning guns.

In a 6-2 decision, the high court ruled that reckless domestic assaults can be considered misdemeanor crimes to restrict gun ownership.

Note carefully the issue here: This is **not** about barring someone from keeping and bearing arms during the punishment meted out for violating a law. That is not only permissible it is part and parcel of what punishment is.

This is about something else entirely — **the permanent cancellation of a fundamental right post sentence.**

This decision is blatantly unconstitutional. It is unconstitutional because The Supreme Court **has no power** to re-write the Constitution itself, and the Constitution is *clear on its face* when it comes to keeping and bearing arms. Such is a fundamental right *recognized, but not granted*, by the Second Amendment.

This decision is akin to ruling that if you were to yell “fire” in a crowded theater and be punished for the ensuing harm that came to the patrons as they tried to scramble out the **exits you could then be compelled to wear a gag whenever out in public for the rest of your life, along with being legally prevented from**

owning or using a telephone, computer or other Internet device because you might abuse any of the above in the future -- and if you were caught without said gag or a phone in your hand you would go to prison for a decade or more.

There **are** people who have abused the Internet, for example, that have been ordered to remain off it during some portion of their sentence -- including parole or probation. *That’s constitutional* as it is both *individually* imposed and the sanction expires along with the rest of the sentence.

This is not constitutional because it is *not* individually imposed (e.g. only on those who made a threat or caused harm involving a firearm) *but because it extends on a blanket basis beyond the duration of one’s sentence.*

Anyone in support of same or who does not take the position that the Supreme Court must be vacated immediately and the *justices replaced for their willful and intentional violation of their oath of office* is in fact supporting an **argument that we have no Constitutional Rights at all.**

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uted to Europe’s economic stagnation, dearth of innovation, and persistently high unemployment, especially among its youth. The European Central Bank’s debt monetization and negative interest rates, while obscuring the sorry state of the European economy, have only made it sorrier. Chronic debt issuance has left many European governments, and their banks, which own much of that debt, one economic or financial crisis away from insolvency.

British voters chose to free themselves from the EU albatross, although they will still be plagued by numerous home-grown albatrosses. The pound, euro, equity markets, and oil plunged, while perceived safe havens gold, the dollar, yen, and U.S. Treasury debt rose.

There were telling details amidst the carnage. Continental equity markets, particularly those of Spain and Italy and their banks, suffered far larger percentage drops than the British stock market. The British, were they to remain in the EU, would be expected to help support Europe’s southern tier.

When the high and mighty sing the same tune—Great Britain needs the EU more than the EU needs the British—the opposite is assuredly true. The British economy has outperformed most of Europe’s slugs. Trying to get a fix on large banks is always a crap shoot—their financial statements are usually next to useless—but it appears

that British banks and their regulators took more steps to address the problems exposed by the last financial crisis than their continental counterparts and may better withstand the coming stresses. Then again, British banks were hit just as hard as continental ones in the two days after the vote.

Never underestimate the petulance of humiliated Eurocrats, or other poo-bahs for that matter. What terrifies the Eurocrats is the virtual certainty that the British economy will outperform Europe’s after the Brexit. They may cut off their constituents’ noses to spite their own faces, erecting trade barriers against British goods and services, for which Europe’s consumers will pay the price. However, trade barriers are a two-way street. Britain is an important export market, especially for the de facto leader of the EU, Germany, so cooler heads may prevail, a hope expressed by Nigel Farage in a remarkable speech to the European Parliament.

Can anything be more corrupt than the desire to gratuitously harm another to preserve one’s power? Such corruption is the rotten core of the global economic and financial system. Its pilots are determined to fly it into a mountain, but will fight to the death any attempt to wrest away the controls.

Global finance and global statism are Siamese twins joined at the brain, a fact made abundantly clear during the last financial crisis. Heavily indebted governments depend on the machinations of central banks and the acquiescence of markets to

perpetuate their economic misrule. Governments, in turn, coddle and succor their indispensable allies. Too big to fail, bail outs, and deposit insurance are their backstops for the inherent risks of fractional reserve banking, turning it into a heads-we-win, tails-the-taxpayers-lose proposition. Central banks provide emergency fiat liquidity on preferential terms—financial market “puts”; promote cartelization, and serve the constituent banks they were meant to regulate, acting as the banks’ agents within governments.

Brexit is a shot across the bow, but it is only a shot across the bow. Financial asset prices will continue to be supported or suppressed as the powers see fit. There is not one price in the entire firmament of markets and finance that is not pegged to continuing regimes of corruption and fraud. To transact based on such prices is a bet that a rigged game will stay rigged.

The belief that it will is understandable, but a house of cards must fall. Political winds—Brexit and what’s sure to follow—may blow this one over; it may collapse due to its structural deficiencies, or, most likely, some combination of the two will render it rubble. The important point is that rotten-to-the-core economies and finances, resting on foundations of coercion, corruption, and fraud, have to be rendered rubble before freer, more honest, and more durable structures can be erected.

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Politics & The Bible

From Pastor Jim

Jim Modlish has been in the ministry 49 years, pastoring churches large and small from upstate New York to western Washington. He holds a doctorate in theology, but frequently states: "I have education, but I got over it."

Southern Colorado natives, Jim and his wife, Linda, were happy to return to their home state in 2006. They started the Huerfano Community Bible Church in Walsenburg seven years ago, and that work has experienced excellent growth

and the blessings of God. Pastor Modlish believes the Bible is the greatest political science textbook on earth, and that all current events should be examined under the searchlight of Scripture. All scripture taken from King James Version.



Really...It Wasn't Intentional!

A couple of years ago a friend of mine was elk hunting in New Mexico with a cow tag in his pocket. He came upon a herd at some distance but felt comfortable in taking the shot which resulted in a successful kill. Upon arriving at the dead animal, he discovered that, in fact, the target had been a spike bull. Brush and trees provided a background that camouflaged the small spike antlers leading my friend to honestly believe the quarry was a cow. The game warden was notified and came to investigate. It was obvious that the hunter had every intention to shoot a cow but made a mistake. Had he desired to be illegal in his actions, he would no doubt have shot the trophy bull with the herd. There were a great number of cows he could have selected, which he thought he did. No matter, the full wrath of the New Mexico Game and Fish descended upon him resulting in confiscation of weapon and meat, followed by a large fine. Even the warden acknowledged it appeared to be an honest mistake. The hunter's intentions were completely disqualified. There were no national security issues in jeopardy, the elk herd was not put in a compromising position, and the alleged crime was reported immediately.

James Comey, top man for the FBI, indicated that 110 emails sent or received by Hillary Clinton contained classified information and eight included top secret information. The problem was that these emails were transferred on non-government approved servers which made them very accessible to hackers. Comey added that Clinton and her colleagues at the State Department were "extremely careless in their handling of very sensitive, highly classified information. Seven of the email chains were classified as highly sensitive, and they should have known that an unclassified system was no place for them."

In spite of clear violations that put every American at risk, Comey's conclusion was that there was no evidence of "intent" to mishandle the information. The director's submitted acquittal of Mrs. Clinton rests on perceived intentions. I will always wonder what the result would be if one of the Clinton's ever shot the wrong elk. Come to think of it, they have always been more interested in two legged game, but amazingly, have perpetually been exonerated. The main stream media types are such compassionate game wardens.

The first occasion in history of sensitive information being handled in a sloppy fashion took place in the Garden of Eden. God clearly said: "Of every tree of the gar-

den thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." When the Deceiver approached the woman he did so with the dignified appearance of a Harvard professor, asking the most innocuous question: "Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" Questions are often used to cast a shadow of doubt on the original premise; i.e.: "What difference does it make anyway?"

Eve took the bait and immediately stepped into a Satanic cow patty. Her response was: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die." The first trespass was the deletion of the word "freely." Beyond coincidence, the best things of God are free...salvation, the Holy Spirit, heaven, the Word of God to name a few. The Satanic dictum is to convince us that free things must be earned and things that should be earned are free. This propagates a welfare dependent society which relies more on government than God.

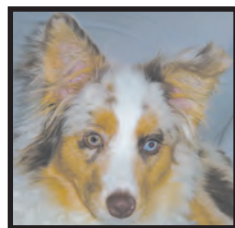
The second transgression was the addition of the word "touch." No touching...it makes God seem like mean-spirited, redneck conservatives who cling to their religion and guns. The problem is that God never said anything about touching. Playing fast and loose with delicate documents is dangerous. Any law school graduate should know that.

The third sin was the tempering of "thou shalt surely die" to "lest ye die." Four men died in an American embassy...is there a way to lessen the hard, cold reality of death? An effective politician will desperately search for an explanation. It was a video! The trap firmly set, "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shalt not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

The same carrot is being dangled today. Some believe they have achieved the status of a god, being able to discern what is good and evil for others in spite of the fact that the Lord has already addressed righteousness and sin in considerable detail. Good and evil are constant and fixed...to change their definitions one must assume the identity of a deity.

Some have sought the office of president to serve their country while others seek it to solidify their position as god.

A Sheepdog Barks!



Anarchy is here folks and it's called Black Lives Matter (BLM). And remember Barack Obama supports them and continues to justify their words and actions. He feeds the false notion that there is an epidemic of white cops killing unarmed black men and said that the "cause" of BLM is just. REALLY? Here's some of their chants: What do we want? Dead Cops! When do we want them? NOW! Pigs in a blanket! Fry em' up like bacon! Really, Barack? You can support this kind of crap? Obama continues to justify the BLM "cause." From Spain he offered this advice to the BLM protesters. "You should be respectful and thoughtful in your tone." Notice he didn't mention "stop the threats and violence." This idiot leads the way and thus leads the "cause." Statistics prove there is NO epidemic of white cops shooting unarmed black men. His remarks on Tuesday in Dallas in support of the law enforcement community should have been the very first words out of his mouth overseas. WOOF!

I used to believe we could trust the government. No more. Our federal government is corrupt and untrustworthy. They cover up everything. Just consider the last 3-7 years. Fast & Furious – cover up! Benghazi – cover up! IRS discrimination of conservative groups – cover up! VA health care leading to veteran's deaths – cover up! Attorney General meets with the target of a criminal investigation – cover up. HilLIARy mishandles classified emails and uses an unauthorized unsecure server – cover up! Limited space prevents me from listing all the other cover ups our government perpetrates. We cannot trust the



federal government, especially the current administration led by the community organizer and America-hating, Barack H. Obama. The H stands for Hussein. Any questions? So many bad things have hap-

pened under his watch it's hard to keep track. His administration's corrupt and dishonest actions remind me of what Pogo said once. Pogo was a possum in the popular comic strip by Mark Kelly in the 40s and 50s. There were several creatures that lived in the Okefenokee Swamp in Georgia and discussed many things including politics. One day Pogo said "We have met the enemy and he is us!" That always reminds me of the fact that almost all of our problems are the result of an overreaching, over-controlling, infringing federal government.

These last two weeks we have all witnessed an orchestrated and highly coordinated government cover up to protect a woman LPSD that's running for president of the United States. The government, in the form of the FBI Director and the U.S. Attorney General, decided to confirm that HilLIARy is above the law. There is no other explanation. Comey spends most of his time telling us that HilLIARy violated the law but doesn't recommend prosecution. She escaped another legal bullet it appears. HilLIARy is a colossal failure and is the most corrupt politician in America. We keep hearing about her experience. Her experience is corruption and failure. And the LPSDs think this qualifies her to be the president. She is a pathological liar and a very good one. Now that the FBI Director pointed out her lies she's modified her statements once again. On CNN she now says she didn't "believe" she ever sent or received classified emails. Wow, that clears everything up doesn't it? WOOF!

It's quite clear that those uninformed LPSDs, that support her at any cost because she would be the first woman president, certainly didn't learn anything from their electing another president based on symbolism – the first black president. And actually that's only half right.

There is some hope left that the criminal email caper is not quite over. The FBI Director is being asked to investigate whether or not HilLIARy lied under oath to the Benghazi committee. Since he tor-

tured logic and twisted himself into a pretzel to concoct a reason NOT to prosecute her already we shouldn't expect justice now. However, the longer this stays alive and the more of her crimes that are exposed, the more the Independents in the country might do the right thing. These clowns and idiots in the current administration want to do foreign policy on social media. What in the h3!! is wrong with them? How can any American accept this? The bottom line is this – Comey put politics over the rule of law. We the people don't have to accept that. I ask all Americans to consider this. When something looks like you know what and smells like you know what and feels like you know what then we should all agree – it's you know what. WOOF!

This government cannot be trusted. It is not transparent, it is not trustworthy, and it is corrupt. It lies, misleads, distorts and covers up. Our elected leaders have become careerists, amassing great personal wealth and have made sure they are not subject to the same laws of all the "little" people. Our president is a divider, a socialist and a trouble maker. Just listen carefully to his words. Even when he goes to Dallas and tries to make nice to the cops he has to interject racism and guns. He made a very stupid and untrue statement that it's easier for young people to buy a Glock than a computer or a book. That is utter nonsense and actually a lie. He knows that but says it anyway. No matter the situation he must push his anti-2nd Amendment, anti-gun agenda. He can't even attend a memorial ceremony and stay focused. He speaks before he knows all the facts. He continues to encourage the kind of destructive rhetoric and behavior we see from BLM and others. His reckless comments about law enforcement wrongdoing and bias have put all cops in danger. Talk about acting stupidly. We must not let HilLIARy follow him and push this far left liberal progressive agenda any further. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH

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Coward Comey Takes a Dive

by Matt Bracken, Zero-Hedge.com

The FBI today officially becoming a willing Soviet-Stasi stooge and tool, even if under duress, brings home how fast things can change in a volatile political environment. I judge 2016 as being as dangerous as 1860 or 1913. In European terms, a “Night of Long Knives” is now not an impossibility. Fast and Furious (300+ dead, no repercussions, media holding) emboldened them to betray Benghazi station, to write it off and lie about it, (no repercussions, media holding). Now the perception, real or imagined, is that even the FBI has been forced to toe the party line.

No spin can erase this. Bill Clinton meets Loretta Lynch in the “secret” Godfather tarmac rendezvous, then the FBI director damns but refuses to pursue Hillary. Loretta Lynch, who worked for the Clinton’s law firm, before Bill appointed her US Attorney in New York, which set her up to become Attorney General, which Obama appointed her for. Obama, who appointed FBI Director James Comey. Director Comey, who just made the

FBI case to send her up for life, and then, blinking “t-o-r-t-u-r-e”, Honest Jim said, “but...she skates anyway.” The intended and received message to the masses is that the gangsters are now firmly in charge, and nobody can or will stop them. They have all the power.



Even the backing of the liberal media. Now, any FLEAs or so-called “rogue” Federal Social Justice Warrior Agents (of secret as-yet unannounced new directorates) will feel free to act in a similar manner as the Special Training Unit in my first

novel. They have all just been given the loudest dog whistle since the last Night of Long Knives. They will feel free to enact the craziest edicts. They will be off the leash. Team Tyranny knows they have the Congress castrated, the SCOTUS in their

pocket, FBI ditto – DOJ, are you kidding? And if Hillary wins and they get more Supremes, they just retire the trophy for a century – they own it all. Nothing can touch them. Nothing can stop them. They got away with Fast and Furious, 300+ dead,

on purpose, to discredit the 2nd Amendment. Two were American FLEAs, most of the rest were Mexicans. And possibly the AK-47s from the Istanbul airport

“The Night of the Long Knives”

“A purge that took place in Nazi Germany from June 30 to July 2, 1934, when the Nazi regime carried out a series of political extra-judicial executions...”

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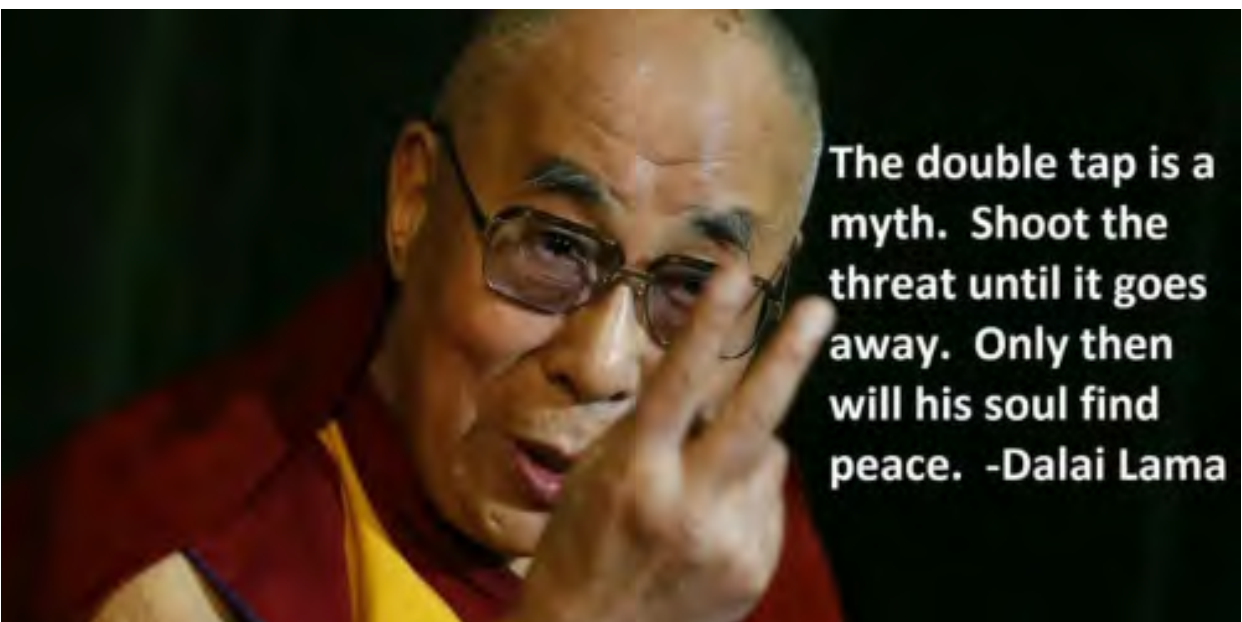
massacre were from F&F. The FBI/ATF investigation is pending. Don’t hold your breath. It’s in line behind Fast and Furious, and the IRS investigations. And they are working them very hard.

After July 5th, 2016, and the Soviet-style forced humiliation of the FBI director, bad actors at all levels of the government will feel emboldened. Expect armed EPA Special Action Teams to take over ranches over a puddle which was mismanaged according to the EPA. Imagine the craziest things, like the second term of Hugo Chavez. Imagine them steering violent anarchists and Leftists at the conventions as their surrogate Brown Shirts. This is a very dangerous time, just

on the basis of actions that can be expected from the Left. But this is also a very dangerous time for another reason, because Team Freedom will now feel, with the FBI’s forced humiliation, that they have just been given the official “your Republic is dead, we killed it, and whatcha gonna do about it?” gauntlet-face-slapping. Big Gov has now made it official. “You are my slave, and we are your overlords. We will run this country any way we want. We’ll flood it with ‘Syrian refugees’ if we want to. We’ll send a hundred “Syrians” with drug-resistant TB right to your town, just for you being a pain in our behind. We dare you to try something, punk. We double-dog dare you. Look over there, even the FBI Director is our b***h: did you see him rolling on his back, begging? The FBI is our b***h, and all of our

FLEAs are just waiting to tear you an a*****e if you get froggy about your ‘Republic’. Didn’t you hear? There are now more armed FLEAs than there are United States Marines.” But that’s a terrible misperception on the part of Team Tyranny, because they are unaware that most of the FLEAs actually despise them, or even privately consider them to be traitors. Even so, Team Tyranny will be able to engineer the conditions for a terrible civil war. Think of Lenin and “The worse, the better.” I recommend reading my short story “What I Saw At the Coup” concerning how quickly conditions might change over coming months.

That’s how I see it in July 2016, after the FBI director’s show-press-conference dictated teleprompter humiliation. I repeat: 2016 could be 1860, or 1913. Plan accordingly. Reprinted with Permission. Please see: <https://westernrifleshooters.wordpress.com/2016/07/05/bracken-coward-comey-takes-a-dive/>



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