

## State BLM Director at Fillmore Open House

by Dean Draper

Juan Palma, BLM Utah State Director, joined officials and visitors for ceremonies marking the official opening of the BLM field offices in Fillmore on Friday, Oct. 15.

The new 9,600 square foot Fillmore Field Office Building incorporates many energy saving technologies. The new building incorporates the best of current energy technologies—both renewable energy and fossil fuels. “We are here to stay—in Fillmore—in the county,” said Palma. “One of our focuses is renewable energy, but also fossil fuels. Utah is at the center of fossil fuels.”

Fillmore mayor Eugene Larsen compared the new facility's attributes to the auto bodywork he performs for a living. “When you do body work on a hot rod you get a thrill out of it being nice and straight. But if you don't put new chrome on it, it just isn't right,” said Larsen. “They (the BLM) put the chrome on by dressing up all of the buildings along with the new one.” New paint and solar panels grace the surrounding outbuildings at the BLM site.

After short speeches, awards were presented and then the crowd moved over for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The entire building was open for inspection by the public.

The Fillmore Field Office is part of Utah's West Desert District. It is headed up by manager Mike Gates who reports to District Manager Glenn Carpenter in Richfield. Both were on hand to share the tour after the ribbon-cutting ceremony with their many guests.

The building is friendly for staff and visitors alike. The skylights are a marvel. They capture the sun's rays and diffuse them throughout the office space in



A window to window allows an outside view from an inside office.

an almost magical way. Windows allow 95 percent of the offices an exterior view. The other five percent have a window to the exterior window providing a feeling

of open space.

The BLM is not only here to stay, but also here to serve. Drop in to the new offices and see what they have to offer.

## Identification Required to vote

In order to be allowed to vote you must present valid voter identification to the poll worker before voting, which must be a valid form of photo identification that shows your name and photograph, or two (2) different forms of identification that show your name and current address.

In Utah, these forms of identification include:

- A currently valid Utah driver license;
- A currently valid ID card issued by the state or a branch, department, or agency of the United States;
- A currently valid Utah permit to carry a concealed weapon;
- A currently valid United States passport; or
- A valid tribal ID card, whether or not the

card includes a photograph of the voter.

Or TWO forms of identification that bear the name of the voter and provide evidence that the voter resides in the voting precinct, which may include:

- A current utility bill or copy thereof dated within 90 days before the election;

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## Judge Hare charged

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Judge Ronald R. Hare, who is on the November ballot for retention as a justice court judge, is charged in the Salt Lake City Justice Court with a Class B misdemeanor of disorderly conduct.

Hare is charged with allegedly engaging in sexual conduct and/or exposing himself under the Salt Lake City municipal code. Rick Schwermer, assistant Utah court administrator, said Hare will appear in court on Monday, Nov. 1, for a pre-trial conference. No further details regarding the court action are available. Case # 10CR08058 is set for 2 p.m.

Schwermer said Hare was placed on paid administrative leave on Sept. 17 by Utah Supreme Court Justice Christine Durham until the case is resolved.

“The county has no contract with Judge Hare. He is a full-time county employee, yet he is a quasi-elected official. Jurisdiction regarding his employment is in question until an administrative hearing by the Judicial Conduct Commission,” said Daron Smith, County Commission chairman.

Smith said the commissioners became aware of the charges through rumor. Inquiries made by the commission as to what the charges might be resulted in “no comment” according to Smith. The reasoning being a presumption of innocence until the charges have been proven

or dismissed. What is known surfaced through court records.

“I was given a message by another county employee from Judge Hare that he was on administrative leave,” said Smith.

The court's case history shows Hare being arrested on July 9. The Salt Lake Tribune reports “Salt Lake City police Detective Dennis McGowan said the incident involved Hare and an undercover vice officer in a men's restroom at the Glendale Park at 5:30 p.m. SLC Municipal Code 11.16.100(B)(C) states:

B. Engage in sexual conduct, alone or with another person or an animal;

C. Make an intentional exposure of his or her genitals....

Judge Hare, 63, was sworn in as the Justice Court judge for the East Millard Justice Court in January of 1979. Hare also serves as Fillmore's municipal court judge.

“We had to call in a substitute to handle the cases until this issue is resolved,” said Fillmore Mayor Eugene Larsen.

The pre-trial conference is a step in the judicial process usually followed a waiver hearing. Next would be a preliminary hearing to determine if there is enough evidence to take the case to court unless the defendant pleads guilty.

## Protecting Children and Families from Pornography conference

The Utah Coalition Against Pornography will hold a conference on Sat., November 6, in St. George.

The conference's purpose is to educate people about problems related to pornography, provide resources and support, and to teach people what they can do to promote community standards that will safeguard children and families.

Speakers include Michelle Kettle Torsak, Mark Chamberlain, M.D., Jeffery J. Ford, Ken Knapton, Geoff Steurer, and Atty. General Mark Shurtleff. Dr. Chamberlain and Geoff

Steurer are co-authors of the forthcoming book: “Love you, Hate the Porn: Healing a Relationship Damaged by Virtual Infidelity.” Knapton is the author of “Cyber Safety: Maintaining Morality in a Digital World.” Torsak is chairwoman of “Out in the Light,” a media initiative aimed at helping women impacted by pornography.

The Southern Utah Regional Conference is focused to bring the efforts of UCAP to more people throughout the state of Utah and surrounding communities. Presentations in this conference will address the issues of pornography and other harmful material that threaten the foundation of stable life for individuals, families, and communities.

The Utah Coalition Against Pornography has become recognized nationally for its efforts to protect children and families from pornography and other harmful material. For over a decade, UCAP hosts conferences and other educational forums for parents, individuals, community leaders and ecclesiastical leaders, as well as providing educational materials, such as DVD's and books. See Pornography conference on page 9



## The Candidates meet the public last Thursday

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At first it looked like the candidates might almost outnumber the interested citizens who showed up for meet the candidate meetings in Fillmore and Delta there were so many.

Candidates for offices from Governor, U.S. House down to local county offices came to answer questions and express their views as to managing the governmental affairs of the local citizenry. There were many stock answers to common questions, but a few comments caught the attention of those present. For those not present at either location, some, but not all, of the responses are shared in the following lines.

Commission Candidates: How do we increase business and the tax base in the county?

Jim Withers: We need to look for another Robin Pearson—a county manager—an expert to recruit businesses.

Commission Candidates: How important is it to keep County purchasing going to county businesses?

John Nielson: As a contractor I've seen jobs go to people out of the county. We ought to be helping our own people first.

Elwin Johnson: We should keep our business at home whenever possible.

Jim Withers: It is extremely important

to buy from the county businesses.

Daron Smith: County policy allows us to determine the best value for the dollars spent. There are many times when a decision is based on the best value for everything considered.

Paul McCollaum: As much as possible should be purchased at home within reason.

School Board Candidates: Do we need a new high school in Delta?

Matt Loe: I believe we do. A study showed it would cost 80% of a new building to rehabilitate the old one.

Beverly DeWyze: The high school needs to be replaced. We should do it now because it would cost less.

Matt Loe: After the election, meetings have been scheduled on Nov. 16 & 17 to discuss a proposed new building.

Sheriff Candidates: Why is the Sheriff's budget a disproportionate amount of the County budget?

Robert Dekker: The Sheriff's Office has a budget, the Jail has a separate budget, the Ambulance has a separate budget. It is a big county. Transportation is a big part of it. There are no local police departments—we cover it all.

Don Ponton: It would be foolish to sacrifice safety for money.

What can you do to improve morale?

Robert Dekker: Morale is key to the operation of the Sheriff's Office. The election has been tough on us causing some separations. We'll get past it when it is over...we need to make everyone feel part of the team.

Don Ponton: Morale starts from the top down. How you lead sets the example. Some of the concluding statements made by the candidates:

Jim Withers: Our children are above our citizens. We need to plan to make it possible for them to get an education and develop jobs so they can come back to the county to live.

Paul McCollaum: I think we can trim up our government. We can clean up our government and reduce our taxes.

Daron Smith: I'm living the American dream. I want to make it so our children can live it too.

Tom Nielson: The only way to make things different is to get involved. There is a \$20 million shortfall in the state budget, I imagine it will trickle down to the county too. We need to plan for it.

Elwin Johnson: I have the time, the ability, the ambition to cut the budget, return taxes and reduce the size of government.


Gary Van Horn, U.S. House: Carefully consider the names on the ballot. There is a bad situation in the country. We are not in a recession, we are in a deepening depression. Fight for your freedoms—those you no longer enjoy and those you still have.

Bill Wright, State legislature: Don't get the impression changing people will change the way things are done. We need to change the minds and hearts of the people.

Steve Maxfield, Lt. Governor: Government is not supposed to be efficient in everything. Most things should be done privately, not by the government.

Farley Anderson, Governor: We have been taught correct principles. Utah is run efficiently—an A+ rating. Utah's campaign ethics rate an F. As an unaffiliated candidate I have not and will not accept campaign contributions. I know how to do more with less.

Karen Hyer, U.S. House: The U.S. Congress has had problems for decades. We need competent, citizen legislators. I was recruited to run by conservative Democrats even though I've been a Republican all my life.



## Delta City Library

Welcomes illustrator Guy Francis on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm

Children's picture books available for selling and signing.

Think Christmas! • Everyone welcome • Children must be accompanied by a parent!

