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## Regional Corporate Filings

New Corporations, Other New Limited Liability Organizations, and Their New Trade/Service Marks, as Reported by the Office of the Colorado Secretary of State

### PUEBLO COUNTY

**All Business Company (DLLC, 07/14/08, Perpetual)** Andrew Bueno, 2208 Lewis Ave, Pueblo, CO 81003  
**Belezza, LLC (DLLC, 07/11/08, Perpetual)** Courtney Jo Leonard, 117 W. 6th, Pueblo, CO 81003  
**Cascade Holdings, LLC (DLLC, 07/09/08, Perpetual)** Jill DeGroot, 5714 St. Charles River Drive, Pueblo, CO 81004  
**Cuthbert Professional Properties, LLC (DLLC, 07/09/08, Perpetual)** Scott C Cuthbert, 255 West Abriendo Ave, Pueblo, CO 81004  
**Dionisio Investments, LLC (DLLC, 07/14/08, Perpetual)** Albert W. Dionisio, 700 S. Portland Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81001  
**Enviro Corp. (DPC, 07/11/08, Perpetual)** Christopher Jones, 13 Pedregal, Pueblo, CO 81005  
**Green Energy Colorado Inc. (DPC, 07/09/08, Perpetual)** Antonio Mark Martinez, 1046 W Covered Wagon, Pueblo, CO 81007  
**M&M Property Management, LLC (DLLC, 07/10/08, Perpetual)** Jason Matthew Geiger, 510 Central Ave, Pueblo, CO 81004  
**North Pueblo Ranch LLC (DLLC, 07/14/08, Perpetual)** Scotty Hall, 5150 Overton Road, Pueblo, CO 81008  
**Outlook Center Condominiums Owners Association, LLC (DLLC, 07/09/08, Perpetual)** Jeff Gallegos, 1740 Eagleridge Blvd Unit 160, Pueblo, CO 81008  
**Ukhta KM, LLC (DLLC, 07/14/08, Perpetual)** 1429 Lake Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81004  
**Friends of the Pueblo Animal Shelter, Inc. (DNC, 07/15/08, Perpetual)** Charles W. Green, 495 W. Fairway Dr., Pueblo West, CO 81007  
**Heli Ops of Southern Colorado, LLC (DLLC, 07/14/08, Perpetual)** Sterling C. Watson, 810 South Sterling Drive, Pueblo West, CO 81007  
**Union Avenue Undertakers LLC (DLLC, 07/15/08, Perpetual)** Thomas E Lavine, 444 W Winterhaven Dr, Pueblo West, CO 81007  
**Vacation Dreams, LLC (DLLC, 07/10/08, Perpetual)** Joseph D Bower, 491 Winterhaven, Pueblo West, CO 81007

### ALAMOSA COUNTY

**Alamosa Hospitality, LLC (DLLC, 07/14/08, Perpetual)** Dennis Michael Malone, 333 Santa Fe Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101  
**Custer the Smith, LLC (DLLC, 07/14/08, Perpetual)** Linda Custer, 16951 Road 6 South, Alamosa, CO 81101

### ARCHULETA COUNTY

**Arboles Sand & Stone, LLC (DLLC, 07/14/08, Perpetual)** Reyno L Baca, 12577 Hwy 151, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
**Sagebrook Photography (DLLC, 07/09/08, Perpetual)** 136 E. Pagosa Street Suite 6, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

### CHAFFEE COUNTY

**Colorado RiverView, LLC (DLLC, 07/14/08, Perpetual)** Sharon Glidden-Cole, 25850 C R 162, Nathrop, CO 81236  
**Savoy Building Condominium Association, Inc (DNC, 07/11/08, Perpetual)** Jane Pinto, 201 F Street, Salida, CO 81201  
**The Tote Company, LLC (DLLC, 07/09/08, Perpetual)** Chad D Gorby, 1026 H Street, Salida, CO 81201  
**furthergreen property management LLC (DLLC, 07/09/08, Perpetual)** allen michael Greenwell, 171swissvale rd, SALIDA, CO 81201

### CUSTER COUNTY

**Antler, L.L.C. (DLLC, 07/10/08, Perpetual)** Brian P. Clince, 106 South Sixth, Westcliffe, CO 81252  
**In the Now...For the Future Sustainable Practice Consulting Firm (DLLC, 07/09/08, Perpetual)** 7 Bassick Place, Westcliffe, CO 81252

### FREMONT COUNTY

**CCR CLEANING, LLC (DLLC, 07/09/08, Perpetual)** Laura L. Fish, 1207 Eugene Drive, Canon City, CO 81212  
**HLC Enterprises, LLC. (DLLC, 07/10/08, Perpetual)** Heather Cost, 222 Griffin Ave., Canon City, CO 81212  
**Rhyandras Designs, LLC. (DLLC, 07/14/08, Perpetual)** Christine Domy, 222 Griffin Ave., Canon City, CO 81212  
**Prosperity Cashflow Systems Inc. (DPC, 07/14/08, Perpetual)** Jamey Madonna, 5968 State Highway 69, Cotopaxi, CO 81223  
**GraceCafeDatingLLc (DLLC, 07/13/08, Perpetual)** Juanita Jean Johnson, 560 6th Street, Penrose, CO 81240  
**Houstons Welding H&H (DLLC, 07/12/08, Perpetual)** (Bud) Melvin Houston, 850 M st., Penrose, CO 81240

### GUNNISON COUNTY

**Colorado Backcountry LLC (DLLC, 07/09/08, Perpetual)** Ben Pritchett, 628 Teocall #5, Crested Butte, CO 81224  
**Cucinas Kitchen, LLC (DLLC, 07/10/08, Perpetual)** Sally Johnson, 119 Gothic Ave, Crested Butte, CO 81224  
**Simplify, LLC (DLLC, 07/11/08, Perpetual)** Robin Joy Yost, 49 Alpine Court, Crested Butte, CO 81224  
**Fried Pickle, LLC (DLLC, 07/11/08, Perpetual)** 2200 Eagle Hill Road, Gunnison, CO 81230  
**Ron Bombard 1 through 8, LLCs (DLLC, 07/15/08, Perpetual)** Ron Bombard, 4566 Highway 114, Gunnison, CO 81230  
**Sunrise Splendor, LLC (DLLC, 07/11/08, Perpetual)** 2200 Eagle Hill Road, Gunnison, CO 81230  
**White Lupine, LLC (DLLC, 07/11/08, Perpetual)** 2200 Eagle Hill, Gunnison, CO 81230  
**The Studio (DLLC, 07/11/08, Perpetual)** Melissa Neuner, 201 Pitchfork, Mt. Crested Butte, CO 81225

### HUERFANO COUNTY

**BJW LLC (DLLC, 07/10/08, Perpetual)** Betty Williams, 5588 County Road 210, Walsenburg, CO 81089

### LA PLATA COUNTY

**Impish Merchant LLC (DLLC, 07/14/08, Perpetual)** Julie Ann Gordon-Ewing, 1818 CR 526, Bayfield, CO 81122  
**9 dot builders (DLLC, 07/09/08, Perpetual)** Aaron Lee Phillips, 96 Oak, Durango 81301  
**Anza Ventures, LLC (DLLC, 07/15/08, Perpetual)** Dale Bryan Hoover, 1315 Main Ave Ste 218, Durango, CO 81301  
**B & P MAINTENANCE llc (DLLC, 07/10/08, Perpetual)** Paul I. Toppenberg, 364 Nusbaum Rd, Durango, CO 81301  
**B & P PROPERTY MAINTENANCE llc (DLLC, 07/10/08, Perpetual)** Paul I. Toppenberg, 364 Nusbaum Rd, Durango, CO 81301  
**B & S Inc. (DPC, 07/11/08, Perpetual)** Andrew G Burnett, 187 Riverview Dr, Durango, CO 81301

**CCDavis,LLC (DLLC, 07/14/08, Perpetual)** Caroline L Davis, 227 Hwy 172, Durango, CO 81303  
**Campbell Compound Investments, LLC (DLLC, 07/14/08, Perpetual)** William Christopher Oxford, PO Box 3374, Durango, CO 81302-3374  
**Definit Clothing (DLLC, 07/13/08, Perpetual)** brendan michael roche, 301 East 5th Street, Durango, CO 81301  
**Golden Enterprises Ltd. (DLLC, 07/10/08, Perpetual)** Robert Keith Kroening, 166 Turner Drive, Durango, CO 81303  
**Kassidys, LLC (DLLC, 07/11/08, Perpetual)** Cheryl K Byington, 171 Suttle Suite A, Durango, CO 81303  
**La Plata Vista Condominiums Owners Association, Inc. (DNC, 07/09/08, Perpetual)** Craig Coutlee, 340 Rainbow Road, Durango, CO 81303  
**Points West Fine Books LLC (DLLC, 07/10/08, Perpetual)** Todd Robert Macon, 35554 US Hwy 550, Durango, CO 81301  
**Purgatory Lodge Owners Association, Inc. (DNC, 07/10/08, Perpetual)** Mark Seiter, TBD Sheol Street, Durango, CO 81301  
**Sittner Investments, LLC (DLLC, 07/09/08, Perpetual)** Kelly R McCabe, 2220 CR 214, Durango, CO 81303

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## Colorado Incorporation Filing Statistics

Week Ending July 16

County	Number of Filings	% of Total
<b>Total Corp Filings for Wk:</b>	<b>1,255</b>	
Adams	117	9.32
Alamosa	2	0.15
Arapahoe	146	11.63
Archuleta	2	0.15
Boulder	97	7.72
Chaffee	4	0.31
Custer	2	0.15
Delta	9	0.71
Denver	258	20.55
Douglas	50	3.98
Eagle	24	1.91
El Paso	130	10.35
Elbert	4	0.31
Fremont	6	0.47
Garfield	18	1.43
Grand	2	0.15
Gunnison	13	1.03
Huerfano	1	0.07
Jackson	2	0.15
Jefferson	101	8.04
Kiowa	1	0.07
La Plata	18	1.43
Lake	2	0.15
Larimer	67	5.33
Las Animas	3	0.23
Lincoln	2	0.15
Logan	4	0.31
Mesa	35	2.78
Moffat	1	0.07
Montezuma	3	0.23
Montrose	6	0.47
Morgan	1	0.07
Otero	1	0.07
Ouray	1	0.07
Park	5	0.39
Phillips	1	0.07
Pitkin	18	1.43
Pueblo	15	1.19
Routt	16	1.27
Saguache	2	0.15
San Miguel	8	0.63
Summit	15	1.19
Teller	3	0.23
Weld	34	2.70
Yuma	5	0.39

A precedent embalms a principle.

—Benjamin Disraeli

English statesman, novelist, poet, 1804-1881

### JULY 2008

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July 4 – Independence Day

## CSU/Pueblo prepares for big fall enrollment growth

CSU/Pblo 7/26 – Officials at Colorado State University-Pueblo are encouraging area students not to delay enrolling for fall classes due to high demand for general education courses and campus housing. A combination of new recruitment processes, expanded athletic programs, new facilities, and enhanced academic offerings is causing the campus to make preparations for what could be the largest freshman class in the history of the institution.

Joe Marshall, CSU-Pueblo assistant vice president for enrollment management, indicated that the increase in enrollment is generalized across disciplines, but the greatest growth is from the Denver metro region, as well as from El Paso and Boulder counties. Outside of Colorado, the greatest increases are from California, Texas, and Hawaii. New student enrollment is up more than 30 percent, with new freshmen up more than 60 percent from fall 2007. An overall increase of more than 10 percent in headcount is expected.

The increase in enrollment numbers has caused course sections, especially for prime time (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) general education English and math classes, to be limited, although new sections are being added as required.

Housing contracts signed to date for the upcoming fall semester have already brought the 568-bed Belmont Residence Hall (BRH) and 148-bed Walking Stick Apartments to capacity. The University is establishing at least one Remote Residence Hall to serve additional students who

want to live in campus housing. Staffing, programming, student discipline and security at the remote site will mirror those in BRH in order to maximize the residential experience for the students. A reduced meal plan uniquely designed to address the needs of students in the Remote Residence Hall will be available and transportation options are being discussed. The offering of course sessions in the high-demand general education courses at the Remote Residence Hall also is under consideration.

Room assignments will be made by the end of July, so “it is important for any students who are required or who want to live in the residence halls to submit their application, deposit, and contract as soon as possible,” Marshall said.

Housing will be assigned on the basis of priority housing criteria, so continuing students who wish to live in campus housing should contact the University immediately if they have not already signed a contract.

Students interested in enrolling or signing housing contracts are encouraged to contact the Housing Department at 549-2601 immediately. The University also will be offering its final Second Saturday registration event from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on August 9 in the Administration building.

Attracting new students to CSU-Pueblo is not enough, said President Joseph Garcia. “We will be striving to deliver to these students a campus experience that provides safety, support, and both personal and professional development.”









LOG OF PUBLIC TRUSTEE CONTINUED ACTIVITY (Continued from Page 5)

Table with 12 columns: PT No., Current Owner, Property Address, Zip 810--, DOT Amount, DOT Date, Current Holder, Principal Balance, Original Sale Date, Bkcy Filed, --Continued-- To Times, PT No. Contains multiple rows of public trustee activity records.

CURRENT PUBLIC TRUSTEE SALES • PUEBLO COUNTY

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ACTIVITY REGARDING PROPERTIES SCHEDULED FOR SALE WEDNESDAY, JULY 23:

\*No Homeowner redemption period.

Table with 11 columns: PT No., Original Sale Date, Owner (Borrower) Address/Description, Zip 810--, Amt/Date of Trust Deed, Principl Bal /Recep No, Lender (Holder) /Lender Attorney, Total Due /Lender Bid, Sold to/ Date Sold, Best Bid/ Deficiency, Rdmptn Ends, Comment. Contains detailed activity regarding properties scheduled for sale.

FUTURE PUBLIC TRUSTEE SALES • PUEBLO COUNTY

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SALE DATE: AUGUST 20, 2008 cont:

Table with 7 columns: Sale No., Date, Current Owner, Amt/Date of Trust Deed, Current Bal, Current Lender/Holder, Holder's Attorney. Rows include Cornella, Amber L & Shawn Lee and Maes, Paula M & Michael L.

SALE DATE: AUGUST 27, 2008

Main table for August 27, 2008 sales. Columns: PT No, 1st Pub, Current Owner (Borrower) Address/Description, Zip, Amt/Date of Trust Deed, Current Bal, Current Lender/Holder, Holder's Attorney. Includes entries for Androes, Scott D & Louann, Bryant, Raymond, Molina, Madeline, etc.

SALE DATE: SEPTEMBER 3, 2008

Main table for September 3, 2008 sales. Columns: PT No, 1st Pub, Current Owner (Borrower) Address/Description, Zip, Amt/Date of Trust Deed, Current Bal, Current Lender/Holder, Holder's Attorney. Includes entries for Gutierrez, Roman M & Michelle A, Garcia, Julian, Burkhardt, Curtis M, etc.

PROPERTIES WITHDRAWN BEFORE PUBLIC TRUSTEE'S WEDNESDAY SALE

Table with 4 columns: PT No., Original Sale, Owner (Borrower) Address/Description, Lender (Holder) /Date Withdrawn. Rows include Sandoval, Leona C, Cordova, Andrew, Verna, Bret & Vairo, etc.

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Public Notice boxes. Text: 'Public Notice' in a rounded rectangular frame.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED C.P. No. 231 Book 2004 Parcel No. 04-312-26-006 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN and more especially to AMY A. LEON; PUBLIC TRUSTEE OF PUEBLO COUNTY; CITIFINANCIAL CORPORATION; AMY LEON; INTERMEDIARIES ADVANTAGE NETWORK; UNIFUND CCR PARTNERS; CREDIT SYSTEMS, INC.

You are hereby notified that on the 19th day of October, 2004, the then Treasurer of the County of Pueblo, State of Colorado, sold at public sale to INA Group LLC the tax lien upon the following described real estate, situate in the City of Pueblo and County of Pueblo, viz: E 14 FT OF LOT 13 + ALL LOT 14 BLK 13 PUEBLO

That subsequent taxes upon said property for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 were paid by the holder of said Certificate of Purchase. That at the time of said assessment and said sale said property was taxed in the name of Amy A. Leon. That INA Group LLC the present holder of said Certificate of Purchase has made application to me for a Treasurer's or Tax Deed to said property, provided the same has not been redeemed from said sale for taxes before the issuance of said Deed.

That I will, on the 12th day of November A.D. 2008, execute and deliver to said INA Group LLC or its assigns a Treasurer's or Tax Deed to said property above described unless the same has been redeemed from said sale before the issuance of said Deed on the date as hereinabove fixed. Witness my hand this 11th day of July A.D. 2008. AURELIO SISNEROS Treasurer County of Pueblo. (SEAL) By LOUISE SELZER, Deputy.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED C.P. No. 1091 Book 2004 Parcel No. 14-100-01-007 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN and more especially to WILLIAM A. WARNER; SCOTT M. WARNER; PUBLIC TRUSTEE PUEBLO COUNTY; FIRST COMMUNITY INDUSTRIAL BANK; DONNA K. PARDI

You are hereby notified that on the 19th day of October, 2004, the then Treasurer of the County of Pueblo, State of Colorado, sold at public sale to INA Group LLC the tax lien upon the following described real estate, situate in the County of Pueblo, viz: PART OF LOTS 1 + 2 BLK 33 ST CHARLES MESA DESC AS: E 134.77 FT OF LOT 2 + W 35.39 FT OF LOT 1

That subsequent taxes upon said property for the years 2004 and 2006 were paid by the holder of said Certificate of Purchase. That at the time of said assessment and said sale said property was taxed in the names of William A. Warner and Scott M. Warner. That INA Group LLC the present holder of said Certificate of Purchase has made application to me for a Treasurer's or Tax Deed to said property, provided the same has not been redeemed from said sale for taxes before the issuance of said Deed.

That I will, on the 12th day of November A.D. 2008, execute and deliver to said INA Group LLC or its assigns a Treasurer's or Tax Deed to said property above described unless the same has been redeemed from said sale before the issuance of said Deed on the date as hereinabove fixed. Witness my hand this 11th day of July A.D. 2008. AURELIO SISNEROS Treasurer County of Pueblo. (SEAL) By LOUISE SELZER, Deputy.

















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PUEBLO COUNTY SALARY PUBLICATION

PURSUANT TO C.R.S 30-25-111 BY ORDER OF THE PUEBLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PUBLICATION OF PUEBLO COUNTY MONTHLY SALARIES FOR JUNE 2008

O=ELECTED OFFICIAL F=FULL TIME P=PART TIME \*WORKED LESS THAN ONE YEAR

Table listing names and salaries for various roles including County Commissioner, County Attorney, and various administrative positions.

Table listing names and salaries for various roles including Human Resources, Risk Management, and various administrative positions.

Table listing names and salaries for various roles including Sheriff's Office, Police, and various administrative positions.

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PUEBLO COUNTY SALARY PUBLICATION—

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Table listing names and salaries for various roles including SO CRIM JST REC TECH, DET OFFICER, DEP SHERIFF (TRANS), etc.

Table listing names and salaries for roles such as DEP SHERIFF (TRANS), WORK RELEASE COORD, DET OFFICER, etc.

\*\*\*\* District Attorney

Table listing names and salaries for District Attorney roles including DISTRICT ATTORNEY, VICTIM ASST SPEC I, etc.

\*\*\*\* Public Works

Table listing names and salaries for Public Works roles including EQUIPMENT OPR.

Table listing names and salaries for roles such as OFFICE MANAGER, EQUIPMENT OPR, HVY EQUIP OPR, etc.

\*\*\*\* Social Services

Table listing names and salaries for Social Services roles including DSS DIRECTOR, DSS TECH, DSS SR CASEWORKER, etc.

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PUEBLO COUNTY SALARY PUBLICATION—

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Table listing employee names and salaries for Pueblo County, including Castro Phillip K, Chambers Katrina Sue, Chavez Lucia Beatrice, etc.

Table listing employee names and salaries for Pueblo County, including Lucero Leslie Alta, Lucero Theresa M, Lujan John R, etc.

Table listing employee names and salaries for Pueblo County, including Smith Mary Delfina, Smith Quiera R, Staffiero Lisa A, etc.

\*\*\*\* Employee Retirement

Table listing retirement information for Thompson Joel Douglas, Arrieta Yolanda, Craig Patrick J, Jimenez Virginia.

\*\*\*\* PAAA

Table listing PAAA information for Arrieta Yolanda, Craig Patrick J, Jimenez Virginia.

\*\*\*\* Housing & Human Svc

Table listing Housing & Human Services information for Ortiziv Theodore R, Aliere Geraldine L, Aragon Barbara D, etc.

\*\*\*\* 911 Surcharge—NONE

\*\*\*\* Recreation—NONE

COUNTY WIDE AVERAGE FRINGE BENEFIT IS 35%

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Earth Talk ... Q&A

From the Editors of E/The Environmental Magazine

DEAR EARTHTALK: Should we expect to see "plug-in" hybrid cars anytime soon? I've been hearing they are on the horizon but I wonder if that means in one year or 10.—Bill A., Stratford, CT

Gasoline-electric hybrids now, like Toyota's popular Prius, don't need to plug in—you just fill their tanks with gasoline and the battery keeps charged by the internal combustion engine and by energy generated from the wheels when braking (a feature known as "regenerative braking").

backing-up, crawling in gridlock, maintaining speed while cruising, and for extra uphill power when needed. As such, the electric motor is essentially a back-up engine while the hybrid relies mainly on the gasoline engine.

Plug-in hybrids take the concept further by plugging into a regular electric outlet to enable the vehicle to operate solely on its electric motor for ranges of 40-50 miles or more on a single charge.

ther than the electric engine can take it.

According to researchers at the University of California Davis, the electricity cost for powering a plug-in hybrid is only about one-quarter of the cost of powering a like-sized gasoline vehicle.

Toyota, currently the world's largest producer of hybrid vehicles by far thanks to the success of its Prius, announced that it expects to have a commercially viable plug-in hybrid available to consumers as early as 2010 and is now testing prototype versions of plug-in hybrids at two California universities.

Felix Kramer of the California Cars Initiative (CCI), a non-profit dedicated to promoting plug-ins, called Toyota's announcement "stunning and very welcome," and says that these vehicles will be the cleanest practical cars on the road in a world where gas stations dot just about every intersection.

U.S. automakers are also jumping onto the plug-in bandwagon. General Motors says that it will have mass-market plug-in hybrids—modifications of its Saturn Vue and

Chevrolet Volt—on the road by 2010. Ford has also developed a small fleet of plug-ins, but is not yet ready to offer them to the public. Fisker, a U.S. start-up focusing on the creation of high performance, energy efficient vehicles, plans to sell an \$80,000 plug-in hybrid sports car by late 2009.

Plug-ins have also caught on elsewhere. Chinese carmaker BYD plans to sell a plug-in hybrid sedan in the U.S. within five years. And Volkswagen hopes to have a plug-in hybrid Golf ready to roll by 2010.

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**CONTACTS:** California Cars Initiative, [www.calcars.org](http://www.calcars.org); BYD, [www.byd.com](http://www.byd.com); General Motors, [www.gm.com/experience/fuel\\_economy/news/2008/hybrids/plug\\_in\\_vue\\_011008.jsp](http://www.gm.com/experience/fuel_economy/news/2008/hybrids/plug_in_vue_011008.jsp); Fisker, [www.jalopnik.com/344419/detroit-auto-show-fisker-karma-luxury-hybrid-only-80000](http://www.jalopnik.com/344419/detroit-auto-show-fisker-karma-luxury-hybrid-only-80000).

**DEAR EARTHTALK: I need to replace my old TV. Can you tell me which of the latest models is the greenest? I was told that the flat-screen/plasmas are real energy hogs. What do you recommend?**  
—Angela Montague, via e-mail

According to The Wall Street Journal's Rebecca Smith, a 42-inch plasma TV set can draw more power than a large refrigerator, even if the TV is only used a few hours a day. This is partly because many newer models don't turn off but go into "standby" mode so they can start up fast later with no warm-up period. "Powering a fancy TV and full-on entertainment system—with set-top boxes, game consoles, speakers, DVDs and digital video recorders—can add nearly \$200 to a family's annual energy bill," she adds.

Smith recommends green consumers consider the Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) models, which typically uses less energy than comparable plasma sets. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a 28-inch conven-

tional cathode-ray tube (CRT) set uses about 100 watts of electricity. A 42-inch LCD set might consume twice that amount, while plasma could use five times as much, depending on the model and the programming. For the largest screen sizes (60 inches and up), projection TVs are the most energy efficient, clocking in at 150-200 watts—significantly less than the energy a plasma set would use.

"What scares us is that prices for plasma sets are dropping so fast that people are saying, why get a 42-inch plasma set when you can get a 60-inch or 64-inch one," says Tom Reddoch of the non-profit Electric Power Research Institute. "They have no idea how much electricity these things consume."

For its part, the industry is taking some steps to make its products more efficient, and to improve disclosure of energy usage. In June 2008 Sony pronounced its new 32-inch Bravia KDL-32JE1 LCD model "the world's most energy efficient television." Slated for sale in Japan in August 2008 for around \$1,400, the new set utilizes fluorescent tubes to create higher levels of brightness with less energy consumption, but still delivers large resolution, a high contrast ratio and a wide viewing angle.

Beginning in November 2008, forward-thinking manufacturers will get a little boost from the U.S. government, which will start

awarding the most energy efficient new TV sets "Energy Star" labels to help consumers identify greener choices. TVs bearing the Energy Star label must operate at least 30 percent more efficiently than standard models in both stand-by and active modes. Consumers can see which models qualify by visiting the televisions section of the EnergyStar.gov home electronics page. According to the EPA, if all TVs sold in the U.S. met Energy Star requirements, yearly energy savings would top \$1 billion and greenhouse gas emissions would drop by the equivalent of taking a million cars off the road.

Of course, the greenest option of all (aside from getting out from in front of that tube and spending more time outdoors) is to keep or repair your existing CRT unit (a digital-to-analog converter will be needed after February 2009 when new signal specifications go into effect). Most CRT sets use less energy than any of the LCD or plasma models, and if it ain't broke, why fix it? Buying a new TV, even a greener one, only generates more pollution in production and transport, and creates waste in junking the old model.

**CONTACTS:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov); Energy Star, [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov); Electric Power Research Institute, [www.epri.com](http://www.epri.com); Sony Corp., [www.sony.com](http://www.sony.com).

## Possible human West Nile Virus case of season spotted in Pueblo

CitCoHealth 7/25 — Pueblo health officials are investigating the first possible human case of West Nile virus for the 2008 season.

"West Nile virus season is here. So far in Colorado, there have been three human cases detected. Now is the time to take precautions against West Nile virus, which is a preventable disease," stated Dr. Chris Nevin-Woods executive director of the Pueblo City-County Health Department. "West Nile virus can be avoided by eliminating mosquito breeding grounds in back yards, wearing insect repellent and using other methods to avoid mosquito bites when outdoors," she added.

The cooperative surveillance conducted by state and local health departments started on June 1 has shown Culex mosquito populations are still low but increasing. Historically, populations of Culex mosquitoes, which transmit West Nile virus, rapidly increase this time of year as temperatures rise. "Usually, in July, we start detecting our first positive mosquitoes, although no mosquitoes have tested positive yet this year in Pueblo County," Nevin-Woods said.

She said each season this virus will be present and circulating around the state. The severity of the season will depend on the weather. "Within the next couple weeks we will have an idea of how severe or mild this season may be," she said.

She said 2007 was the second most active season for West Nile virus cases following the 2003 epidemic. Last year, Colorado reported 576 cases with 7 deaths. Ninety-nine cases, or 17 percent, had meningitis or encephalitis, indicating the virus had entered the central nervous system. "However, we know that even West Nile fever, the less severe form, can cause significant illness, last for weeks to months and can result in people being hospitalized. Prevention is the key," Nevin-Woods emphasized.

In reviewing statewide surveillance data from 2003 to 2006,

Nevin-Woods said patterns of human infections have emerged: "Approximately 85 percent of people who became ill with West Nile virus were infected when bitten by an infected mosquito during a six-week period from July 1 through the second week of August. Therefore, we are in the peak season of West Nile virus transmission."

Infected mosquitoes continue to feed through September and early October, depending on the weather, but fewer than 10 percent of human cases are contracted after Labor Day, Nevin-Woods explained. "July and August are the highest-risk months of being infected, and people should be extra diligent during this time and use whatever methods available to avoid mosquito bites. This is particularly important one hour before sunset through around midnight, when Culex mosquitoes are most actively feeding," she said.

### Standing water

Nevin-Woods said that individuals can reduce the number of mosquitoes by cleaning out gutters and other places around their homes where there are pools of standing water that are good breeding places for mosquitoes. Such breeding grounds include empty flowerpots, plastic swimming pools or old tires.

"If you have a birdbath, remember to change the water at least weekly. This also is a good time to repair torn window and door screens," she said.

Additional precautions to take against West Nile virus include the following:

—Use precautions or avoid outdoor activities, such as gardening at dawn and after dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

—If outside at dawn or after dusk, cover up by wearing light, loose-fitting pants and long-sleeved shirts, shoes and socks.

—Use approved mosquito repellents containing DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. DEET products generally provide the longest protection. The other repellents

work but must be applied more frequently. Follow the product label for correct use. Products with 10 percent or less DEET are recommended for children.

Colorado has experienced five full seasons of West Nile virus transmission, each with different levels of transmission. In 2006, there were 345 cases reported with seven deaths.

The mildest year thus far was 2005, when Colorado had 106 human cases and two deaths. In 2004, cases were moderate with a total of 291 human cases, including four deaths. This represented a sharp downturn from the first full season of West Nile virus in Colorado in 2003 when there were 2,947 confirmed human cases of the disease and 63 deaths. Only 14 cases were reported in 2002, when the virus was first detected in the state in August of that year. Overall, Colorado has recorded over 4,200 human cases and 83 deaths, although the total number of identified cases represents only a small proportion of persons who actually became ill during this time.

### Hotline

A hotline was been set up at the Pueblo City-County Health Department to answer questions about West Nile virus, call the main health department phone line 583-4300 press "2" for hotlines.

### Dead birds

Nevin-Woods advised anyone who finds a dead bird to call the Colorado Health Emergency Line for the Public (CoHELP) at 1-877-462-2911. Mosquitoes feed on infected birds and then pass on the virus to humans. In addition to taking reports of dead birds, staff can answer most questions about West Nile virus. The Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Control Center operates the hotline under contract with the Department of Public Health and Environment.

Prevention tips and additional information about West Nile virus is available online at [www.FightTheBiteColorado.com](http://www.FightTheBiteColorado.com).

## PERSPECTIVE by Jon Heaton, Tribune editor

### Consumption is no cure for what ails America

In my last column, I inadvertently named Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson as Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. Fortunately, national luminaries are not aware of my occasional tirades, so Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke will never know of my error.

Since then, Congress has given both gentlemen additional powers to bolster the finances of our two quasi-public mortgage guarantors, Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae. The way I get it, the new legislation makes it possible for the Fed and Treasury to loan funds to Freddie and Fannie and/or to purchase their securities. It also provides billions for cities to salvage foreclosure-ridden neighborhoods, thus protecting solvent home owners in those areas.

Perhaps the most amazing thing about this legislation is the fact that our Bushy President indicates he is willing to sign it after having threatened its veto. Secretary Paulson is said to have convinced him.

Also since our last column, the price of crude has at last begun dropping from its high of around \$147. It's now dropped by over \$20 and Senator John McCain says that is because he and Bushy recommended opening more of our Gulf of Mexico continental shelf to exploration. The White House says it may more likely be tied to reduced consumption by American drivers.

Also, a new study estimates there is enough oil and gas under the Arctic to supply all U.S. needs for 12 years or all world demand for 3 years. In other words, there may not be enough to be worth the trouble either of getting it or of protecting its delivery from attack or from accidents. Even now, some experts believe our existing Alaskan pipeline is extremely vulnerable to attack. It's also being used well beyond its originally engineered safe life, besides having been the object of a scandal regarding its poor maintenance by BP (formerly British Petroleum) a few years ago.

This reminds us of another vulnerability: shipping oil from the Middle East. For example, tankers moving into and out of the Persian Gulf must pass through the Strait of Hormuz. While in this shallow, narrow bottleneck between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman, tankers are virtually within slingshot range from the Iranian coast.

But oil doesn't have to be a long way from here to cause havoc. The other day, when a ship and an oil barge collided on the Mississippi, the resulting refined petro-mess stopped all shipping down to the Gulf of Mexico for several days (still leaving much of the mess to be cleaned up later).

None of this is new. Some \$60 billion of our Defense Dept. budget was being spent every year to protect worldwide petroleum shipments way back in the 1970's. Allowing for inflation, the figure is closer to \$150 billion now (unless you include the cost of our invasion of Iraq and the occupation of its oil fields, which runs at least another \$150 billion a year).

At \$150 billion a year, protecting oil supplies is a heavy burden. At \$300 billion, it's a back-breaker.

T. Boone Pickens says we import 70 percent of the 19 million or so barrels we consume every

day. That's nearly 13.5 million barrels every day. Protecting it costs about \$822 million a day or \$61.00 a barrel.

So, when Texas Sweet is priced at \$125 per barrel from the tanker, it actually costs \$186 a barrel.

Here's another way to look at it: The Petroleum Institute says we get about 40 gallons of fuels and lubricants from a barrel of oil. So, our \$61 in taxes to get it to our cars, planes, trucks and trains amounts to \$1.50 a gallon. That means \$4.00

gas at the pump actually costs us \$5.50 when we included the cost to get it safely to the pump. And this is a "regressive" cost because that \$1.50 cost would be the same, even if we were paying only \$1.00 a gallon at the pump.

Learning whether we have more light, "sweet" oil reserves in U.S. territory is a good thing, but exploiting these reserves in the near term is not a solution. Anticipated development, such as in the Arctic or the Gulf of Mexico, would be a very tiny part of our long-term energy needs.

Worse yet, exploiting these limited reserves might just lull the average consumer into ignoring the need to develop renewable, less polluting energy sources.

Petroleum and coal interests (and the politicians who feed at their troughs) do this nation a tragic disservice when they suggest that we can "make our own oil" or "drill our way out of foreign dependency" or "sequester our CO<sub>2</sub>." Their cynical aim is to keep us dependent upon their deadly hydrocarbons until they have smothered and poisoned the planet (and its inhabitants) into a New Dark Age.

The producers' callous greed is believable but it is *mind-boggling* that perhaps 30 percent of American adults still believe climate change is a lie invented by Liberals to enslave the masses. These folks are the 30 percent who think "scientists" are minions of the Devil, spewing the results of their studies of our planet just to lure mankind away from pure faith in the Whatever. Ready-made to be suckered, this 30 percent yearns more than anything for the security of certainty in the most simplistic terms.

There is no room for scholarly exploration in their terror-ridden minds and, therefore, no room for learning, no capacity for change. They use all their imagination to deny the building blocks of the universe, our planet, its environs and its inhabitants.

Little wonder then, that our politicians gained and held power by pandering to the fantasies of this 30 percent while preaching the nation's most self-devouring mythology—the myth that devout acquisition and consumption is the way to true happiness.

Little wonder, as a result, that this nation is stuck in the glorification of its first 200 years, as well as the folklore and mythology of other parts of the world.

Little wonder that we find it so difficult to accept change and growth and the scientific tools at hand to move ahead with the innovations and lift-style changes that are necessary. But we can. We can cope with the immense challenges of long-term climate change and, in the shorter term, free ourselves from the growing worldwide competition for more and more limited and precarious supplies of petroleum. *jfh*

