

Measure Banning Mountain Lion Hunting Qualifies for Colorado's Statewide Ballot

by Mike Krause,
Complete Colorado Page Two

DENVER— Secretary of State Jena Griswold's office on Wednesday announced that a citizen-initiated measure to outlaw the hunting of mountain lions, along with lynx and bobcat, will appear on the statewide ballot as part of Colorado's November 5, 2024 general election.

A random sampling of the over 187, 000 signatures submitted by proponents projected a validity rate of more than 110 percent of the number required to qualify for the ballot, according to a July 31st media release, thus precluding the work of validating each individual signature. The current signature requirement for statewide initiatives is 124, 238.

Currently numbered as Initiative 91, the ballot measure purports to ban the practice of "trophy hunting," which generally means killing an animal for sport and not for consumption or harvest. However, the initiative goes on to broadly define trophy hunting as "intentional killing, wounding, pursuing or entrapping of a



Photo from the Mountain Lion Foundation

mountain lion, bobcat or lynx," which in practice means a ban on hunting the animals entirely, according to Dan Gates from Coloradans for Responsible Wildlife Management, a pro-hunting group that opposes the measure.

"They say they want to curtail trophy hunting, but the definition in the petition says 'intentional killing,'" Gates previously said. "All of hunting is intentional killing. If they are going to classify

that hunting as intentional killing, how can they not be for getting rid of all forms of hunting?"

In Colorado, the hunting of mountain lions, which runs yearly from November to March (with additional hunting in April if needed) is already prohibited unless the meat of the animal is harvested for consumption. In other words, lion hunting just for the taking of a trophy is already illegal.

Lynx are already protected by both state and federal law, with hunting and trapping prohibited.

As previously reported by *Complete Colorado*, the Colorado Wildlife Conservation Project (CWCP), a broad-based coalition of hunting, fishing and conservation groups has come out against the measure, calling the effort a threat to science-based wildlife management in Colorado.

The measure is a statutory change, meaning that it needs fifty percent-plus-one of the vote to pass, and can be amended by the legislature, as with any other state law.

(Editor/GG: What is wrong with these control freaks? It is already heavily regulated. Mountain lions kill tons of deer every year. With the libs bringing in the wolves and now wanting to stop mountain lion hunting, our deer population is going to take a beating. Vote NO on this in November.)

Please see: <https://pagetwo.com-pleticolorado.com/2024/08/01/ban-on-mountain-lion-hunting-qualifies-colorado-ballot/>

BOCC: TV Tower Update, Day Gets His Monkey Bars, Fire Suppression Ponds Issue, Affordable Housing, Audit News

by George Gramlich,
News and Commentary

The July 31, 2024 Custer County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) regular meeting started around 9 a.m. at their hideout across from the courthouse. All three Commissioners were there: Bill Canda, Lucas Epp and Kevin Day.

In Commissioner Items, Canda said one of our hilltop TV stations, KRDO (Channel 13) has finally started the tech process to be able to feed the transmission tower. Finish date unknown.

Epp announced that the August 21 BOCC meeting will be in Wetmore at the Community Center. Epp also noted that our new BOCC Administrative Assistant has abruptly resigned due to "personal reasons". For some reason, Epp mentioned it might be a good thing to add Finance Departments Account Payable

clerk duties to the BOCC Administrative Assistant job. The Commissioners will discuss this in the future.

Canda said the Upper Arkansas Water Conservation District has some concerns regarding potentially using three ponds in the valley for fire suppression purposes.

Day noted that his crowning achievement in three and a half years of being a very important and wise Commissioner, getting a grant (our tax money) plus a bunch of our local tax money (around \$10k in total) for some playground equipment in his District (Wetmore) is about to come to fruition. Day proudly announced that the equipment will be delivered sometime in August. (We are spending money on this as the Commissioners have drastically cut our Sheriff's Office budget for next year?)

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Sheriff's Office Introduces Sgt. Stephen Konegni



Sgt. Stephen Konegni

by Fred Hernandez

The Custer County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) has made a significant leap forward in its level of professionalism under the present leadership. It may come as a surprise to some that currently the combined experience of the deputies employed is an awesome two hundred years. That means an average of fifteen years per law enforcement officer. In comparison, the previous average experience was two years. This is a major accomplishment not attained in the past as far as can be remembered. In

addition, the majority of the personnel are veterans, eight including the deputy assigned to the courthouse, who come with extensive training and experience. The community of Custer County can rest securely knowing that they are safe in the hands of very able law enforcement professionals.

In an effort to further improve the day to day "cop and community" relationship and open up more transparency, a series of articles will

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to be praised: so shall
I be saved from mine
enemies.
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Where Do You Draw the Line on Biological Men Competing in Women's Sports

by Glenn K. Beaton,
The Aspen Beat

Opinion, Commentary

Olympic boxing sunk to a new low last week. An Algerian boxer with XY chromosomes – the ordinary definition of “male” – and commensurate male testosterone levels – beat up a woman in front of thousands of cheering spectators.

The woman who was beat up had to quit 46 seconds into the match, apparently with a broken nose. In tears, she said in her native Italian “not fair, not fair” and explained afterward that she’d “never been hit so hard in my life.”

The XY boxer was declared the winner. Yesterday, the XY boxer won again in a decision where all three judges favored the XY boxer in all three rounds – it was effectively a 9-0 decision – and is headed toward the finals as a clear favorite for the gold medal.

This XY person had previously been disqualified from competition by the International Boxing Association for having tested positive for XY chromosomes and testosterone levels well above the normal range for women – and within the normal range for men.

But the International Olympic Committee disregarded those tests in a feud between them and the

IBA. The IOC says the XY has a passport with “female” checked on it, and that’s good enough for them.

The follow-the-science crowd was thus persuaded, ironically, not by a chromosome test or a testosterone test, but by the bureaucrats of the Algerian passport office.

XY chromosomes result in male anatomy, including testicles. That’s where testosterone is produced. (Testosterone is also produced in female sex organs, but in miniscule levels compared to what’s produced in male testicles.)

Testosterone produces larger, denser muscles, and greater size and strength. This is seen throughout athletics and is the reason that almost all competitions are divided between male and female competitors.

When men compete against women, the result is a gross mismatch. We saw this in college swimming a few years ago when a swimmer with XY chromosomes who was ranked about 460 in collegiate men’s swimming decided to compete as a woman, and immediately achieved a number one ranking in the women’s sport.

In boxing, the punching power of a male is over two and a half times that of a female. Even that does not tell the whole story.

Men are naturally quicker, and so they can land a punch easier and dodge their opponents’ punches easier. Their facial and other bones are bigger, thicker and denser, so they can absorb a punch better. It’s not an exaggeration to say that a man boxing against a woman is like a man boxing against a boy.

What kind of man wants to win a medal by beating up a woman in front of a cheering crowd?

A bad man, that’s what kind. A man who is arguably a deviant, attention-seeking, woman-beating sadist.

So, where do you draw the line? The IOC is apparently saying that people with XY chromosomes and male testosterone levels can compete against women – so long as they pretend to be women (at least until they launch that first punch).

But why must they pretend to be women? Pretending to be a woman does not make a man into a woman any more than pretending to be a duck makes a person into a duck – no matter how much they look, act and quack like one.

This pretending encourages deceit. It says, “We’ll let you compete as a woman so long as you lie.” The IOC would at least be honest if they simply said, “You’re free to choose whether you compete in the men’s category or the women’s category. You don’t need to pretend by wearing make-up.”

Prominent athletes have condemned these spectacles between women and pretend-women, from gay tennis great Martina Navratilova to transsexual Caitlin Jenner who won gold as Bruce Jenner.

Like them, I don’t care about a person’s sexual “identity.” If they want to hold themselves out as a man when their chromosomes and testosterone says they’re a woman, or vice versa, that’s fine by me. I’ll even play along by using their “preferred pronouns” if that makes them feel good.

But Navratilova, Jenner and I draw a rational, science-based line that does sacrifice women’s athletics on the altar of political fashions. That line is this: People with male chromosomes and testosterone should not compete as women in women’s sports. The result is unfair to women and destructive to their sports.

We’re headed to a world where the only sports are male sports and transgender “female” sports. Women with XX chromosomes need not apply, because they cannot effectively compete against the XYs.

It’s not only unfair and wrong; it’s dangerous. It’s only a matter of time until before a man kills a woman in the ring. The IOC will have that woman’s blood on their hands.

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to read more of Glenn Beaton’s Commentaries at TheAspenBeat.com

Correction- Westcliffe Town Mtg.

RE: REPORT Published July 26th

During the Public Comments of the July 18 Westcliffe Town meeting report, we wrongly identified the speaker who was upset “with some language in the master plan” and “pointed out the plan contains water park ideas and “acquiring land”. The speaker wanted the language removed since he and other landowners abutting the Bluff Park and Grape Creek have no intention of selling land or giving access to Grape Creek. While the person was speaking, Town Manager Caleb Patterson said, “I apologize, Mr. Coleman.” There was not a shift in gaze by the board members or an answer, so we wrongly identified the speaker as Mr. Dale Coleman. Mr. Coleman was sitting next to the speaker and was not the one speaking.

Our sincere apologies to Mr. Coleman, who did not speak, for the misidentification. And kudos to the actual speaker for addressing the 5-year plan’s presumptuous language and bringing it to the public’s attention.

WESTCLIFFE PLANNING COMMISSION MTG.

A special thanks to TOW Planning Commission Chair Christy Patterson for thoughtful changes to the Second Hearing on rezoning blocks 17-20 and 33-34. by moving the podium into camera view during public comment, having the public state their name and property address before speaking and recapping/summarizing questions being asked at the July 24 meeting. Some identified the property they own in town or near the project and some did not. There were more folks with a horse in the race than was readily evident, but Christy’s efforts helped create clarity and a better atmosphere for dialogue.

—Laura Vass, Asst. Editor, SDC Sentinel

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3rd Street Gallery “For the Love of Animals”

Press Release

The latest art show at the 3rd Street Gallery is presented under the title of “For the Love of Animals”. This special show was held in collaboration with and for the benefit of Wet Mountain Animal Welfare. The reception for this latest Gallery show was held Saturday, August 3rd. Those not able to attend the reception are invited to come and visit the Gallery during the month of August to enjoy a variety of works of art created by Colorado artists for this show. Animal themed submissions were judged by highly acclaimed, award-winning local artist Andy Mast. First through third place winners were recognized as well as two “honorable mention” awards. Special congratulations were offered to the first and second place winners: First Place to Jeanene Parker for her acrylic painting entitled “Fat and Happy” and Second Place to Alicia Waugh for her acrylic entitled “All is Good”.



“It’s All Good” by Alicia Waugh

In September the 3rd Street Gallery will feature artwork created during the 15th Alla Prima Westcliffe (APW) Plein Air Event. Pieces created by accomplished plein air artists during the Alla Prima Westcliffe event will be displayed from September 15th through September 28th. As a bonus, artists registered for the APW event will also be able to display some of their previous work from September 5th through 15th. For more information about this event please visit sangresartguild.org. These shows and others during the summer season are sponsored by the Sangres Art Guild, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. The 3rd Street Gallery is located at 59000 N. Hwy 69, Westcliffe (719-315-6045).



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Press Release

Last week Tim Warren a Pilot and Flight Instructor vacationing in the Wet Mountain Valley casually strolled through an open hangar door at Custer County’s Silver West Airport. He found himself confronted by what appeared to be the cockpit section of a Fighter Airplane. Engaging the gentleman working on the Cockpit in conversation he learned what he had unwittingly discovered was a high-tech simulator of a World War II British Spitfire.

The Spitfire is the aircraft credited by historians with winning the battle of Britain which prevented Hitler’s invasion of England. These aircraft and the courageous men who flew them played a critical role in preserving the freedom of England. As Winston Churchill said, “Never before have so many owed so much to so few”.

The British Spitfire and Hurricane Memorial Museum feels the best way to preserve the legacy of these aircraft is to keep them flying. They are a living tribute to both the machines and the men who flew them. The museum considers it critical that future generations be able to experience the sight, sound and feel of these magnificent machines.

There are only approximately 60 Spitfires left in airworthy condition. The Museum therefore found it necessary to build the most realistic simulator possible to train pilots before they are allowed to fly one of these precious relics.

Local Pilot, published author and Spitfire enthusiast John Strider Nation has managed to bring one of these simulators to our SilverWest Airport. Tim Warren found him readying the simulator for this year’s AirFest. The simulator is a full-size replica of a Spitfire Cockpit. The gages and controls are taken from a real Spitfire. High resolution graphics are projected onto a large screen video monitor. Attendees will be able to fly the simulator giving them some idea of what it was like to fly as a pilot in the Battle of Britain. John’s Books will also be on sale in the hangar next to the Simulator.

This year’s AirFest will be the 10th of August from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Donations are accepted but admission and a pancake breakfast are free to all attendees.

Tim Warren of Toledo, Ohio, in the Spitfire simulator at Silver West Airport. “I love visiting local airports because you never know what you are going to find”.

The Olde Schoolhouse Quilters will be hosting their 25th Annual Quilt Show over Labor Day weekend. The quilt show is open to the public.

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Raffle ticket(s) are available for purchase at the door. Enter to win one or more quilted items including wall hangings, table runners and placemats. The raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, September 1st at 5 p.m. You do not need to be present to win. Please join us and visit the boutique selling quilts, fabric, home decor items, books and much more!



Join the Celebration!

August 20th is Senior Day at
West Custer County Library

Press Release

Join Senior Day at the West Custer County Library on Tuesday, August 20th from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. Enjoy: consults, a seminar, informational tables, tech problem solving, a tour, and demos while enjoying free coffee and snacks. Here’s what attendees can expect:

In the Community Room

“Ask a Public Health Nurse” for an immunization records consult from 10 a.m. till noon. No appointment is needed.

At 2:30 p.m. Darcy Rhodes, RDN, a registered dietitian will lead a “Brain Function Seminar” in the Community Room.

Informational Tables Inside the Library

- NEW Privacy Booth Tours – available 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Senior Planet Demos – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Complete a Survey of Senior Needs 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Tech Table – Bring your devices 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- International Prescriptions Rep. 10 a.m. – noon
- Altitude Community Fitness Rep. 10 a.m. – noon, Ask about the Silver Sneaker’s program
- Medicare Rep. 10 a.m. – noon
- Hospice Rep. 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- Volunteer Sign Up 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- Rep. from the Custer County Senior Citizen’s Center
- LifeTime Partners Wealth Planning

Visit www.westcusterlibrary.org for more information or call (719) 783-9138.

Brain Health

Press Realease

Concerned about brain health? Please join Darcy Rhodes, RDN, at the West Custer County Library on Senior day, at 2:30 pm, August 20th. As we age, we worry about things like losing our keys, mislaying objects, and forgetting a person’s name. Have you ever considered nutrition is a critical factor in brain health? We’ll discuss the link between nutrition and the brain, review some of the best foods for brain health, and briefly discuss supplements and other brain health tips. A recipe of a brain healthy dish and a sample

will be included! This class is free and open to the public.

Rhodes is a Registered Dietitian and is involved in many things related to health and wellness locally. She works at the Custer County Senior Center, HRRMC in Salida, teaches nutrition monthly on various wellness topics at Altitude Fitness, and has participated in the Wellness fairs at Pines Ranch this year, as well as a popular class on Prediabetes at the library in February. Darcy has a passion for wellness and Senior nutrition and is excited to be back at the library again!

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6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (CLSD) 12 Step study, at St. Luke’s, 3rd & Rosita in Westcliffe. Martha at 719-371-1853.

1st Monday of the Month

5 p.m. Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (year-round) at Cliffe Lanes
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Children Welcome. colobamanana@yahoo.com

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1st Tuesday of the Month

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Old Schoolhouse Quilters Comfort Quilters @Valley Bible
6:30 p.m. American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting at Cliff Lanes meeting room.
4-6 p.m. Christian Music on KLZR 91.7 FM

2nd Tuesday of the Month

9 a.m. Old Schoolhouse Quilters Guild Meeting @Valley Bible

Wednesdays

8-9 a.m. Veterans Coffee Social, Veterans and Caregivers welcome. West Custer County Library Community Rm., 209 Main St. Westcliffe
9:30 – 11 a.m. Line Dancers meet at United Methodist Church, 204 S 6th St. Call Debbie Underwood at (432) 553-7483.
10 -11 a.m. ENDED FOR SUMMER
Westcliffe Band of Brothers & Sisters Bible Study Valley Bible Fellowship, 116 Hermit Lane, Silver Cliff
10 a.m. Pickle Ball Silver Cliff Memorial Park
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6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (CLSD) Big Book Study at St. Luke’s, 3rd & Rosita, in Westcliffe. Martha at 719-371-1853.
6 p.m. Prayer Group Meeting. First Baptist Church of Westcliffe. Call 719-783-2498.

Last Wednesday of the Month

9:45-11:30 a.m. The Posse Ladies Bible Study. at 3305 County Rd 159, Westcliffe. July 31, August 28. Holly 703-338-4100

First Thursday of the Month

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Comfort Quilters, First Baptist Church Community Room (log bldg next to the church) located at 417 S. 6th St. Contact Delores at 719-371-1451.

2nd Thursday of the Month

6 p.m. Custer County Republican Central Committee meeting. Ranchers Roost. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. See www.CusterGOP.com or Facebook page at <https://m.facebook.com/custergop>

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Fridays

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1 - 4 p.m.- Mah Jongg at the Senior Center
6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Open Discussion, St. Luke’s, 3rd & Rosita. Call Martha 719-371- 1853
2nd Friday of the Month
8 am- Westcliffe Band of Brothers & Sisters Men’s Prayer Breakfast, at the Senior Center followed by **Monthly Meeting at 9:30** - all are welcome

Saturdays

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.

3rd Saturday of Month

8 a.m. Valley Bible Fellowship Men’s Breakfast Open to all Men of the Community, 116 Hermit Lane, Silver Cliff
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1 p.m. VFW meeting at Cliff Lanes Conference Room, Post Commander Burt Daniels 719-783-3050



The American Legion Monthly Meeting is the 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the bowling alley.

The American Legion Auxiliary Monthly Meeting is the 1st Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Cliff Lanes meeting room.

American Legion and VFW Monthly Meetings

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Monthly Meeting is the 3rd Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. at the bowling alley.



NCAA Asked to Keep Men Out of Women’s Sports

by Alan Wooten, The Center Square

(The Center Square) – Keeping men from playing women’s sports in the NCAA is being requested of the association’s president by both North Carolina senators among 23 Republicans.

U.S. Sens. Thom Tillis and Ted Budd each affixed their signatures on a Tuesday letter to NCAA President Charlie Baker. The lawmakers in the minority party of the chamber asked Baker and his nearly \$1 billion nonprofit representing 1,098 schools to follow the lead of the NAIA, the Court of Arbitration for Sport and more than 20 states in protecting women’s sports.

Stopping short of calling the NCAA hypocritical, the senators say the rules forbidding testosterone as a performance enhancer “is intellectually dishonest.”

NCAA revenues in 2023 were \$1.3 billion and net assets totaled \$870 million, according to a copy of its audited financial statement. The nearly 20,000 teams include almost half a million college athletes.

The senators wrote, “The science is clear. Males have inherent athletic advantages over females due to their anatomy and biology – including through having larger hearts, higher red blood count, greater lung capacity, longer endurance, larger muscle mass, differences in bone density and geometry, and lower body fat.

“Consistently, when adult males’ athletic performance is contrasted with adult females’ athletic performance in sports relying on endurance, muscle strength, speed, and power, males dominate, outperforming females by 10 to 30%.”

The lawmakers wrote “there is an understanding that male hormones give athletes a material and competitive advantage in sports. To allow biological men to compete in women’s sports, while considering testosterone a performance enhancer, is intellectually dishonest. These facts cannot continue to be ignored by the NCAA.”

The letter was led by Sens. Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee and Tommy Tuberville of Alabama, the latter a former collegiate football coach. Alabama, Florida, Mississippi and Idaho also had two signatures on the letter. There were no Democrats, and 26 Republicans did not sign.

In Tillis’ and Budd’s home state, strong opposition to Title IX changes have been led by Payton McNabb, an ambassador with the Independent Women’s Forum, and several on the collegiate level to include national champion women’s basketball coach Sylvia Hatchell. Kylee Alons, twice an NCAA champion and 31-time All-American at N.C. State, is among 16 collegiate athletes suing the NCAA for letting men who say they are women compete against them and use the same locker rooms.

The letter is endorsed by Riley Gaines, 12-time All-American swimmer at Kentucky; Concerned Women for America; Heritage Action; the Independent Council on Women’s Sports; Independent Women’s Forum; the Independent Women’s Law Center; Champion Women; the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission; and the Our Bodies, Our Sports Coalition.

Gaines is a plaintiff with Alons in the lawsuit against the NCAA.

Nancy Hogshead, an Olympian and the founder and CEO of Champion Women, said, “I was at the NCAA meeting when Pat Griffin and Helen Carroll presented their transgender inclusion policy for adoption. We were told that one year of cross-sex hormones would remove male-advantage from men who wanted to compete with women. We were assured that the science was conclusive. Years later, we now know that the science that the NCAA relied on was wrong, and that newer research shows that no amount of hormones or surgery can roll back male athletic advantage. The NCAA should recognize the now well-established science and change their policy to protect women’s sports.”

Please see: https://www.thecentersquare.com/north_carolina/article_cbe2329a-54a8-11ef-b13c-83fba98c795.html

Custer Senior Center Menu

Monday, August 12	Tuesday, August 13	Thursday, August 15
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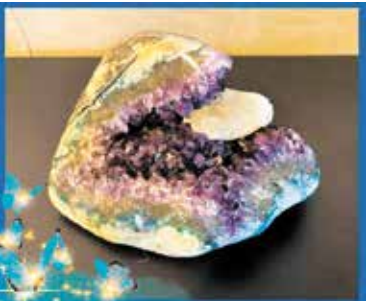
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Their natural habitat is Lake Xochimilco, an ancient network of lakes and canals in southern Mexico City. These lakes were drained by Spanish settlers after the conquest of the Aztec Empire, leading to the destruction of much of the axolotl's natural habitat.

What makes this amphibian so unusual and different from other salamanders is the way they reach adulthood. Most amphibians go through metamorphosis (the process in which they develop lungs and legs and take to land). Instead of taking to the land, adults remain aquatic and gilled.

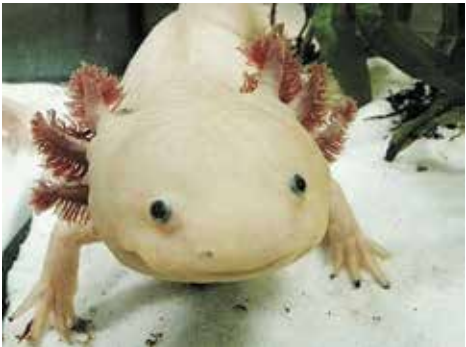
A mature adult axolotl, at age 18–27 months, ranges in length from 6 to 18 inches, although a size close to 9 inches is most common and greater than 12 inches is rare. They also have a tail fin that extends from behind the head to the vent which is located at the posterior end of the fish and is responsible for the elimination of waste, as well as the exchange of gases, reproduction and buoyancy control. External gills are usually lost when salamander species mature into adulthood, although the axolotl maintains theirs. Their heads are wide, and their eyes are lidless. Their limbs are underdeveloped and possess long, thin digits.

The axolotl are carnivorous, consuming small prey such as mollusks, worms, insects, other arthropods and small fish in the wild. Axolotls locate food by smell, and will “snap” at any potential meal, sucking the food into their stomachs with vacuum force.

Their healing ability is what attracts most attention. They are capable of the regeneration of entire lost appendages in a period of months, and, in certain cases, more vital structures, such as tail, limb, central nervous system, and tissues of the eye and heart without scarring. They readily accept transplants from other individuals including eyes and parts of the brain—restoring these alien organs to full functionality. In some cases, axolotls have been known to repair a damaged limb, as well as regenerating an additional one, ending up with an extra appendage. They can regrow the same limb up to five times.

As of 2020, the axolotl was near extinction due to urbanization in Mexico City and consequent water pollution, as well as the introduction of invasive species such as tilapia and perch.

by Audrey Slater. Sources: <https://factanimal.com/axolotl/>, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Axolotl>,
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Kaitlyn Grossardt: Red

Veterinary Science:

Mitchell VanDeusen: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion**
Aubrynn Cozzetto: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Reserve Grand Champion**

Metalworking:

Hesston VanDeusen: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion**

Model Rocketry:

Thomas Silber: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion**

Robotics and Engineering:

Jackson Wingfield: Red

Small Engines:

Keller Johnson: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion**
Christopher Tenaglia: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Reserve Grand Champion**

Shooting Sports Display Board:

Hesson VanDeusen: Red Amos McKendry: Red Wyatt Grundy: Blue London Dean: Blue Matthew Grossardt: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Reserve Grand Champion**
Lucas Schram: Blue
Ethan Fore: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion**

Shooting Sports Stand Alone:

Shelby Compton: Blue, Reserve Champion
Sage Everhart: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Reserve Grand Champion**
Stone Everhart: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
Ty Stoltzfus: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion**
Alex Agnew: Blue, Reserve Champion
Thomas Reis: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier Christopher Tenaglia: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier Benji Smith: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier

Shooting Sports Decorative Item:

Kyler Ray: Red
Mitchell VanDeusen: Blue, Reserve Champion
Rowan Saathoff: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Reserve Grand Champion**
Fynn Riding: Blue Thomas Silber: Blue Aubrynn Cozzetto: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion**
Iris McKendry: Red
James Silber: Blue, Reserve Champion Kord Goff: Blue, Reserve Champion
Matthew Grossardt: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier Lincoln Wingfield: Blue

Sportfishing:

Wyatt Grundy: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion**
Matthew Grossardt: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Reserve Grand Champion**

Leathercraft:

Mitchell VanDeusen: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion**

Scrapbooking:

Maecie Shank: Red

Woodworking:

Christopher Tenaglia: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion**

Visual Arts:

Piper Cunningham: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion** Kymber Nixon: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Reserve Grand Champion**

Artistic Clothing:

Piper Cunningham: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion**

Foods and Nutrition:

Serenitey Crofford: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
James Silber: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
Serenitey Crofford: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
London Dean: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
Serenitey Crofford: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
Remington Kardatzke: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
Serenitey Crofford: Blue
London Dean: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion**
Serenitey Crofford: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
James Silber: Red
Serenitey Crofford: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
Remington Kardatzke: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier
Serenitey Crofford: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Reserve Grand Champion**

Photography:

Sage Everhart: Blue

Home Design and Décor:

Sage Everhart: Blue

Gardening:

Jackson Wingfield: Red

Outdoor Adventure:

Theresa Royal-Ramirez: Blue, Champion, State Fair Qualifier, **Grand Champion**

Egg Production:

Evangeline Golovanoff: Blue

Shooting Sports Competitions

Shotgun Junior:

Stone Everhart: First Ethan Fore: Second London Dean: Third

Shotgun Senior:

Ty Stoltzfus: First Lincoln Wingfield: Second
Grand Champion Shotgun: Ty Stoltzfus
Reserve Grand Champion Shotgun: Lincoln Wingfield
.22 Rifle Scope Junior:Ethan Fore: First Fynn Riding: Second
.22 Rifle Hunt Junior:London Dean: First Lucas Schram: Second Christopher Tenaglia: Third Thomas Reis: Fourth James Silber: Fifth Kyler Ray: Sixth Rowan Saathoff: Seventh Alex Agnew: Eighth Thomas Silber: Ninth

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.22 Rifle Scope Senior:
Benji Smith: First
.22 Rifle Hunt Senior:
Lincoln Wingfield: First
Grand Champion .22 Rifle: Ethan Fore
Reserve Grand Champion .22 Rifle:
London Dean
Archery Traditional Compound Junior:
Sage Everhart: First
Archery Limited Compound Junior:
Aubrynn Cozzetto: First
Hesston VanDeusen: Second
Iris McKendry: Third
Shelby Compton: Fourth
Amos McKendry: Fifth,
Mitchell VanDeusen: Sixth
Archery Limited Compound Senior:
Lincoln Wingfield: First Kord Goff: Second
Archery Recurve Senior:
Benji Smith: First
Grand Champion Senior Recurve:
Benji Smith
Grand Champion Senior Compound:
Lincoln Wingfield
Reserve Grand Champion Senior Compound:
Kord Goff
Grand Champion Junior Compound:
Aubrynn Cozzetto
Reserve Grand Champion Junior Compound:
Hesston VanDeusen

Llama Costume:
Aubrynn Cozzetto: First Scarlett Kardatzke: Second
Remington Kardatzke: Third Kailynne Evert: Fourth
Junior Pack:
Remington Kardatzke: First
Intermediate Pack: Aubrynn Cozzetto: First
Gracie Johnson: Second Scarlett Kardatzke: Third
Mini Public Relations:
Kailynne Evert: First
Bear Kardatzke: First
Rowan Kardatzke: First
Junior Public Relations:
Remington Kardatzke: First
Intermediate Public Relations:
Aubrynn Cozzetto: First
Gracie Johnson: Second
Scarlett Kardatzke: Third
Mini Obstacle:
Kailynne Evert: First
Bear Kardatzke: First Rowan Kardatzke: First
Junior Obstacle:
Remington Kardatzke: First
Intermediate Obstacle:
Aubrynn Cozzetto: First
Gracie Johnson: Second
Scarlett Kardatzke: Third
Junior Showmanship:
Remington Kardatzke: First
Intermediate Showmanship:
Aubrynn Cozzetto: First
Gracie Johnson: Second
Scarlett Kardatzke: Third
Grand Champion Junior Llama:
Remington Kardatzke
Grand Champion Intermediate Llama:
Aubrynn Cozzetto
Reserve Grand Champion Intermediate Llama:
Gracie Johnson

Dog Show
Intermediate Open Showmanship:
Jalane Gonzalez: Blue, First
Junior Novice Showmanship:
Evangeline Golovanoff: Red, First
Novice B Obedience:
Jalane Gonzalez: Blue
Puppy Obedience:
Evangeline Golovanoff: Red

Rabbit Show
Costume:
Gracie Johnson: First Kaitlyn Grossardt: Second
Remington Kardatzke: Third
Breeding Junior Buck:
Gracie Johnson: First Keller Johnson: Second
Breeding Senior Buck:
Alexis Grossardt: First
Grand Champion Breeding Rabbit:
Alexis Grossardt
Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Rabbit:
Gracie Johnson
Companion Rabbit:
Kaitlyn Grossardt: First
Remington Kardatzke: Second
Grand Champion Companion Rabbit:
Kaitlyn Grossardt
Reserve Grand Champion Companion Rabbit:
Remington Kardatzke

Junior Showmanship:
Remington Kardatzke: First
Intermediate Showmanship: Gracie Johnson: First,, Kaitlyn Grossardt: Second
Senior Showmanship:
Keller Johnson: First
Alexis Grossardt: Second
Cat Show
Domestic Short Hair:
Gracie Johnson: First Kaitlyn Grossardt: Second
Intermediate Showmanship:
Gracie Johnson: First Kaitlyn Grossardt: Second
Intermediate Crate Décor:
Gracie Johnson: First
Kaitlyn Grossardt: Second
Costume:
Kailynne Evert: First Aubrynn Cozzetto: Second
Gracie Johnson: Third Kaitlyn Grossardt: Fourth
Grand Champion Cat: Gracie Johnson
Reserve Grand Champion Cat: Kaitlyn Grossardt
Small Animal Master Showmanship
Grand Champion: Alexis Grossardt
Reserve Gand Champion: Keller Johnson

Horse Show
Junior Showmanship:
Faith Watkins: First
Intermediate Showmanship:
Gracie Johnson: First
Senior Showmanship:
Jolene Mullett: First
Senior English Hunt Seat:
Jolene Mullett: First
Senior English Control:
Jolene Mullett: DQ
Senior English Show Hack:
Jolene Mullett: First
Champion Senior English Division:
Jolene Mullett
Junior Western Horsemanship:
Gracie Johnson: First Faith Watkins: Second
Senior Western Horsemanship:
Jolene Mullett: First
Junior Western Pleasure:
Gracie Johnson: First Faith Watkins: Second
Senior Western Pleasure:
Jolene Mullett: First
Junior Western Reining:
Gracie Johnson: First Faith Watkins: Second
Senior Western Reining:
Jolene Mullett: First
Junior Western Trail:
Gracie Johnson: DQ Faith Watkins: DQ
Champion Junior Western Division:
Gracie Johnson
Reserve Champion Junior Gymkhana Division:
Faith Watkins
Reserve Champion Junior Gymkhana Division:
Gracie Johnson
Grand Champion Junior Horse:
Gracie Johnson
Reserve Grand Champion Junior Horse:
Faith Watkins
Grand Champion Senior Horse:
Jolene Mullett
High Point Junior Horse: Faith Watkins
High Point Intermediate Horse:
Gracie Johnson
High Point Senior Horse:
Jolene Mullett

Junior Barrels:
Faith Watkins: First Gracie Johnson: NT
Junior Pole Bending:
Gracie Johnson: First Faith Watkins: Second
Junior 75 Up and Back:
Faith Watkins: First Gracie Johnson: Second
Champion Junior Gymkhana Division:
Faith Watkins
Reserve Champion Junior Gymkhana Division:
Gracie Johnson
Grand Champion Junior Horse:
Gracie Johnson
Reserve Grand Champion Junior Horse:
Faith Watkins
Grand Champion Senior Horse:
Jolene Mullett
High Point Junior Horse: Faith Watkins
High Point Intermediate Horse:
Gracie Johnson
High Point Senior Horse:
Jolene Mullett

Public Speaking Contest
Junior Impromptu: Sage Shy: First
Intermediate Impromptu:
Sage Everhart: First Stone Everhart: Second
Gracie Johnson: Third Isabella Saucedo: Fourth
Khaylonni Saucedo: Fifth
Eryn White: Sixth
Senior Impromptu:
Jolene Mullett: First
Brylee Shy: Second Lily Bomgardner: Third
Keller Johnson: Fourth
Junior Interpretive:
Sage Shy: First

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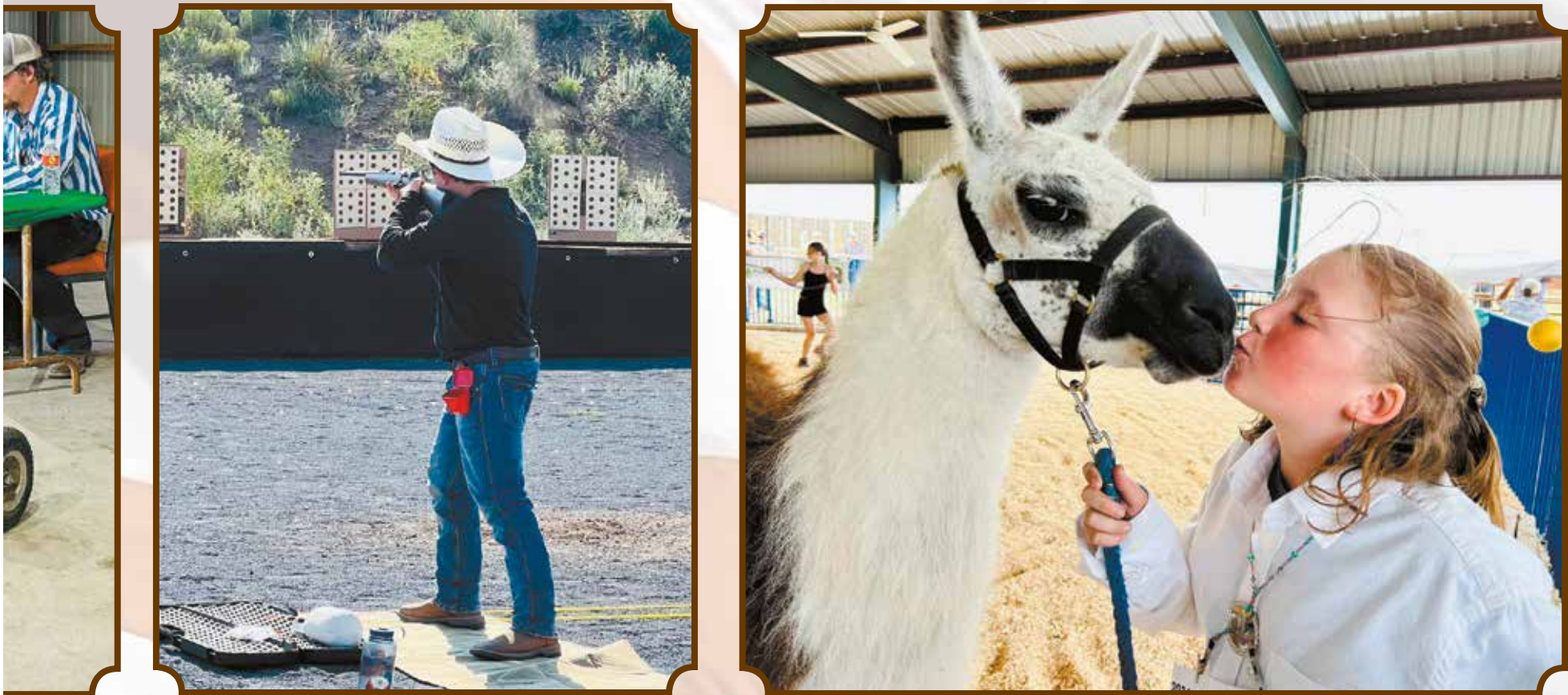
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FAIR WEEK.. PART 2!



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Intermediate Interpretive:
Gracie Johnson: First Sierra Foster: Second
Isabella Saucedo: Third
Senior Interpretive:
Keller Johnson: First
Brylee Shy: Second
Serenitey Crofford: Third
Intermediate Prepared:
Sage Everhart: First
Khaylonni Saucedo: Second
Senior Prepared:
Jolene Mullett: First
Lily Bomgardner: Second
Intermediate Demonstration:
Gracie Johnson: First Isabella Saucedo:
Second Khaylonni Saucedo: Third
Senior Demonstration:
Keller Johnson: First
Grand Champion Junior: Sage Shy
Grand Champion Intermediate:
Sage Everhart
Reserve Grand Champion:
Gracie Johnson and Sierra Foster
Grand Champion Senior: Jolene Mullett
Reserve Grand Champion Senior:
Brylee Shy

Lamb
Junior Showmanship:
Brentley Curtis: First Evangeline Golovanoff:
Second Masha Muzhzhavlav: Third
Intermediate Showmanship:
Jaliane Gonzalez: First
Jennica Mullett: Second
Senior Showmanship:
Rafael Gonzalez: First
Lily Bomgardner: Second
Reagan Hatfield: Third
Stephanine Lewis: Fourth Marin Foster: Fifth
Jolene Mullett: Sixth Kord Goff: Seventh
Benji Smith: Eighth
Feeder Class:
Rafael Gonzalez: #178, 101 lbs.: First
Weight Class ONE:
Brentley Curtis: #170, 111 lbs.: First
Weight Class TWO:
Jaliane Gonzalez: #182, 126 lbs.: First
Jaliane Gonzalez: #180, 129 lbs.: Second

Jennica Mullett: #194, 130 lbs.: Third
Weight Class THREE:
Lily Bomgardner: #193, 131 lbs.: First
Masha Muzhzhavlav: #173, 133 lbs.: Second
Marin Foster: #191, 132 lbs.: Third
Jolene Mullett: #195, 134 lbs.: Fourth
Weight Class FOUR:
Stephanie Lewis: #192, 136 lbs.: First
Evangeline Golovanoff: #175, 135 lbs.:
Second
Reagan Hatfield: #190, 135 lbs.: Third
Weight Class FIVE:
Kord Goff: #189, 146 lbs.: First
Benji Smith: #163, 165 lbs.: Second
Grand Champion Lamb: Jaliane Gonzalez: #182, 126 lbs.
Reserve Grand Champion Lamb:
Lily Bomgardner: #193, 131 lbs.

Goat
Junior Showmanship:
Paisley Berry: First
Masha Muzhzhavlav: Second
Intermediate Showmanship:
Madilynn Berry: First Sierra Foster: Second
Senior Showmanship:
Alexis Grundy: First
Weight Class ONE:
Alexis Grundy: #168, 59 lbs.: First
Weight Class TWO:
Madilynn Berry: #165, 73 lbs.: First
Paisley Berry: #167, 67 lbs.: Second
Weight Class THREE:
Masha Muzhzhavlav: #174, 78 lbs.: First
Weight Class FOUR:
Sierra Foster: #171, 88 lbs.: First
Grand Champion Goat:
Madilynn Berry: #165, 73 lbs.
Reserve Grand Champion Goat:
Alexis Grundy: #168, 59 lbs.

Swine
Junior Showmanship:
Mitchell VanDeusen: First Evangeline
Golovanoff: Second Rowan Saathoff: Third
Joseph Mullett: Fourth Paisley Berry: Fifth
Intermediate Showmanship:
Jaliane Gonzalez: First
London Dean: Second
Jennica Mullett: Third
Haylie Shaffer: Fourth

Madilynn Berry: Fifth
Senior Showmanship:
Rafael Gonzalez: First
Jolene Mullett: Second
Owyn Clark: Third
Brylee Shy: Fourth
Addie Banning: Fifth
Ty Stoltzfus: Sixth
Kord Goff: Seventh
Feeder Class:
Paisley Berry: #204, 218 lbs.: First
Weight Class ONE:
London Dean: #223, 222 lbs.: First
Evangeline Golovanoff: #209, 227 lbs.:
Second. Paisley Berry: #203, 229 lbs.: Third
Weight Class TWO:
Owyn Clark: #200, 244 lbs.: First
Madilynn Berry: #201, 242 lbs.: Second
Brylee Shy: #208, 242 lbs.: Third
Weight Class THREE:
Mitchell VanDeusen: #217, 248 lbs.: First
Rowan Saathoff: #206, 250 lbs.: Second
Rowan Saathoff: #205, 250 lbs.: Third
Joseph Mullett: #226, 248 lbs.: Fourth
Mitchell VanDeusen: #218, 248 lbs.: Fifth
Weight Class FOUR:
Jolene Mullett: #225, 261 lbs.: First
Jennica Mullett: #224, 267 lbs.: Second
Kord Goff: #210, 263 lbs.: Third
Madilynn Berry: #202, 256 lbs.: Fourth
Weight Class FIVE:
Rafael Gonzalez: #213, 274 lbs.: First
Jaliane Gonzalez: #212, 283 lbs.: Second
Ty Stoltzfus: #216, 288 lbs.: Third
Addie Banning: #220, 278 lbs.: Fourth
Addie Banning: #219, 272 lbs.: Fifth
Heavy Weight Class:
Haylie Shaffer: #207, 337 lbs.: First
Grand Champion Swine:
Rafael Gonzalez: #213, 274 lbs.
Reserve Grand Champion Swine:
Jaliane Gonzalez: #212, 283 lbs.

Beef
Junior Showmanship:
Sage Shy: First
Intermediate Showmanship:
Jaliane Gonzalez: First
Senior Showmanship:
Doc McCoy: First Grant Rusk: Second
Chris Mullett: Third Brylee Shy: Fourth

Weight Class ONE:
Noel Green: #90, 1043 lbs.: First
Sage Shy: #87, 1037 lbs.: Second
Brylee Shy: #88, 1099 lbs.: Third
Weight Class TWO:
Alexis Grossardt: #89, 1199 lbs.: First
Sage Shy: #86, 1161 lbs.: Second
Weight Class THREE:
Doc McCoy: #93, 1215 lbs.: First
Chris Mullett: #95, 1235 lbs.: Second
Weight Class FOUR:
Jaliane Gonzalez: #92, 1348 lbs.: First
Grant Rusk: #94, 1346 lbs.: Second
Addie Banning: #96, 1325 lbs.: Third
Weight Class FIVE:
Rafael Gonzalez: #91, 1407 lbs.: First
Grand Champion Beef:
Jaliane Gonzalez: #92, 1348 lbs.
Reserve Grand Champion Beef:
Grant Rusk: #94, 1346 lbs.

Master Showmanship
Grand Champion Junior: Mitchell VanDeusen
Reserve Grand Champion Junior: Sage Shy
Grand Champion Intermediate: London Dean
Reserve Grand Champion Intermediate: Jaliane Gonzalez
Grand Champion Senior: Rafael Gonzalez
Reserve Grand Champion Senior: Doc McCoy
Overall High Point State Fair Qualifier: Rafael Gonzalez

Carcass Contest
Grand Champion Beef Carcass:
Grant Rusk
Reserve Grand Champion Beef Carcass:
Addie Banning
Grand Champion Lamb Carcass:
Masha Muzhzhavlav
Reserve Grand Champion Lamb Carcass:
Jennica Mullett
Grand Champion Goat Carcass:
Madilynn Berry
Reserve Grand Champion Goat Carcass:
Masha Muzhzhavlav
Grand Champion Swine Carcass:
Jennica Mullett
Reserve Grand Champion Swine Carcass:
Madilynn Berry

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Well, Here We Are...

by Karl Menninger,
Market-Ticker.org

Well here we are...

The unemployment rate rose to 4.3 percent in July, and nonfarm payroll employment edged up by 114,000, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Employment continued to trend up in health care, in construction, and in transportation and warehousing, while information lost jobs.

Half (55,000) of the “gains” were in the section of the economy that extracts 20% of every dollar made and delivers the worst results of any industrialized nation. Think about that one for a minute: Half essentially flushed down the toilet in terms of improving outcomes.

In addition hours are being cut which I’ve noted, but this time the BLS reported it on the top-level page.

Worse is found in the household survey: over the last 12 months the net change is +56,000. That’s right -- only 56,000 jobs gained in the household survey over the last year. Adjusting for population change we’re down 1.586 million jobs and that negative sign has been there on an unchanged basis since December.

This is slack demand and its evident in the ISM and elsewhere. The problem is the price level and the rampant acceleration in both price and demand that has come from credit emission by the government, both Democrat and Republican, over the last several years.

We have not slowed this down at all, neither candidate for President has even mentioned this as a serious issue and doing more of it will not help because we’ve not slowed it down but the impact is now negative with each successive month of its continuance producing more negative outcomes.

There isn’t a way to sugarcoat this folks -- we cannot keep adding to the “dose” (e.g. “rate cuts”, “more spending” or both) because just as with opioids if you keep doing that into tolerance you will reach the point where your body cannot handle it before you achieve the dose necessary to get stoned.

We’re there economically and we either withdraw from this foolishness or we will accelerate the negative outcomes.

The question is not “will there be a crash”; the answer is yes and there’s no avoiding it.

The question is now whether you will accept a 50% crash in home prices and a 75% one in stock and other asset prices or whether you will continue trying to bail both out and take an 80 or 90% crash in house prices and a 95% one in the stock market, along with the high probability of war on a global scale (or, God forbid, a

civil war here in the U..S) and on a global basis if war occurs the odds are unacceptably high it will ultimately become a nuclear exchange.

Those are the choices and if you do not both choose and force the people in DC to withdraw all of the deficit spending which will impact (of course) tax receipts and thus deepen the problem, which can only (by the MTS, which is not arguable as it is the official government “checkbook”) be mitigated by destroying the medical monopolies in all respects and forcing costs down by 80% across the board in that part of the economy there is no way out of the box.

We’re out of time folks and the current employment report is just another piece of confirmation.

Please see: <https://market-ticker.org/akcs-www?post=251796>

FAIR RESULTS from page 14

Open Class

Baked Goods: Katie Smith: First, Champion, **Grand Champion**

Decorated Baked Goods: Gracie Johnson: First, Champion, **Grand Champion**

Floriculture:

Gracie Johnson: First, Champion, **Grand Champion**

Aubrynne Cozzetto: Second, Reserve Champion, **Reserve Grand Champion**

Kailynne Evert: Third

Kailynne Evert: First, Champion

Aubrynne Cozzetto: Second, Reserve Champion

Heritage Arts:

Katie Smith: First, Champion, **Grand**

Champion

Katie Smith: Second, Reserve Champion

Katie Smith: Third

Janet Freeburg: First, Champion

Janet Freeburg: Second, Reserve Champion

Janet Freeburg: Third

Christina Maclead: First, Champion

Katie Johnson: First, Champion, **Reserve**

Grand Champion Scrapbooking:

Alisha Shy: First, Champion, **Reserve**

Grand Champion

Alisha Shy: Second, Reserve Champion

Alisha Shy: First, Champion,

Grand Champion

Sewing/Clothing:

Scarlett Kardatzke: First, Champion,

Grand Champion

Jewelry:

Scarlett Kardatzke: First, Champion,

Grand Champion

Visual Arts:

Scarlett Kardatzke: First, Champion,

Grand Champion

Gracie Johnson: Second, Reserve Champion.

Reserve Grand Champion

Photography:

Brianna Evert: First, Champion

Katie Johnson: First, Champion, **Grand**

Champion

Katie Johnson: Second, Reserve Champion

Brianna Evert: Third

Brianna Evert: Fourth, Brianna Evert: Fifth

Gracie Johnson: First, Champion

Katie Johnson: Second, Reserve Champion

Katie Johnson: Third

Katie Johnson: First, Champion, **Reserve**

Grand Champion

Katie Johnson: First, Champion

Miscellaneous:

Keller Johnson: First, Champion, **Grand**

Champion

Keller Johnson: Second, Reserve Champion,

Reserve Grand Champion

Scarlett Kardatzke: First, Champion

Gracie Johnson: Second, Reserve Champion

Gracie Johnson: Third

Aubrynne Cozzetto: First, Champion

Kailynne Evert: Second, Reserve Champion

Kailynne Evert: Third

Viral Video Reveals 14% of Illegal Immigrants Admitted They’re Registered to Vote

by Tyler Durden,
ZeroHedge.com

Footage reported by the Heritage Foundation’s Oversight Project from Muckracker.com reveals that 14% of illegal immigrants in a single apartment complex in Georgia admitted to being registered to vote. The video, taken by journalist Carlos Arellano, has over 21 million views as of this writing.

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NON-CITIZENS
REGISTERED IN GA

Footage obtained by @realmuckraker shows numerous non-citizens admitting to being registered voters.

A staggering 14% of the non-citizens spoken to admitted to being registered to voters.

If that same 14% is applied state-wide, that suggests that 47,000 of Georgia’s estimated 339,000 non-citizens are registered to vote in a state that Joe Biden ‘won’ by less than 12,000 votes in 2020.

The Heritage Foundation were unable to find these individuals on GA voter rolls, making it “unclear exactly what information these individuals gave when registering to vote.”

Oversight Project

Jul 31, 2024 @Oversight-PR

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We attempted to locate these individuals on GA voter rolls and were unable to find them.

Non-citizens have shoddy address history records and often use fake documents and names.

It is unclear exactly what

information these individuals gave when registering to vote.

One thing is for certain: Systems are being taken advantage of, and the outcome of the 2024 election will be difficult to determine given the near impossibility of auditing in a short period of time.

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(Editor/GG: How many in Colorado? How many in the whole country? This is the dem’s end game for liberty. Flood the country with illegals. Pay them not to work. Give them “free” housing, healthcare, cell phones. Register them to vote. Never lose an election again. You better make sure you vote this November. It could be the last one...)

Please see: <https://www.zerohedge.com/political/viral-video-reveals-14-illegal-immigrants-admit-being-registered-voters>



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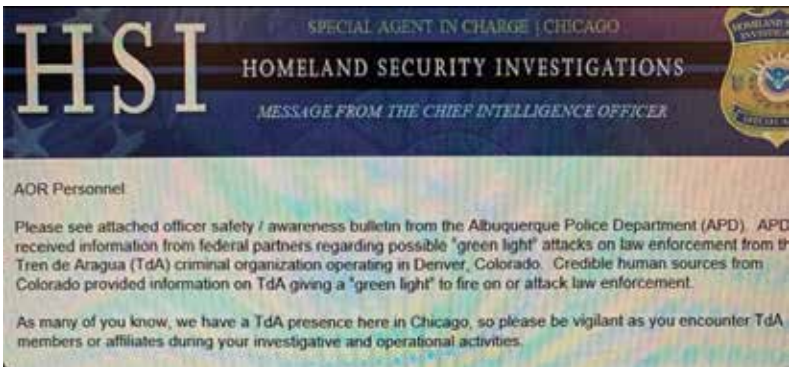
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by Tyler Durden, zerohedge.com

A new Homeland Security Investigations memo obtained by the *New York Post* revealed that the violent Venezuelan gang *Tren de Aragua* has given members the «possible green light» to attack law enforcement in Denver, Colorado.

The memo states:

Please see attached officer safety / awareness bulletin from the Albuquerque Police Department (APD). APD received information from federal partners regarding possible “green light” attacks on law enforcement from the *Tren de Aragua* (TdA) criminal organization operating in Denver, Colorado. Credible human sources from Colorado provided information on TdA giving a “green light” to fire on or attack law enforcement.

As many of you know, we have a TdA presence here in Chicago, so please be vigilant as you encounter TdA members or affiliates during your investigative and operational activities.

Denver is a sanctuary city controlled by progressives who opened up shelters for illegal aliens. The city received 42,000 migrants via President Biden and VP Kamala Harris’ failed open southern border policies.

NYP explained, “The prison gang, whose name means “The Aragua Train” — a reference to the Aragua region in Venezuela — has infiltrated the U.S. by sending members posing as asylum seekers across the southern border.”

Meanwhile, leftist corporate media outlets have spent the last few weeks unleashing propaganda campaigns against the American people, attempting to convince folks that VP Harris was not crowned ‘Border Czar’. That’s because the open southern border is such a disastrous topic for VP Harris.

Please see: <https://www.zerohedge.com/markets/homeland-security-memo-warns-violent-venezuelan-gang-green-lights-members-kill-us-cops>

New Rankings Favor Victories for Key Colorado GOP Congressional Races

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

From the report:

One of the legendary political prognosticators of the Washington Beltway is shaking up key congressional races in Colorado with two major rating changes that bode well for Republicans.

Larry Sabato of the Center for Politics has shifted Democrat U.S. Rep. Yadira Caraveo’s reelection bid in the new 8th Congressional District from “Leans Democrat” to “Toss-up.”

And on the Western Slope where Republican nominee Jeff Hurd is taking on Aspen liberal Adam Frisch for the 3rd District seat, the ranking moves squarely to GOP territory as a likely Republican win.

“Yadira Caraveo has voted against her district over and over again, and now it’s come back to bite her,” said Delanie Bomar, spokesperson for the National Republican Congressional Committee. Coloradans are sick of the migrant and fentanyl crises and sky-high inflation, showing a big opening for Gabe Evans to flip this seat red in November.”

Sabato says Republicans are bullish about flipping the 8th District seat for Evans but that he will need outside help from Republican funders as Caraveo is rolling in the dough.

It seems to rank as a better GOP target than many of the other seats in our Leans Democratic column. The district voted for Biden in 2020 by about 4.5 points, roughly matching his national margin, but it backed Trump by a couple of points in 2016 and was bluer for president in 2008 and 2012 than it was in 2020.

Over in the 3rd District, Sabato says the Democrat also has an overwhelming edge over Hurd with money in the bank, but that district glows red at the presidential level, which will benefit Hurd.

With Trump likely to approximate his 8-point margin in the district again, we can see Frisch hanging close but having a lot of trouble getting those few extra percentage points he would need to get over the finish line.

The Western Slope moves from “leans” to a “likely Republican” win.

“Our condolences to Adam Frisch as his Rocky Mountain High crashes into reality. His act isn’t fooling anybody – he is an extreme Democrat out of step with Colorado,” Bomar said.

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Colorado State News

Colorado GOP Wages Lawfare Against Republican Rebels

by Joy Overbeck,
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In a flailing attempt to hold onto their power, Colorado GOP officers are wielding Democrat lawfare tactics to shut up the rebel Republicans who want them deposed. State GOP Chairman Dave Williams misrepresented Party rules to a judge to obtain a last-minute temporary restraining order (TRO) scuttling a perfectly legal meeting of the State Central Committee (SCC) planned for July 27 for a vote to oust him as state chair.

Williams' suit named El Paso County GOP Vice Chair Todd Watkins and Jefferson County GOP Chair Nancy Pallozzi, his critics who organized the meeting and reportedly had over 250 SCC members coming. Watkins and Pallozzi strictly observed the Party bylaws in calling the meeting, yet Williams convinced the judge to declare it illegal. The rebel forces are appealing; a reckoning is coming.

Sparking a rebellion

The revolt against Williams, his Vice-Chair Hope Scheppelman

and Secretary Anna Ferguson has been simmering ever since Williams, without permission from the 25-member Executive Committee, spent \$60,000 or more of Party money on costly pre-primary ad mailers promoting himself as a congressional candidate and attacking his main primary opponent, Jeff Crank, in Congressional District 5 – the Colorado Springs area.

Williams knows that whoever wins the primary in the very Republican CD5 will very likely win the general election. Printing the "Paid for by the Colorado Republican Committee" line on his ad mailers gave Williams Republican voter credibility over the other candidates by implying the Party endorsement, which he didn't have. And using the Party's much cheaper bulk mail permit rate for his campaign ads gave him another significant unfair advantage. But according to several Republican officials familiar with campaign finance rules, Williams could be risking a charge of mail fraud by pirating the Party's nonprofit mailing permit for his campaign. In mid-June, Williams made a \$60,000 "donation" to

the Party, presumably as pay-back for his raid of the Party coffers. But that too could be illegal in the eyes of the FEC; certainly it's unethical.

Williams never would have gotten an opportunity for such skullduggery in the GOP of yesteryear. But the new chair convinced the 400-member State Central Committee to vote for his most ardent "grassroots" campaign promise: overturning the Party's traditional pre-primary neutrality in favor of unprecedented new bylaws that let the state and county parties endorse or oppose Republican candidates before the primary.

That change enabled Williams to seize his chance to endorse only the candidates who passed the purity test of going through caucus and assembly to make the ballot. But he added yet another layer of squeaky-clean with a wide-ranging questionnaire that candidates had to pass for Party endorsement. Even Donald Trump and Ronald Reagan would have flunked many of the 22 questions demanding ideological conformity.

Williams went on to spend Republican Party funds to attack

Republican primary candidates with deceitful mailers and emails, including Jeff Hurd (CD3), Gabe Evans (CD8), Jeff Crank (Williams' rival in CD5) Kristi Burton Brown (State Board of Education and former state party chair) and Max Brooks (House District 45). Despite his most villainous efforts to discredit and undermine these good candidates, they all won their primaries, nearly all by double digits.

The GOP dumpster fire

What an embarrassment. In total, Williams' attempt to control primary contests failed spectacularly. Of the 18 contested races where the Party under his direction endorsed candidates, only four won – a humiliating 22% win rate. And Williams himself was thoroughly trounced in CD5, losing by almost 2-to-1 to winner Jeff Crank.

Williams faces even more ridicule as two candidates who overwhelmingly won their primaries against party-endorsed opponents, Gabe Evans (CD8) and Jeff Hurd (CD3), were named by the National Republican Congressional Committee to the Young Guns

program for top challengers in critical seats.

This means they'll qualify for big campaign bucks to win these important House races, a very good thing since Williams' highly suspect highjinks have scared away traditional deep-pockets Party donors. Even the RNC has put a screeching halt to their Colorado GOP donations.

Williams' fortunes continue to crash as all but one of the eight winning Republican congressional nominees have called for him to resign or be ousted. Seems they don't quite trust that the dear leader who so vigorously tried to destroy their primary campaigns will dole out funding for their general election campaigns, which is actually a legitimate Party function.

Williams' disastrous focus on picking pre-primary winners and losers happens at a time when the number of Republicans in the Colorado legislature is at historic lows. Now is no time to purge the

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31 Sacrificial animals
35 Poke holes in a lawn
37 Tangle
39 Damage
40 Fall back
41 Roamed
44 Executive

45 Veer
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48 Where Noah's ark landed
50 Last words, often
52 Dessert
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62 Fourth son of Ham
65 Nothing
66 Happen again
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70 Declare positively
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Government Media Complex

In recent weeks America once again has been awakened to the hand of God in such a way that only fools can deny it. Irrespective of your political beliefs, former president Donald Trump was miraculously saved from an assassin’s bullet. Trump, himself, said, “it was God alone who prevented the unthinkable from happening. We will FEAR NOT, but instead remain resilient in our Faith and Defiant in the face of Wickedness.” Even the news media, well at least FOX commentators, were saying it was the hand of God that saved Trump from death. Democrats, however, were calling for a ban on guns and blaming Trump for riling up hate as a predictor of his own assassination attempt. But what of the hand of God?

From the time of Plato to Thomas Hobbes to John Locke in the 1600s, to our Founding Fathers in the 1700s to Marx in the 1800s, men attempted to define the need of government in society. Plato wrote of an utopian communistic society as did Hobbes, using Biblical imagery in his essay “Leviathan” to describe the all-powerful government. These men used the fallen nature of man to justify strong central authority to control man in preventing man from destroying other men. Marx wanted to ban all religion. Their systems essentially focused on the idea that man is inherently evil and must be strongly governed by a “benevolent” sovereign. But this is against God’s will for mankind. In Genesis 2, God put Adam in the garden, giving him the rules...the law, if you will. And he said in verse 17 if you violate this command, “you will surely die.”

Locke, however, saw that God created man in his own image, gave him dominion over the earth, and gave him laws by which to live. Locke believed these inalienable God-given rights were those of life, freedom, and property. He believed that man generally wanted to get along with men, but from time to time, those who covet the life or labor of others would try to take their fruits rather than to create them from their own enterprise. In these cases, governments were needed to impartially enforce the laws of God. In other words, man would give up some of his freedom for the protection of government in civil society. Otherwise, he should be left to prosper by his own value add, which is his labor.

The Founding Fathers were influenced by Locke. Laws derived from the laws of God, civil society with freedom and impartial enforcement of the laws, checks and balances, were all staples of American government. Locke also wrote that if there was “a long train of abuses, prevarications, and artifices, all tending the same way, make the design visible to people...that they should then rouse themselves, and endeavor to put the rule into such hands which may secure to them the ends for which government was first erected...” In other words, if government is not impartially enforcing the laws of God, the people should put it into the hands of those who would rule as such. In America, we have the choice of our leaders. Christians are still a majority. We must decide if we are to be slaves to tyranny or benefactors of Liberty.

Bill Wilson

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The Percentage of Americans That Worry They Won't Be Able to Pay Their Bills Is Higher Than it was During the Great Depression

by Michael Snyder,
The Economic Collapse Blog

Do you remember how painful the Great Recession was? 2008 and the years immediately following were definitely a very dark chapter in our history, but a new study has actually found that the percentage of Americans that worry they won't be able to pay their bills is actually higher today than it was back then. Slowly but surely, our economic strength has been fading and our standard of living has been falling. Unfortunately, now we have reached a point where a very large portion of the U.S. population is really struggling. According to a CNN poll that was just released, almost 40 percent of all U.S. adults “say they worry most or all of the time that their family’s income won’t be enough to meet expenses”...

Many Americans regularly worry they won't be able to make ends meet.

Nearly four in ten (39%) of U.S. adults say they worry most or all of the time that their family's income won't be enough to meet expenses, according to a new CNN poll. That's up from 28% who expressed those concerns in December 2021, and it's similar to the numbers seen during the Great Recession (37%).

To cope, significant shares of Americans said they are adding side jobs, cutting down on driving and putting more expenses on credit cards.

If you would have asked me before I saw the results, I would have been quite confident that the number during the Great Recession would have been higher than the number in 2024.

Just like everyone else, I remember the Great Recession as such a painful time.

Sadly, the economic pain that we are experiencing now is just beginning.

Ordinary Americans from coast to coast are being absolutely crushed by rising prices, and that isn't going to change any time soon.

In an article that CNN posted about this new survey, one woman that works for the CDC admitted that she was recently forced to move because costs have risen so aggressively...

“The grocery store is just outrageous right now. But it's not just that. Everything has gone up. Clothing. My insurance,” said Angela Russell, an Ohio resident who works as a program analyst at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Russell, who has two adult children and three grandkids, said she recently moved out of her rental home in Cincinnati in favor of one in a rural area where the rent is cheaper.

Other recent surveys have come up with results that are even more alarming.

For example, one discovered that a whopping 71 percent of Americans are stressed out about their “ability to afford everyday expenses”...

71% of Americans say they're stressed by their ability to afford everyday expenses.

Americans most regularly spend money on groceries, phone bills, utilities, gasoline and rent/mortgage payments.

Grocery bills frustrate Americans more than any other regular expense. Utilities, rent/mortgage payments, gasoline and insurance payments round out the top five most annoying expenses.

That is most of the country.

Unsurprisingly, younger generations are being hit particularly hard by the pain of inflation...

Financial stress levels are highest among millennials (77%), followed by Generation Z (75%) and Generation X (74%). Baby boomers reported experiencing the least financial stress, although at 59% it was still more than half of those surveyed.

Those that follow my work regularly know that I tend to rant about rising prices at the grocery store.

Sometimes it is hard for me to believe that prices have gotten so high, and it appears that a lot of people out there agree with me.

Another recent survey found that 80 percent of Americans have observed a “notable increase” in grocery store prices...

According to a study by Qualtrics on behalf of Intuit Credit Karma, 80% of Americans say they have felt a “notable increase” in grocery costs in recent years. More than a quarter of respondents said the increased cost has led them to occasionally skip meals, while about one-third said they spend more than 60% of their monthly income on mandatory expenses such as food, utilities and rent.

Food has certainly become ridiculously expensive, but we actually spend far more money on housing.

Today, the typical household spends about 12 percent of total income on food and about 33 percent of total income on housing...

According to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the top three annual expenses for the average American household in 2022 (the most recent data available) were housing (33.3%), transportation (16.8%) and food (12.8%).

For most Americans, spending money in these areas is unavoidable.

Housing costs have been rising much faster than the overall rate of inflation, and we just learned that home prices reached yet another new all-time record high last month...

Home prices hit a new high in June for the second straight month, the latest sign that the housing market is unaffordable to millions of Americans.

The spring home-buying season, usually the busiest time of year for the housing market, was a dud this year. Home sales declined in June for the fourth straight time on a monthly basis. The combination of high prices and elevated mortgage rates has made homeownership less attractive to renters and deterred current homeowners from moving.

Meanwhile, homelessness in the United States is at the highest level ever recorded and it has been growing at the fastest pace ever recorded.

We just can't keep going on like this.

Something has to give.

It appears to be inevitable that all of this economic pain will have a dramatic impact on the upcoming election. At this point, approximately three out of every five Americans believe that we are already in a recession right now...

You don't need to be a financial genius to know that times are tough for plenty of Americans. With that in mind, a majority of people actually think the economy is doing even worse than the “experts” say it is. Three in five people believe that the U.S. is currently in a recession, even though we're not officially in one according to the financial definition.

The survey of 2,000 Americans explored what's driving this lack of consumer confidence in the economy. Inflation and the rising cost of living (68%) top the list of reasons why respondents believe the U.S. is in a recession, followed by friends and family members complaining about money (50%).

It is not an accident that this has happened.

For more than a decade, people like me have been relentlessly warning that the decisions that our leaders were making would have disastrous consequences, and that is exactly what has happened.

And if we stay on the path that we are on, it won't be too long before we witness a meltdown of absolutely epic proportions.

(Editor/GG: As some of our local libs say, things have never been better...)

Please see: <https://theeconomiccollapseblog.com/the-percentage-of-americans-that-worry-they-wont-be-able-to-pay-their-bills-is-higher-than-it-was-during-the-great-recession/>

Who Is Kamala Harris?

A Disturbing and Haunting Record Part 2

by Discover the Networks via FrontPageMag.com

(Editor/GG: Excerpts from an outstanding article. A couple more to come. For the whole magilla, see the whole article at the link at the bottom. So, here's the real Kamala Harris:)

Refusal to Enforce Provision Barring Paroled Sex Offenders from Living Near Schools & Parks

In 2015, Harris chose not to enforce a provision of Proposition 83, a measure that California voters had passed overwhelmingly nine years earlier to prevent the state's 6,000 paroled sex offenders from being allowed to live within 2,000 feet of schools and parks. After the passage of Prop 83, the California Supreme Court ruled that those residency restrictions — because of a shortage of “compliant housing” in San Diego County specifically — violated the constitutional rights of sex offenders who lived in that county. But the Court issued no ruling whatsoever on the legality of the restrictions in California's 57 other counties. Nevertheless, Harris concluded that the restrictions were invalid in those counties as well — and then refused to explain her legal reasoning.

Supporting a Decision to Release a Violent Illegal Alien Who Already Had Been Deported 5 Times

Harris again demonstrated her low regard for immigration law after an illegal alien named Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez — a convicted felon who had been previously deported from the United States on five separate occasions — was released from a San Francisco prison in April 2015 and subsequently murdered an innocent young woman named Kathryn Steinle. Harris said she supported Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi's decision — which

was made in accordance with the city's sanctuary policies — to set Lopez-Sanchez free rather than turn him over to immigration authorities. “I trust and believe in the ability of local sheriffs to make a decision about what's in the best interest of his or her community in terms of local safety,” said Harris to the *San Francisco Chronicle*. “What needs to be looked at is comprehensive immigration reform.... Immigration policy in our country has to be reformed, and it has to be based on the fact that we have 11 million undocumented in this country—and California has the largest numbers of undocumented, in excess of 2 million people. In California, one in two Californians was born outside the United States, or has a parent born outside the U.S.—including myself.”

Supporting the Iran Nuclear Deal

On July 14, 2015, the Obama-Biden administration — along with the leaders of Britain, France, Russia, China, and Germany — together finalized a nuclear agreement with Iran. Its official name was the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). The key elements of the deal were the following:

- Iran was permitted to keep and operate more than 5,000 nuclear centrifuges, machines necessary for enriching uranium to the degree necessary for the production of nuclear weapons.
- Iran received \$150 billion in revenue from sanctions relief, even though Obama-Biden acknowledged that Iran would likely use some portion of that money to fund its military and terrorist activities.
- Iran was prohibited from purchasing weapons from other countries for five years, and from buying missile technology for eight years. But there

were two enormously significant exceptions: Russia and China could continue to make weapons deals with Iran.

- Iran was given the discretion to block international inspectors from its military installations.
 - Only inspectors from countries that had diplomatic relations with Iran would be given access to Iranian nuclear sites. Thus, there would be no American inspectors.
 - Sanctions were lifted on critical parts of Iran's military, including a previously existing travel ban against Qasem Suleimani, leader of the terrorist Quds force of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.
 - Iran would not be required to renounce terrorism against the United States, as the Obama-Biden administration deemed such an expectation “unrealistic.”
 - Iran would not be required to affirm its “clear and unambiguous ... recognition of Israel's right to exist” — a requirement that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had pleaded for.
 - Whatever restrictions were placed on Iran's nuclear program, would expire — due to so-called “sunset clauses” — at various times over the ensuing 5 to 11 years.
- Joe Biden took on the role of being the Obama administration's leading public promoter of the Iran deal. He casually dismissed the concerns of critics who warned that the sunset clauses for key parts of the agreement would “pave Iran's path to a bomb.” Those people, Biden said, simply “don't get it, they're wrong.”

Senator Harris characterized the

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Study: 'Vast DEI Bureaucracy' Negatively Impacting U.S. Armed Forces

by Cameron Arcand, The Center Square

(The Center Square) — Diversity, Equity and Inclusion efforts in the United States military are ineffective, a new Arizona State University study suggests.

The study done by the university's Center for American Institutions argued that there is an emphasis on training new soldiers about social issues like “unconscious bias” and “intersectionality” in a way the center says runs contrary to typical American ideals. The study examined DEI plans in different sectors of the military, including DEI office staffing and education at academies like West Point.

“The massive DEI bureaucracy, its training and its pseudo-scientific assessments are at best distractions that absorb valuable time and resources,” the executive summary states. “At worst they communicate the opposite of the military ethos: e.g. that individual demographic differences come before team and mission.”

Donald Critchlow, the director of the center, wrote in the studies introduction that it was focused on looking at the influence of Critical Race Theory in the United States Armed Forces training.

“The Commission on Civic Education in the Military began as a project to review civic education in the military. Our research team did not expect to find Critical Race Theory so embedded and pervasive. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programs are found throughout the U.S. Armed Forces and our service academies,” Critchlow wrote. “This year long study documents just how pervasive

these training programs are in our Armed Forces and Service Academies and that DEI extends well beyond just formal training programs in the military and service academies.”

“The Founders of our nation understood and feared a politicized military. History had shown them that a politicized army easily became the tool of tyranny. The Armed Forces of the United States has proudly upheld this long tradition of separating mission from politics,” he continued.

In terms of recommendations, the study suggests that DEI office's be completely scrapped, but said it may be politically unlikely for the time being.

“The surest way to eliminate the concerning trends we have identified, and the growth of race and sex-based scapegoating and stereotyping in the U.S. military, is to altogether end the DEI bureaucracy there,” the study states. “However, until such a time as the executive or legislative branches of the government choose to end the DEI bureaucracy in our federal agencies and military, we are left to advocate the pursuit of alternative avenues that may affect positive change despite existing policies.”

They also suggested that the military prioritize civic education with a focus on “America's commitment to freedom and opportunity.”

The study comes as some branches of the military continue to struggle with recruiting new service members.

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"Blessed be the LORD my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle—"A Psalm of David, Psalm 144:1

Restoring a Colt M1878 Frontier Six-Shooter in .44 WCF

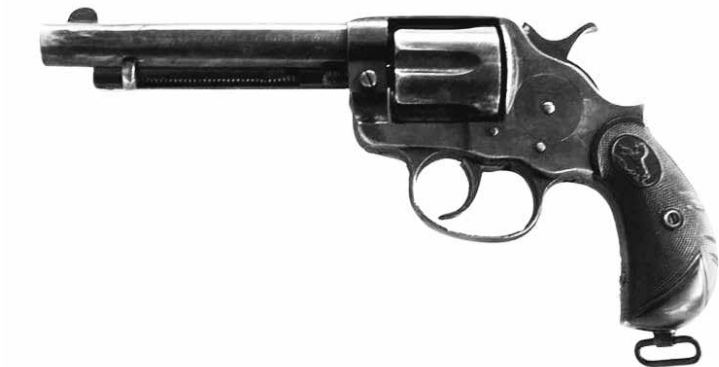
by Mike Searson, ammoland.com

One of those rare revolvers came into my grasp, but little did I know that picking up a \$75 junker would result in restoring a Colt M1878 Frontier Six-Shooter in .44 WCF.

It happened a few years ago while visiting my local Cabela's. The manager of the gun department approached the author and said, "I may have something that's right up your alley."

Having heard Erick say those words to me in the past, I suspected they would dent my wallet, and I would have been better off leaving it in an alley. Fortunately, this time, it would be a little bit more indirect.

He went into the back room and produced a Colt M1878 Frontier Six Shooter. The big double-action revolver chambered in .44 WCF (Winchester Center Fire aka.44-40) with a bird's head grip was



Colt M1878 Frontier Six-Shooter in 44 WCF

missing most of its finish and the lanyard ring, but otherwise looked complete.

Knowing the skyrocketing prices of antique Colts, I examined it carefully before getting ready to turn it down.

The cylinder did not have positive lockup, and hitting one of the chambers would cause it to spin

completely like a roulette wheel in one of the downtown casinos. About 60% of the finish was remaining, and there was some pitting on the frame. The hammer and trigger seemed to work fine, and surprisingly, all the numbers matched. The single line of Colt's address was clearly stamped on the top of the barrel, but the markings on the side of the barrel were faint.

Aside from the lockup, the revolver was in decent shape, considering it was made in 1898, but what caught the author's attention were six notches cut into the left grip panel.

Could this make for a nice winter project? Did I have the skills with regard to restoring a Colt M1878 Frontier Six Shooter?

Asking how much the shop wanted for it, the author was preparing to say "Thanks, but no." When the answer came back at \$75 out the door, we figured even if it could not be restored, it could be parted out for a decent profit and I bought it on the spot.

History of the Colt M1878 Frontier Six-Shooter

Samuel Colt had tinkered with double-action revolvers when he founded his company in 1847, but found the design to be lacking and unreliable. Thirty years later, Colt's Patent Fire Arms would

turn out their first double-action revolver called the M1877 better known as the Thunderer or Lightning model, depending upon the caliber (41 Colt and 38 Colt respectively).

This was a graceful, small-frame revolver best suited for concealment, but the trigger and lock work were considered to be fragile. It proved popular enough that Colt's clientele clamored for a larger frame version and in 1878, William Mason, Colt's factory manager and Charles Brinckerhoff Richards, Superintendent of Engineering, developed a more robust design based on their first large framed effort, the Model 1873, better known as the Single Action Army (SAA) or "Peacemaker".

Essentially, a strut was added to connect the hammer and trigger to the SAA design. The lockwork

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Both Sides Claim Victory After Judge Issues Decision in NRA Trial

by Cam Edwards, BearingArms.com

Now that the NRA's legal battle with New York Attorney General Letitia James is mostly over, who emerged victorious in her years-long attempt to destroy the NRA? According to James, she did. As *Courthouse News* reporter Erik Uebelacker reports, the AG wasted no time in patting herself on the back after Judge Joel Cohen delivered his verdict on Monday afternoon.

"The NRA and its senior leaders broke the law, and funneled millions of dollars in cash and lavish perks to themselves, their families, and NRA insiders," New York Attorney General Letitia James said in a statement. "As a result of this case, Wayne LaPierre will be banned from the NRA for 10 years for spearheading this fraud, and the court called for additional proposed reforms to the NRA. After years of corruption, the NRA and its senior leaders are

finally being held accountable."

NRA executive vice president Doug Hamlin, on the other hand, also sounded a note of victory after Cohen's decision was handed down Monday afternoon.

LaPierre's successor Doug Hamlin said in a statement Monday that the NRA is "moving forward full speed ahead" after this trial.

"We have a mission to fulfill and elections to win up and down the ballot," Hamlin added. "This is a major step toward rebuilding the trust of the members, donors, industry, and our staff."

In truth, neither side got exactly what they were after. James failed to not only dissolve the NRA, which was her original goal, but Cohen denied her request to appoint an independent monitor to oversee the NRA's non-political spending. The NRA, meanwhile, has been banned from hiring Wayne LaPierre for the next ten years, and will

likely have to adopt some internal reforms that (theoretically, at least) will weaken the grip that the old guard still has on the organization.

Judge Cohen made a point to express his confidence in "serious" reformers. He pointed to NRA First Vice President Bill Bachenberg, Second Vice President Mike Vaughan, and CEO Doug Hamlin, along with compliance personnel Robert Mensinger and Medrano. He commended Sonya Rowling, the NRA's current Treasurer and a former whistleblower, for exhibiting the "spine to stand up to power" in and since 2018.

The judge said he was also reassured by "members and donors" expressing their active interest in the future of the NRA. "The environment around the NRA has changed," he said.

However, Cohen prefaced his ruling with some harsh words that excoriated unduly rosy press releases and public com-

ments by NRA leaders in the wake of the jury verdict. The judge also warned that "in the event of future wrongdoing," which would "likely come back to this court," the NRA would be viewed in less favorable a light. He predicted "grim results" for anyone involved in potential future problems.

He also recommended the group adopt a series of changes that he believed would be more appropriate remedies than what the AG wanted. He proposed turning "some or all" of the reforms suggested by the NRA's Audit Committee on the eve of trial into a court order. He said the group's current rules "erect barriers to getting on the ballot" for board elections and suggested "expand[ing] the path" in order to avoid "unhealthy entrenchment." Cohen suggested the NRA hire an in-house consultant to "recommend best practices," but said they wouldn't be required to report to the AG or him. He also recommended a new rule that would exclude

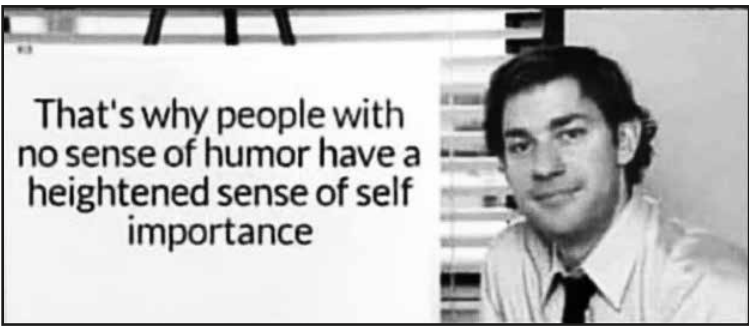
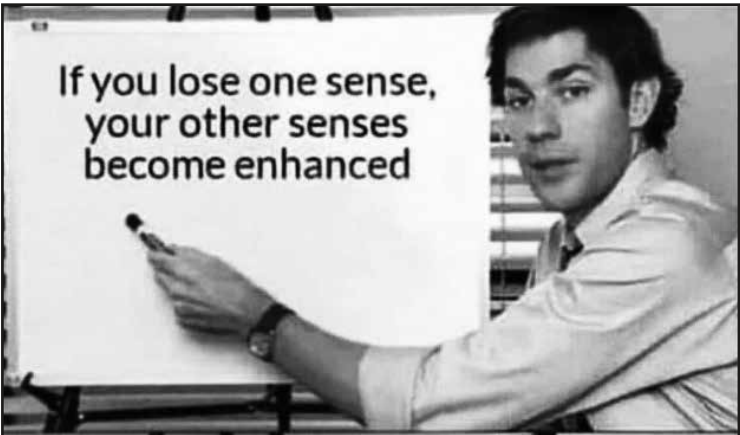
people who were on the Audit Committee during the period covered by the jury's ruling from serving on the committee now. He also said the NRA should reduce the size of its board because while a large board "makes sense for fundraising," it can be "unmanageable."

He ordered the NRA and the AG's office to work through the list of suggestions next week to see which they might agree on.

I don't think Cohen's suggestions are particularly onerous, and I'd like to see the NRA quickly adopt *all* of his recommendations instead of dragging out its negotiations with James for months on end. One of the most pressing concerns for the group is getting its legal expenses under control, and a speedy resolution is incumbent on the NRA in order to stop hemorrhaging cash.

Adopting Cohen's recommendations would also be a signal to NRA members that the group's leadership and board of directors is serious about reforming the organization. The NRA has already taken some important steps, as Cohen noted, but there's much more work to be done to regain the trust of members and donors.

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was more closely related to their previous M1877 design, but the parts were larger, making for a more robust handgun. Some of these parts are interchangeable with the SAA.

The M1878 went by the catalog name of “Frontier Six-Shooter” when chambered in 44 WCF. Other calibers offered included the 45 Colt, 38 WCF (38-40), 32 WCF (32-20), 455 Webley and 476 Eley. Colt manufactured 51,210 Model 1878 revolvers between 1878 and 1907, including 4,600 for the US Ordnance Department in 1902.

Those revolvers went off to arm the Philippine Constabulary under Brigadier General Henry T. Allen during the Philippine Insurrection. They were chambered in the Army’s 45 Colt round and had a modification, which led to confusion and misinformation that persists to this day.

Fourteen years of complaints about the heavy and still somewhat fragile trigger system prompted the Army to demand a longer trigger for more leverage and a heavier mainspring to handle the harder primers of military-issued ammunition. A new and larger trigger guard was designed to accommodate this. The appearance of this larger trigger guard has led to the incorrect assumption by collectors and historians alike that it was to allow the revolver to be fired while wearing heavy winter gloves and yields the patently false name of the “Alaskan Model” for these variants.

Sadly, many of these old revolvers have not survived to the present. Huge numbers were melted down in the 1940s for the World War II effort, and many more were given to children to play with as ammunition became something of a rarity in the 20th century (our cynical side believes this may be the origin of the notches on the grip panel).

Fully Assessing this Frontier Six-Shooter

Despite its exterior and the lock-up issues, the rest of the revolver was sound. The lanyard ring was missing, but that is an easily replaceable part. Most importantly, the chambers in the cylinder were within spec for 44 WCF, and the rifling in the barrel was strong with no evidence of corrosion or pitting in the bore.



Four Colt revolvers from l to r: Colt 1872 Open Top, Colt 1873 SAA, Colt 1877, Colt 1878



Colt M1878 Frontier Six-Shooter in 44 WCF

As the revolver was made in late 1898, I decided that only black-powder type loads should be used. Some so-called experts incorrectly believe that the 1898 date was established to coincide with the start of the Boer War or that it was 70 years prior to the Gun Control act of 1968 and that is why this was made the cutoff date for modern firearms. In actuality, that date was chosen because it represented the advent of the invention of smokeless powder.

The 44 WCF round also went by the name “44-40” denoting a 44-caliber bullet loaded with 40 grains of black powder. Companies that made firearms chambered in this round that were not exactly on the best of terms with Winchester preferred this name to the alternative of adding a competitor’s name on their products.

With regard to fixing the lock work and possibly retiming the revolver, there are only a handful of capable gunsmiths in the United States who can complete this type of work. We turned to one of the best in the business,

Sal Lanara [one time at www.davelanaracolts.com but now out of business.]

Sal worked almost exclusively on the Colt M1877 and M1878 revolvers. When I described the problem, he asked me to send in the revolver for assessment, but his unofficial take over the phone, after I described the problem, was that it could be fixed for under \$200 and the cost of return shipping.

With the revolver in Sal’s capable hands, he found part of the loading gate ratchet was worn away, and the hand needed to be replaced. An errant coil spring beneath the sear spring indicated that the sear spring might have issues and that the grip alignment pin and mainspring tensioning screw were missing.

Sal had a spare lanyard ring on hand but found that the hand and cylinder ratchet needed replacement as well. With these parts replaced, the old Colt was able to be brought back to life.

The total cost to restore the M1878 as a safe “shooter” came out to \$395, including parts, labor,

and return shipping. Sal has a high workload on these types of revolvers, but I received it back in a little less than 60 days.

Refinish the Colt M1878?

The Colt in question was not a family heirloom or a historical piece, but I considered refinishing it. This is where a restoration project can make or break a collector.



Colt M1873 in 45 Colt and Colt M1878 in 44-40

For a professional restoration to the condition in which it left the factory, I would be looking at a \$1400-\$2000 investment. The revolver had a fair degree of pitting and had been reblued at least once in its life.

Restoration would include stripping the old finish, sanding the surface to the level of the pits, polishing and prepping all the parts and possibly having the roll marks, patent dates, serial number and factory address stamped again.

On a revolver that had no personal meaning to the author, I elected to forego this expense as I would never recover the funds spent in a complete restoration. The dry weather of Northern Nevada gives me little trepidation about potential ravages of rust. Having it complete and in working order makes it worth closer to \$700 or \$800. Not bad for a \$79 initial investment.

On the range with the Colt Frontier Six-Shooter

Shooters need to be careful with these old firearms. Metallurgy was hit or miss during the 19th century. Many companies, including Colt, were not known for using the best steel, and a modern smokeless powder round (even a so-called “cowboy” load) can have disastrous consequences.

We prepared some special black

powder loads using Winchester brass, Pyrodex cartridge grade.

As a shooter, the M1878 performs as well as it did when it left Colt about 122 years ago. I test-fired the Frontier Six-Shooter with a few boxes of Black Hills Cowboy Action Ammunition. This load was mild with a 200-grain lead flat-nosed bullet. I was rewarded

with several six-shot groups at 50 feet, with all rounds almost touching and measuring 3.25” from side to side on average because a few rounds had key-holed.

The Colt M1878 Frontier Six-Shooter fits a nice void in the author’s collection of revolvers. It was the largest double-action revolver manufactured by Colt until the introduction of the New Service nearly three decades later and snagging a piece like this for under \$100 despite investing nearly four times that amount to bring it back to shooter grade is always something to write home about.

It cannot be used in Cowboy Action Shooting matches, despite being more historically accurate than a modern Single Action with a transfer bar and its age keeps it from working as a carry gun or shooter without the use of light black powder loads. So a lifetime in the safe next to some of its peers manufactured by Colt, Smith & Wesson and Merwin Hulbert will be its fate.

Maybe someday I will find out if those six notches mean anything beyond the markings of a 9-year-old boy thinking he was Johnny Ringo back in the 1950s.

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deal as “the best available option for blocking Iran from developing nuclear weapons capability and to avoid potentially disastrous military conflict in the Middle East.”

Investigating an Anti-Abortion Activist Who Exposed Planned Parenthood’s Sale of Fetal Tissue and Body Parts

In 2015 as well, Harris launched an investigation of journalist/anti-abortion activist David Daleiden, who had recently made headlines by releasing undercover videos demonstrating that Planned Parenthood routinely violated federal law by collecting and selling fetal tissue and body parts. As National Review reports: “The basis for investigating Daleiden was his appearing to have used a fake California driver’s license to hide his identity from Planned Parenthood, and the suspicion that he violated Planned Parenthood’s privacy. Those trivial allegations were enough for Harris to have eleven police officers raid Daleiden’s house, confiscate his computers and hard drives, some private documents, and all the yet-unreleased Planned Parenthood footage Daleiden had shot over two years. When Daleiden called his lawyer, Harris’ raiders tried to confiscate his phone too.”

Lamenting & Condemning “Islamophobia”

In December 2015, a husband-and-wife pair of Islamic terrorists shot up a Christmas party in San Bernardino, California, killing 14 and wounding 22. About three weeks earlier in France, another Islamic terror attack had killed 137 and wounded more than 400. Soon after the San Bernardino atrocity, Harris, who was then the Attorney General of California, convened a session on “Islamophobia” that included the Council on American-Islamic Relations, the Muslim Public Affairs Council, and the Muslim Students Association — all of which had previously defended Islamic terrorists. Even after “the recent attacks in Paris and San Bernardino,” she explained, it was wrong “to stoke fear and cast aspersions against an entire faith and the millions of law-abiding American Muslims.”

In June 2016, an Islamic terrorist gunman killed 49 people at a nightclub in Florida. Harris, who was running for the U.S. Senate at the time, mentioned this attack among others, including those in San Bernardino and Paris, and blamed them on “mental illness and violent extremism.” She also lamented that Muslims were suffering from a rash of “Islamophobia” caused by hate.

In July 2016, Harris appeared at a Ramadan event at the Islamic Center of Southern California (ICSC), which spun off the Muslim Public Affairs Council, and whose founders had expressed support for Islamic terrorism. At this ICSC event, Harris passionately denounced “Islamophobia.”

After Rep. Ilhan Omar’s widely publicized, anti-Semitic “Benjamins” comment in February 2019, Harris, who was then a senator, defended Omar, touting the threat of “Islamophobia” and expressing concern that “the spotlight being put on Congresswoman Omar may put her at risk.”

Sacrificing Fiscal Sanity, in Exchange for Union Support

In the winter of 2016 as well, Mark

Pulliam wrote in *City Journal*:

“Harris enthusiastically carries favor with labor unions. For example, her position [as attorney general] grants Harris broad authority to review and approve transactions involving nonprofit hospitals, and she has used that power to protect unionized employees at the expense of fiscal sanity. The nonprofit Daughters of Charity in Los Angeles County run six hospitals in low-income urban areas, including a well-trafficked trauma unit that handles the highest rate of gunshot and stab wounds in the county. With a largely uninsured clientele and high labor costs, the hospitals lose about \$10 million a month and are headed for bankruptcy. The Daughters of Charity found a buyer for the hospitals: for-profit operator Prime Healthcare, which specializes in pulling troubled hospitals into the black. But hospital employees, represented by the powerful Service Employees International Union—which has endorsed Harris for the Senate—were unwilling to make concessions to Prime Healthcare. At SEIU’s behest, Harris imposed more than 300 conditions on the sale, requiring Prime Healthcare to continue all existing services for ten years, in order to protect union jobs. Prime officials complained that ‘the attorney general is telling Prime Healthcare to operate the hospitals exactly as [Daughters of Charity] has and expect different results.’ Prime Healthcare abandoned its \$834 million bid but has filed suit against Harris, alleging that the conditions she imposed were a quid pro quo for SEIU’s financial support. [...] On December 3, Harris put similar conditions on the proposed investment by Blue Mountain, which chose to proceed with a three-year option to purchase despite the conditions.

“In 2014, Harris and her union allies supported legislation (SB 1094) that would have made the A.G.’s authority over such transactions essentially unlimited, final, and unreviewable. The state legislature—beholden to organized labor—obligingly passed the law. Governor Brown vetoed the bill, explaining that the existing regulatory scheme—in place for “nearly two decades” and subject to judicial review—was working fine.”

2016 Senate Campaign & Platform

In 2016, Harris ran for the U.S. Senate seat that was being vacated by the retiring Barbara Boxer.

On her campaign website, Harris pledged to “make the minimum wage a living wage and tie it to inflation”; support President Obama’s “plan for making community colleges free”; support “expanding access to Head Start [and] Early Head Start, and creating national universal pre-kindergarten”; “make it a priority to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act,” legislation rooted in the premise that “women earn about 21 percent less than men”; strive to “en[d] [mass incarceration]” by “roll[ing] back draconian sentencing laws for nonviolent drug offenses”; “fight to end federal bans on student loans, food stamps, housing, and voting rights for ex-offenders”; “stop voter suppression” measures like Voter ID laws; and “expand early voting so everyone has ample opportunity to vote.” The website further stated that “everyone should have access to public education, public health, and public safety regardless of their immigration status”; that Harris would “fight for comprehensive immigration reform that creates a fair pathway to

citizenship” for America’s “11 million undocumented immigrants”;^[1] that she would “protect President Obama’s immigration executive actions,” which shielded several million illegals from deportation; and that the U.S. had a duty to “responsibly resettle refugees” from war-torn, terrorism-infested nations around the world.

Demanding That Conservative Groups Provide California’s State Government with Lists of Their Donors

Around the time that California Attorney General Harris decided to run for the U.S. Senate in 2016, she declared that the paperwork which conservative organizations like the Americans for Prosperity Foundation (AFP) had been filing for years in California was insufficient, and she demanded that those groups provide the state’s government with lists of their major donors. But her initiative failed, as *National Review* Online reports: “AFP convinced the federal district court that Harris’ request served no legitimate purpose and was part of a political campaign by Democrats against conservative organizations. It demonstrated, among other things, that government agencies had ‘systematically failed to maintain the confidentiality of Schedule B forms’ containing donor information and other financial data.”

Close Ties to Planned Parenthood

Harris’ campaign website featured a petition to “protect” Planned Parenthood and “the important work it does.” Over the course of the 2016 election cycle, Planned Parenthood and its affiliates and employees contributed at least \$30K to the Harris campaign. Other pro-abortion groups and their affiliates donated at least \$50K more to Harris.

Climate-Change Activism Against Fossil-Fuel Companies

In 2016 as well, Harris was one of seventeen Attorneys General (16 Democrats and one Independent) who joined “AGs United for Clean Power” (AGUCP), a group launched by former Vice President Al Gore. AGUCP’s objective was to file criminal fraud charges against fossil-fuel companies (and their supporters) that failed to explicitly endorse the notion that greenhouse-gas emissions associated with human industrial activity are chiefly responsible for potentially catastrophic “climate change.” Harris and NY AG Eric Schneiderman, for instance, initiated separate investigations into ExxonMobil for allegedly funding research that questioned the veracity of anthropogenic climate-change orthodoxy — and for purportedly concealing the truth about climate change from their shareholders and the general public.^[2] That same year, Harris’ Senate campaign website vowed that Harris, if elected, would “stand up to the climate-change deniers and fight to pass national climate-change legislation that promotes innovation like establishing a carbon tax or creating a cap-and-trade market for carbon pollution.”

Claiming That Illegal Immigration Is Not a Crime

In response to presidential candidate Donald Trump’s criticism of illegal immigration, Harris in August 2016 tweeted that “an undocumented immigrant is not a criminal.”

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\$2.1 Trillion Hidden Tax: Cost of Fed Regulations Hit Record High in 2023

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Federal regulations added record-breaking costs of \$2.1 trillion for the average American in 2023, according to a study from the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) released Tuesday.

The large sum incorporates the calculated impact of federal regulations as well as compliance costs, resulting in a “hidden tax” of \$15,788 per U.S. household, CEI’s annual “Ten Thousand Commandments” report found. The Biden administration helped drive the surge in regulatory costs, completing 97 rules with costs of \$100 million or more.

President Joe Biden’s new regulations on small businesses were also partially responsible for the increase, according to CEI.

“Biden’s three years have averaged 870 rules annually in the Federal Register affecting small business, compared with 694 and 701 for Obama and Trump, respectively,” wrote Clyde Wayne Crews Jr., the study’s author, who researches federal regulations at CEI.

Overall, the Biden administration finalized

3,018 rules in 2023, the second lowest count since 1976. But the number of pages in the Federal Register detailing those rules was the second-highest per year on record, suggesting the regulations may be “broader in scope,” the study said.

The \$2.1 trillion cost of regulations — equivalent to 8% of GDP — was also driven by “Biden-era mandates” that “affect[ed] state and local governments at heights not seen in over a decade,” according to the study.

The largest segment in the annual cost of federal regulation and intervention was economic regulation, with an expense of \$522 billion in 2023. The environment was a close second, with a price tag of \$422 billion.

CEI’s “Ten Thousand Commandments” also noted the amount of labor spent creating regulations.

“The 10.34 billion hours Washington says it took to complete federal paperwork in 2022...translate to the equivalent of 14,883 human lifetimes,” Crews Jr. wrote, citing the Information Collection Budget.

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party of good candidates who Williams and his cabal disparage as moderates.

To win, the Republican chairman must put all Party resources toward electing more Republicans, rather than using state GOP funds as his own primary campaign slush fund and creating an exhausting endorsement gauntlet for candidates. Electing Republicans is, after all, the Party chair’s main job. Instead, the Party’s own rules discriminate against excellent Republican candidates who appeal to the larger electorate and choose to petition onto the ballot rather than undergoing the caucus/assembly process the Party favors.

Neighborhood precinct caucuses where assembly delegate elections take place are very sparsely attended, yet the Party insists they are the sole acceptable route to the ballot.

Petition candidates face harsh Party restrictions. They aren’t allowed to speak at state assembly and are also banned from addressing county assemblies and monthly county Central Committee meetings to garner votes, even though petitioning is a perfectly legal route to the ballot. Muzzling certain candidates from making their case to the Party’s elected activists at these important meetings is neither fair nor just and betrays the Republican allegiance to free speech.

The rebellion continues

The July 27th meeting that was squelched by the TRO turned into an exuberant rally attended by over 120 Party dissenters,

mostly SCC members, who heard campaign speeches from activists vying to replace Williams if he is deposed. Watkins and Pallozzi have appealed the TRO, schooling the judge on Party due process bylaws that let them take the controversy to the SCC, which Williams somehow failed to mention in his lawsuit.

A new meeting is being scheduled.

Sadly, the Colorado Republican Party is unrecognizable as the onetime bastion of fairness, equal opportunity for all, and free speech. All of these time-honored GOP fundamentals have been abandoned under Dave Williams’ reign. We need a new leader who puts our Party’s values and our beautiful state and nation before his own selfish interests.

The Dave Williams die-hards celebrating how their illegitimate lawfare cancelled a perfectly legal July 27 SCC meeting would do well to take a lesson from *Star Wars*, from Christian history, from the Revolutionary War, and from the saga of Donald Trump in the last eight years: the more the oppressors persecute the rebels, the stronger the rebel forces become.

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The unique name Konegni is identified with the state of Nebraska, the Cornhusker State, where Stephen was born in 1956, and raised. He joined the Marine Corp in 1974 where he was trained as a machine gunner. He was in the larger group of military units that helped in the evacuation of Saigon at the end of the Vietnam War. Through his time in the Corp he continued working and training mostly in the production of ordnance for which he also did quality control.

After leaving Marine Corp for

the first time, Stephen, who was always good with numbers, enrolled at Metro State in Denver, Colorado, where he worked toward a degree in accounting. At that time he was thinking of a career in the FBI. But plans did not work out and he moved instead to Phoenix, Arizona, where he enrolled at the Phoenix Police Academy and later went to work for both the Maricopa Police and Phoenix Police Department. It was during these years in Phoenix that Stephen developed his multiple skills and gained proficiency in law enforcement work. In fact, it was while in the Phoenix Police Department that he learned to fly helicopters and, with further training, experienced and learned to fly different models of the gyroplane. Eventually he would be a flight instructor for the Police Department.

As a Phoenix cop for twenty-five years, his beat, at least for some of his time in the force, was in high crime areas; he walked the beat and was a member of the street crime unit. He also did time as an undercover cop tracking gangs and bringing their criminal members to justice. Another aspect of his vast experiences was in the K-9 unit at which time his partner was Igor, a Czechoslovakian Shepherd, cousin to the German Shepherd well known through-

out the world for their abilities as police dogs. He spent a good amount of time in K-9 and left only after Igor was retired.

Igor and Stephen

While at the Phoenix PD Stephen flew the police helicopter on city patrols doing basic traffic enforcement, tracking law breakers, fire fighting, rescue missions including swift water rescues. This experience would serve him well in future work assignments and his coming involvement in military endeavors abroad.

After his time in The Grand Canyon State it was back to the Marine Corp. This time he was stationed in Camp Pendleton, California, the sprawling military base just north of the US/Mexico border. He was an HH rated

instructor in small arms and he trained mainly reservists who had been ex-police officers and marines who had seen combat in Fallujah, Iraq, and were transitioning back to civilian life.

After several good years he felt it was time to return to civilian life and with that he immediately found work in a security company that had contracts in the Middle East. While there, he was an instructor to local police officers and trained them in the use of infrared cameras and police tactics for locating suspects, tracking them both on the ground as well as from a helicopter. Another company he worked for as a helicopter lead pilot included a contract to supply sixty-four bases on the Pakistani border during the time the U.S. Military was in Afghanistan. As lead pilot he was in charge of fifteen of the company's helicopters and supervised the pilots who flew them.

His copious experience flying helicopters in several countries in the Middle East and also in South Africa, Norway, several states in the U.S.A. included a long stint in Fort Greeley, Alaska, where they did cold weather training and equipment testing. They also flew all the way to Dead Horse in the Arctic Circle where several oil companies based there needed to be supplied on a regular basis.

Eventually it was time to be back in America where he worked for a helicopter company headquartered in Ft. Worth, Texas. Among other contract work this company was involved with the U.S. pull out of Bagram, the huge air force base in Afghanistan. Stephen stayed with them for about three years before deciding it was perhaps time to think about slowing down.

That's when he moved to the Wet Mountain Valley area where, through some friends and acquaintances, got involved and started training with the Search and Rescue Group. From there it was an easy step to joining the local Sheriff's Posse which led to other friendships. Reminiscing and missing the bygone days of police work in Arizona he offered to pay for his own POST training if there would be a chance to join the Sheriff's Department as a deputy. With his training and his multifaceted experiences in police work Stephen would be a huge asset for the communities of Custer County, so, as soon as he passed his POST training, Sgt. Konegni was immediately hired. The Custer community wins big with a highly qualified law enforcement professional ready to protect and serve them. After all that flying around everywhere: Welcome home Sgt. Konegni.