

BOCC: Big BOCC Transparency Problem, Cyber/Hacking/Dominion Drama Tidbits, Hedberg’s TRO Against the SO Costs Us \$\$, Happy Valley Car Theft Up

by George Gramlich,
News and Commentary

The September 11, 2024 Custer County Board of County Commissioners regular meeting started around 9 a.m. in their royal throne room across from the courthouse. All three Commissioners were present: Bill Canda, Lucas Epp and Kevin “Turncoat” Day.

(Remember this: When the roll call was made, our County Attorney, Dan Slater, was not present and no explanation was given. Slater will be a developing story, folks....)

Air Force veteran Bill Canda gave a short solemn speech concerning the muslim attacks on the World Trade

Center, the Pentagon and the crash of the third attacker’s plane 23 years ago. A moment of meditation was had and Bill said a prayer for the victims. (A lot of us who were close to this event will NEVER forget who did that and why. Never.)

Epp then made a comment that he wants to put the written department reports that the BOCC has been receiving, on the website “so the people can see it.” They are receiving more of these now. (Rant Time: We, and some others, have been pushing the BOCC to have the departments submit written reports before the meetings to reduce the BOCC meeting time. Most of the reports are just operational items

and should not waste meeting time. We suggested that if there is something important that month for a department, submit a written report and bring that important item to the meeting. We also suggested, YEARS AGO , multiple times, that if written reports are submitted, the BOCC must put them immediately on the website so the people can see them and see what is going on. Well, as you will see below, the amount of written reports submitted has grown greatly in the last few meetings, and these MENSA BOCC Commissioners do NOT have the website set up to post them. So for the reports noted below, the people know NOTHING about what went on that month in those

departments. NOTHING. Where is the transparency Commissioners? Worse yet, do the Commissioners have the ability to actually PLAN anything ahead of time before it becomes a problem? You should have set up the website to handle these written reports a long time ago. This is just another case of total incompetency and lack of foresight by the BOCC. If this was the private sector, any businessman would have had the website set up long ago. But somehow, transparency to the people is the last thing on their minds. You wonder why things are so screwed up when they can’t handle this simple admin item....)

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Boys MS Bobcat XC Crushing It!



Let’s hear it for the middle school Cross Country boys team! They have been crushing it this season and are so fun to watch. Great job at Alamosa to ALL athletes, representing Custer County so well!

Bobcat Distance Club FB Page - Shared with Public

Former ICE Official Warns: Venezuelan Prison Gang Preparing for “Big Gang War” in Colorado



Ten TdA members known to Aurora Colorado Police

Photo via Aurora Police Department

by Tyler Durden, ZeroHedge.com

(Editor/GG: Some expcerts from the article. See the link at the end for the whole nightmare that we will be running into soon, thanks to the democrat party.)

A retired Immigration and Customs Enforcement official warned *DailyMail* in a new shocking interview that Venezuelan prison gangs are quickly setting up their network in preparation for an all-out gang wars on America’s city streets and in neighborhoods. Just days ago, unclassified documents from the U.S. Army North Division warned thousands of Tren de Aragua gang members, some of which are heavily armed, have spread across America.

“Tren de Aragua has unleashed a crime wave from Miami to New York, but for the first time, law enforcement officials are revealing what TdA’s future plans are,” *DailyMail* said.

Journos from *DailyMail* spoke with John Fabbriatore, retired ICE field office director for the Denver region, and he revealed, “There’s about to be a big gang war.”

“I believe that they’re setting up their network right now. These guys are setting up faster than MS-13 did. They’re getting into these apartment complexes and what they’re doing is they’re starting with prostitution,” Fabbriatore said.

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Create in me a clean
heart, O God; and renew
a right spirit within me.
Psalm 51:10 KJV

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The Fiscal Burden of Illegal Immigration on U.S. Taxpayers: \$150 BILLION and Counting

by The Federation for American
Immigration Reform (FAIR)

(Editor/GG: Below are some highlights of the report.
To see the whole magilla, use the link at the end of the
article.)

Key Highlights

- At the start of 2023, the net cost of illegal immigration for the United States – at the federal, state, and local levels – was at least \$150.7 billion.
- FAIR arrived at this number by subtracting the tax revenue paid by illegal aliens – just under \$32 billion – from the gross negative economic impact of illegal immigration, \$182 billion.
- In 2017, the estimated net cost of illegal migration was approximately \$116 billion. In just 5 years, the cost to Americans has increased by nearly \$35 billion.
- Illegal immigration costs each American taxpayer \$1,156 per year (\$957 after factoring in taxes paid by illegal aliens).
- Each illegal alien or U.S.-born child of illegal aliens costs the U.S. \$8,776 annually.
- Evidence shows that tax payments by illegal aliens cover only around a sixth of the costs they create at all levels in this country.
- A large percentage of illegal aliens who work in the underground economy frequently avoid paying any income tax at all.



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- Many illegal aliens actually receive a net cash profit through refundable tax credit programs

Introduction

This cost study report is currently the only comprehensive examination of the financial impact of illegal immigration in the United States. Every day, hundreds of millions of dollars in American taxpayer money are spent on costs directly associated with illegal immigration. Only a small fraction of these costs is ever recouped from taxes paid by illegal aliens, with the rest falling on the shoulders of American citizens and legal immigrants.

Our aim in this report is to show the American people the fiscal burden of illegal immigration at every level and across nearly all aspects of life. These costs range from emergency medical care to in-state tuition; from incarcerating illegal aliens in local jails to federal budgets that pay out billions in welfare every year. Because there are so many different ways that money is spent on illegal aliens at both the state and local levels, the information in our report is otherwise hard to find (or even intentionally hidden). This report supersedes FAIR's 2017 cost study and highlights massive increases in spending related to illegal immigration that were implemented while American citizens deal with an uncertain economy.

The Number of Illegal Immigrants in the U.S.

Estimating the fiscal burden of illegal immigration on the U.S. taxpayer depends on the size and characteristics of the illegal alien population. FAIR defines "illegal alien" as anyone who entered the United States without authorization or anyone who unlawfully remains once his/her authorization has expired. Unfortunately, the U.S. government has no central database containing information on the citizenship status of everyone lawfully present in the United States.

The overall problem of estimating the illegal alien population is further complicated by the fact that the majority of available sources on immigration status rely on self-reported data. Given that illegal aliens have a motive to lie about their immigration status in order to avoid discovery, the accuracy of these statistics is dubious at best. All of the foregoing issues make it very difficult to assess the current illegal alien population of the United States.

However, FAIR now estimates that there were at least 15.5 million illegal alien residents as of the beginning of 2022.

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Job Seekers Workforce Services At-A-Glance

Press Release

On Tuesday, October 1st at 1 p.m. representatives from the Colorado Workforce Center will hold a job seekers event at the West Custer County Library. Attendees can expect to hear an overview of Workforce

services, including: Connecting Colorado, how job seekers can register, and how to utilize the resources within Connecting Colorado. The representatives will then take questions from and provide direct assistance to anyone that needs it. The Colorado

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Silver Cliff Hosts “\$Fund\$” Day For Silver Cliff Park Sept. 28th

Press Release

The Town of Silver Cliff will be hosting a “\$Fund\$” Day at Silver Cliff Park on Saturday, September 28th to help with a Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant application. The day will include numerous activities for all residents of Custer County.

Starting at 9 a.m.-- a 4k run, 9:30 --3k walk, 10:30 -- pickle ball games, 11 a.m. -- cornhole, horseshoe tournaments and the food and beer tents will be open. All events are \$20 to participate. FREE activities for children and families include a Kite Making Kit, Bouncy House, and Face Painting. In addition, children 10

and under will receive a FREE BBQ Hot Dog lunch!

The GOCO grant is for a \$930,000 park renovation project that will replace playground equipment, bring the park up to ADA standards, and build new pickle ball courts. The current playground equipment has been in use since the early 1990's. “The Fund Day is our chance to show GOCO the community is serious about upgrading our park,” said Silver Cliff Mayor Buck Wenzel. “The grant selection committee will be in attendance and are anxious to see the community show their support for the GOCO grant.”

All donations are greatly appreciated.

Same Old Story

Editor;

As to be expected, the left is spewing more gun control rhetoric following the tragedy in Georgia. Also to be expected, they fail to place responsibility where it really belongs. On the shooter. Blaming the gun is a cop-out (pardon the pun). We have a big problem in our decaying society. We've lost our moral compass. Our decay is the result of many things. One is the gaming industry that millions of kids play daily on their phones and laptops. The games often promote violence and evil creatures. Every kid reacts differently. Some are more impres-

sionable than others. They become obsessed with the screen monster. They start to confuse reality with fantasy, and herein lies the problem. Shooting up a school happens all the time in games. Why not in reality too? I'll be famous. Bang, bang, bang...

Besides gaming, how about Hollywood's acceptance of violence and other questionable stuff on TV? Any blame there? Responsibility? (there's that word again). Not a bit.

Stricter gun control is not the answer. The answer lies within ourselves. How we raise our kids. How we behave and interact. How

we live by the Golden Rule. How we use common sense and choose right from wrong. We all can do better. One act of kindness leads to another. Pray to God, and He will show us the way.

Guy Richter,
San Isabel, CO

Free Movie at the Library

Press Release

Adults can watch free movies at the West Custer County Library thanks to the generous donors to the Spirit Campaign. “Beetlejuice” will be showing Friday, October 4th at 2 p.m. in the Library Community Room. Beetlejuice is

a 1988 American fantasy comedy horror film directed by Tim Burton. See the original Beetlejuice before Beetlejuice 2 is out in theatres this fall! The film is rated PG, and runs 1 hour and 32 minutes. For more information please visit www.westcusterlibrary.org events page or call (719) 783-9138.

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PROBLEMS WITH ELECTRONIC DEVICES?

The Custer Wizard Magically Solves Them all

by Fred Hernandez

She was a young Irish girl and in distress. In secret she was spirited out of her country and arrived in New York where she delivered the baby she was not allowed to keep. Two days after birth she was ordered to take the child, warmly wrapped, down the fire escape of the hospital. As instructed, she approached the parked car and turned the child over to the person seated in the back through the open window. She asked if she would see her son again and, without response, the car silently drove off leaving her standing in the freezing, swirling snow of a northeastern blizzard. The year was 1949 and so began the life of Brian Corrigan widely known today as The Electron Wizard.

The early years in his adoptive parents' home in Long Island, New York, were good years. He went to public school and at the same time attended catechism classes to learn about his faith. For secondary school he attended Oceanside High School in Long Island and, at the same time, went to Westbury Technical and Trade Training Center where he earned a degree in Industrial Electronics. Once he had that credential it was an easy step to get a job with a well-known company, Grumman Aircraft, also in Long Island, which at the time had a contract building the cables needed for the lunar project of NASA known as Apollo Eleven (LEM). Once that contract ended, he was transferred

to the Avionics Department on the production line of the Gulf Stream jets. He learned much in his young years and gained a lot of experience.

At the end of his time with the big corporation he worked in his dad's business; a bowling alley, where he was the mechanic for the whole building and at the same time helped in running the restaurant and other related chores.

As young people will be at that age, Brian was restless for more opportunity. Happily he was able to acquire an old Plymouth Valiant that was in an appalling condition. Over time, he worked on the body and the engine until he was satisfied he had a reliable vehicle. No sooner than he finished work on the car, he gave notice and shortly after, hit the road. With no definite plan or destination in mind he decided to visit an uncle in Pennsylvania. His uncle owned a big, successful restaurant. Brian immediately proved his worth when he fixed a TV his uncle was watching that was not functioning properly. Impressed with his nephew, the uncle gave him a job doing all-around maintenance and other chores typical of a restaurant operation.

His uncle, through his connections, wanted to assist his nephew with getting a college degree. He knew the director of admissions of the college and made necessary arrangements. However, Brian had to go through

a list of things he needed to do in preparation for admission. It was during this process that he had to go back and forth between New York and Pennsylvania. Not too long after he received a call from the admissions director that he was accepted and thus began his college years from which he earned a degree in English Literature with a minor in Philosophy. Over the years he read extensively, and his readings fueled his curiosity to explore the world.

In 1972, taking advantage of a program from the airlines, he bought a round-trip ticket to Europe for an unbelievable \$72. In Europe, shouldering a backpack, he got a Euro pass and, for half a year, visited France, Germany, Spain, Ireland, Poland and England. It was an exciting time, and he made many friends and acquaintances, some of whom he has kept in touch with over the years.

His work life spans the gamut of many interesting occupations and disciplines. In one job for a large international company he was interviewed and tested extensively before he was finally hired. Once employed one of his co-employees, who had access to personnel records, intimated confidentially that he had the highest IQ of all the two thousand employees. It was then he realized the ease he had for learning languages, (he is fluent in four) and his keen interest in all types of electronic devices. One of his



most interesting jobs, for many years, involved elements of law enforcement and investigations, much of which he cannot divulge due to the sensitivity of the information involved.

Many years ago in conversation with a girl Brian had met in college with whom he had kept in touch over the years, he found out she was living up in the mountains of Colorado. She invited him to visit. As he himself describes that moment when he arrived in Custer County, "My jaw dropped at the sight of the mountains." He was instantly hooked and immediately made arrangements to move to the Wet Mountain Valley area.

Once settled in the town of West-

cliffe, he opened up his shop in the back room of the pawn shop on Main Street. It was business owner, Jay Printz, who baptized Brian 'The Electron Wizard' for his prowess in fixing almost any problem on any device. As the Wizard says, "Most of the time I can fix anything in a minute". A claim that may seem a bit exaggerated but, for all intents and purposes, he is really that good at what he does. In this whole area, he counts close to two thousand clients. That's half the county in users of electronic devices.

The Electron Wizard has no competition to speak of and is very well liked by the community. He is generous to a fault. He is widely known for giving away equipment including laptops, cell phones and TV sets for those in need. "My whole life has been a blessing with so many miracles. The Lord wants me to share my good fortune with those whom He sends to me."

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6 -7:30 p.m. Men’s Bible Meeting Start Sept. 9.
(The Bible and X) w Scott Munger. at First Baptist Church.
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
2nd and 4th Monday
6 – 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
Community United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
Children Welcome. colobamanana@yahoo.com

Tuesdays

12 noon – 1 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (CLDS) “As Bill Sees It” St. Luke’s, 3rd & Rosita in W/C. Call Martha at 719-371-1853.

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

3rd Tuesday of the Month

Liberty Rocks TUESDAY Meet/greet &order 5:30 p.m. Presentation 6 p.m. Location Tony’s Pizza All welcome.

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.
9:45-11:30 a.m. The Posse Ladies Bible Study “Names of God” at Sangre de Cristo Fellowship, 120 Jerry Dr. Westcliffe. September 18- December 4
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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.

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 See www.CusterGOP.com or Facebook page at <https://m.facebook.com/custergop>

3rd Thursday of the Month

2 p.m. Round Mt Water District Meeting. Liberty Rocks NOW 3rd TUESDAY

Fridays

10 a.m. Pickle Ball Silver Cliff Memorial Park
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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
Questions, **Mike @ 719-650-0362**
1 p.m. VFW meeting at Cliff Lanes Conference Room, Post Commander Burt Daniels 719-783-3050

The Sentinel's Court Report
Custer County Court and the 11th Judicial District

District Court – July 9, 2024

WOODS, CODY LEO, Westcliffe -- Plea of Guilty on Count 1) Assault 2-Peace Officer/Bodily Fluids, Guilty Plea on Count 6) Resisting Arrest. Dismissed: Assault 2-In Custody /Peace Officer, 3) 18-8-116 - Disarming A Peace Officer, 4) 18-8-306 - Public Servant-Attempt To Influence, 5) 18-8-306 - Public Servant-Attempt To Influence, 7) 18-8-104(1)(A) - Obstructing A Peace Officer, 8) 18-12-102(3) - Dangerous Weapon-Possession, 9) 42-4-1305 - Alcohol-Open Container/Drink In Vehicle, 10) 1402 - Careless Driving. Sentencing and Other Conditions- Defendant sentenced on Count 1 and Count 6. Count 1 is a deferred sentence: Count 6 is a straight guilty plea defendant given 2 years of supervised Probation on each count. Probation is to run concurrent on count 1 and count 6. Pay fines and fees comply with all terms and conditions of probation / ALW. Total Fines: \$1,666.50

HART, GARY LEE, Hotchkiss, CO--Plea of Guilty on County 1) 18-3-405.3(1) - SEX ASSAULT/CHILD/POSTRUST/VIC 15-18-ATT. Dismissed by Plea: Counts 2 and 3, SEX ASSAULT/CHILD/POSTRUST-VICT UN. Sentencing and Other Conditions: Defendant is found Guilty of Count 1. Defendant is given 5 years of Supervised Probation. NO ADDITIONAL JAIL TIME. This is found to be a sexual offense. Defendant to complete probation including intensive sex offense specific probation. Must be SOMB approved. Must also comply with special conditions of adult sex offenses, specifically conditions 23, 26, 27, and 29. Defendant must Register as a Sex Offender. Must complete a victim empathy module must submit to monitored sobriety, not to consume any drugs or alcohol. Must complete a substance abuse evaluation and any recommended treatment. Must complete a mental health evaluation and any recommended treatment. Defendant not to have any contact with persons under the age of 18 years old. Defendants property management to be done by someone other than himself as he may not have contact with people renting his properties. Day reporting electronically to be done at the discretion of probation no contact with victims. Victims’ family, or persons under the age of 18 per the protection order in this case. Protection order to remain in place until the court no longer has jurisdiction over this case or until probation is completed. Restitution to remain open for 91 day defendant given 50 hours of community service. Defendant given a 3 year DOC sentence that is suspended imposition on the condition that probation is successfully completed. DOC sentence to be followed by a mandatory 2 years of parole if DOC sentence is imposed. Defendant to be given credit for time served of 273 days pre-sentence confinement. /ALW Total Fines: \$5,853.50

HART, GARY LEE, Hotchkiss, CO--Plea of Guilty, Cruelty/Animals No AGG Torture/Mutilation/Kill. Dismissed by Plea: Cruelty to Animals-Aggravated. Other Conditions of Sentence: Defendant Guilty to Count 1, is

fined \$1,000 plus court costs. Restitution remains open for 91 days of business on your Court Date. Total Fines: \$1,535.50

District Court – July 22, 2024

DOUGLAS, THOMAS RAINE, Cotopaxi, CO—Guilty of Harassment Strike/Shove/Kick. Dismissed by Plea: Assault 2-Cause Injury w/Deadly Weapon. Other Conditions of Sentence: Standard terms and conditions of Probation. This case concurrent to any other sentence. Restitution ordered and open 91 days. Defendant to complete DV Eval and comply with recommendations. Total Fines: \$1,231.50

County Court- July 25, 2024

COVEY, ZANE HUGHES, Frisco,, CO— Plea of Guilty to Driving Under the Influence. Dismissed: Speeding 40/More over the Limit. Other Conditions of Sentence: Sentenced to 10 days in Jail. Fine suspended upon successful completion of Probation on the first try. Restitution is open for 91 days. No Alcohol. No Controlled Substances w/out a valid Rx, No criminal offences, comply with all recommendations of probation including any other evaluations and treatment that probation deems necessary, including monitored sobriety. Complete level education required. Complete UPS. Serve on one MADD victim impact panel. /CMW. Total Fines: \$1,920.50

District Court – August 6, 2024

HARPER, CYNTHIA MARIE, CO Springs, CO—Guilty on Assault 3-Know/Recklaess Cause Injury charge. Dismissed by Plea: Felony Menacing-Real/Simulated Weapon. Other Conditions of Sentence: standard terms and conditions. Defendant to complete domestic violence evaluation and comply with treatment recommendations. MAT transfer probation to TX with probation officer approval /BLM. Total Fines: \$891.50

County Court—August 8, 2024

POE, JESSICA MAE, Westcliffe—Plea of Guilty to Public Indecency-Expose Genitals. Total Fines: \$211.

VIGIL, CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL, Walsenburg, CO —Plea of Guilty to Driving While Ability Impaired. Dismissed: DUI, DUI per se, Lane Usage Violation. Other Conditions of Sentence: Sentenced to 10 days jail. 365 days of jail suspended upon successful completion of treatment and requirements of probation. Fine suspended upon successful completion of probation on first try. Restitution open for 91 days. No alcohol. No controlled substances w/out a valid Rx. No criminal offenses. Comply with all recommendations of probation including any other evaluations and treatment that probation deems necessary including monitored sobriety. Complete level education required. Complete UPS. Serve on one MADD victim impact panel. /CMW. Total Fines: \$1,320.50

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10:30 a.m. Fellowship

10:45 a.m. Worship

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10:45 a.m. Sunday School

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September 20, 2024

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So, today we will talk about Piñon (pronounced pin yon) nuts. If you have lived in Colorado for at least five years you have probably experienced a piñon nut harvest.

Piñon trees are small pine trees that grow in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada and Utah. These trees thrive in mountain deserts and on mesas at elevations of 3,500 to 9,000 feet.

The piñon nuts themselves are bean-shaped and only ½ to ¾ inches long covered by a thin, small shell. The meat of the nut contains 13% protein, 60% fat, and 20% carbohydrates. Pine nuts are high in fat, requiring less meat in the diet. These nuts have about 3,000 calories per pound.



They were the major source of winter protein for generations of the Ute and Paiute of the Great Basin region of the Southwest as well as the Shoshone. There is evidence that tribes had swaths of territory where they gathered, and several tribes marked out gathering areas by family unit. It's been estimated that a Shoshone family unit would gather up to 1,200 lbs. which lasted about 4 months. The seeds were parched on a basketry tray with coals, winnowed, and then either stored in woven sacks or pits, or ground into a flour from which bread or soup could be made. Today, the gathering of the piñon nuts is an affirmation of their cultural heritage rather than for their physical survival. The nuts are still used in traditional foods and some are sold to supplement the family income.

Piñon nut coffee is a specialty found in the southwest United States, especially New Mexico, and is typically a dark roast coffee having a deep, nutty flavor; roasted and lightly salted pine nuts can often be found sold on the side of the road in cities across New Mexico to be used for this purpose, as well as a snack. They also go well with nearly any winter soup, stew, or vegetable.

If you are lucky enough to live in an area like where I live in Colorado, you can have an abundance of piñon nuts in your own backyard. It looks like this is going to be the year and month for it! Just put a sheet down under the piñon tree and shake the limbs and watch them fall. The best time to harvest piñons is after the first good fall freeze that will force the cones to ripen and expand enough to allow the nuts to fall to the ground. In order to preserve the nuts, they need to be roasted and then you can store them in paper bags or coffee cans where they will keep well for as long as a year.

Shelling out large quantities of this tiny nut requires all the resources of a quilting bee. So, gather the family or a few friends together and make an event of the task.

by Audrey Slater. Sources: <https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/edible/nut-trees/pine-nut/pinon-nut-information.htm>, <https://www.motherearthnews.com/real-food/pinon-nuts-zmaz77jazgoe>. <http://nativeamericannetroots.net/diary/1048> Photo: Wikimedia

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CORNER

Jesus said

“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?”

Matthew 6:29 NKJV



Custer County School District

MENU for the week Sept. 23 thru Sept.26 2024

	Breakfast	Lunch
Monday	Cereal, Yogurt, Oatmeal Fruit, Milk	Hamburger Mac, Corn Fruit, Milk
Tuesday	Breakfast Pizza Milk	White Chili, Cornbread Fruit, Milk
Wednesday	Eggs, Hash Browns Sausage Fruit, Milk	Baked Ziti, Oven Roasted Zucchini Garlic Roll Fruit, Milk
Thursday	Biscuit and Gravy Applesauce, Milk	Chicken Alfredo, Steamed Broccoli Fruit, Milk

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Smokey Bear is Coming To The Library

Library Press Release

In celebration of Smokey's 80th birthday this year, the West Custer County Library is proud to announce that Smokey Bear will be coming to the library on Wednesday October 9th from 10-11 a.m. All kids, ages 0-9, and their parents/caregivers are welcome to hear a story from Smokey, receive a Smokey Swag Bag, and take their picture with Smokey. No reservations needed, just come and enjoy!

For more information, please call Youth Services Librarian, Mindy Kenyon, at 719- 783-9138 ext. 4 or email mindy@westcusterlibrary.org



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Friday, Sept 20:

7 pm HS Football @ Sargent (away)

Saturday, Sept. 21:

Cross Country: Coronado Cougar Classic @ N. Monument
Valley Park, Colo Springs: 9 am HS Boys, 9:30 HS Girls

1 pm HS Volleyball @ South Park (away)

1 pm JV Football @ LaVeta (away)

Tuesday, Sept. 24:

4:30 pm HS Volleyball @ Trinidad (away)

Thursday, Sept. 26:

2 pm HS Volleyball @ HOME vs Cotopaxi

Cañon City Cross Country Invitational @ Royal Gorge Bridge,
Cañon City: 4 pm HS Boys, 4:40 HS Girls

Friday, Sept 27: Bye Week for HS Football

Saturday, Sept. 28:

4:15 pm HS Volleyball @ HOME vs Calhan

Friday, October 4:

7 pm HS Football @ HOME vs Walsenburg

Come support the Bobcats Concession Stand at every Home game!

Bobcats Scoreboard!

Friday, Sept. 13:

HS Football @ Holly (away): loss 8-42

NEVER GIVE UP

LIBRARY EVENTS FOR YOUTH

MOVIE EVENT

West Custer County Library will be showing the movie “IF”, starring Ryan Reynolds and Steve Carell. A girl embarks on a magical adventure to reconnect forgotten imaginary friends with their kids.

This is a FREE movie for ALL AGES on Friday, September 27th from 3 -5 p.m.

Snacks and drinks will be provided. See you at the movies!

For more information, please call Youth Services Librarian, Mindy Kenyon, at 719-783-9138 ext. 4 or email mindy@westcusterlibrary.org

SIGNATURE SCENTS

On Friday, September 27th at West Custer County Library Community Room, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m, Michealle Woolery will be presenting SIGNATURE SCENTS for our TEENS in the community. She will discuss perfumes, body sprays, and colognes and how they negatively affect our overall health. She will also be discussing emotional wellness and how essential oils can help with stress, and anxiety.

Teens will get the chance to make their very own personal scent using essential oils and natural ingredients to take home with them. No registration required! We hope to see you there.

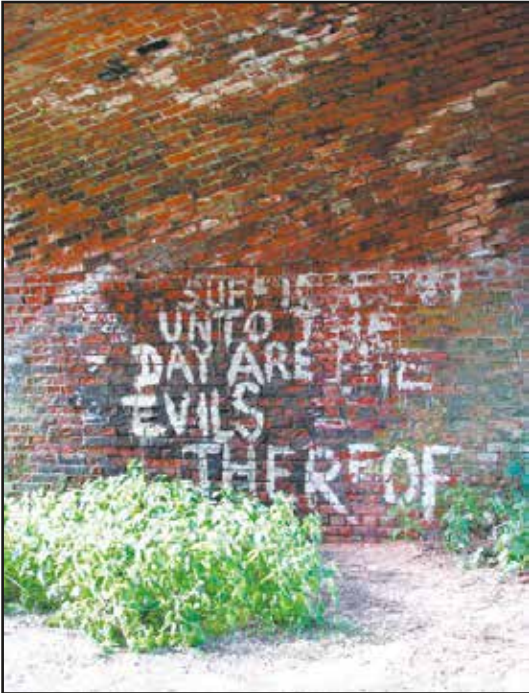
Bobcat Player of the Week



Agi Thomas	Defensive -
Offensive -	4 Pass Break Ups
9 Catches	13 Tackles
89 Yards	Honorable Mention -
1 TD	Taylor Bradford
1 2 pt Conversion	1 Sack

photo by Sarah Flynn

Do Not Worry Rather, Put Your Trust in the Lord



Graffiti under bridge carrying Church Road across the Weavers Way long distance footpath. (Alysham, Great Britain) The phrase is from Matthew 6:34 - “Be not therefore anxious for the morrow: for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.”

By Evelyn Simak, CC BY-SA 2.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=14023625>

Custer Senior Center Menu

Monday, September 23 #78 Roasted Turkey w/Gravy Smashed Red Potatoes California Blend Vegetables Spinach Salad w/Mandarin Oranges, Pineapple Tidbits,WW Roll	Tuesday, September 24 #90 Swedish Meatball Whipped Potatoes w/Beef Gravy Chopped Spinach Orange Bran Muffin	Thursday, September 26 #47 Scalloped Potatoes w/Ham Spinach Salad w/Mandarin Oranges Hard Boiled Egg Sliced Peaches WW Dinner Roll
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Served Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays at noon. 612 Main St. , Silver Cliff Townhall (lower level)
The following major food allergens are used as ingredients: Milk, Egg, Fish, Tree Nuts, Peanuts, Wheat, Soy and Sesame.

Please call (719) 783-9508 before 9:30 a.m. for reservations
A \$3 suggested donation per meal is appreciated, but not required. All menus subject to change.



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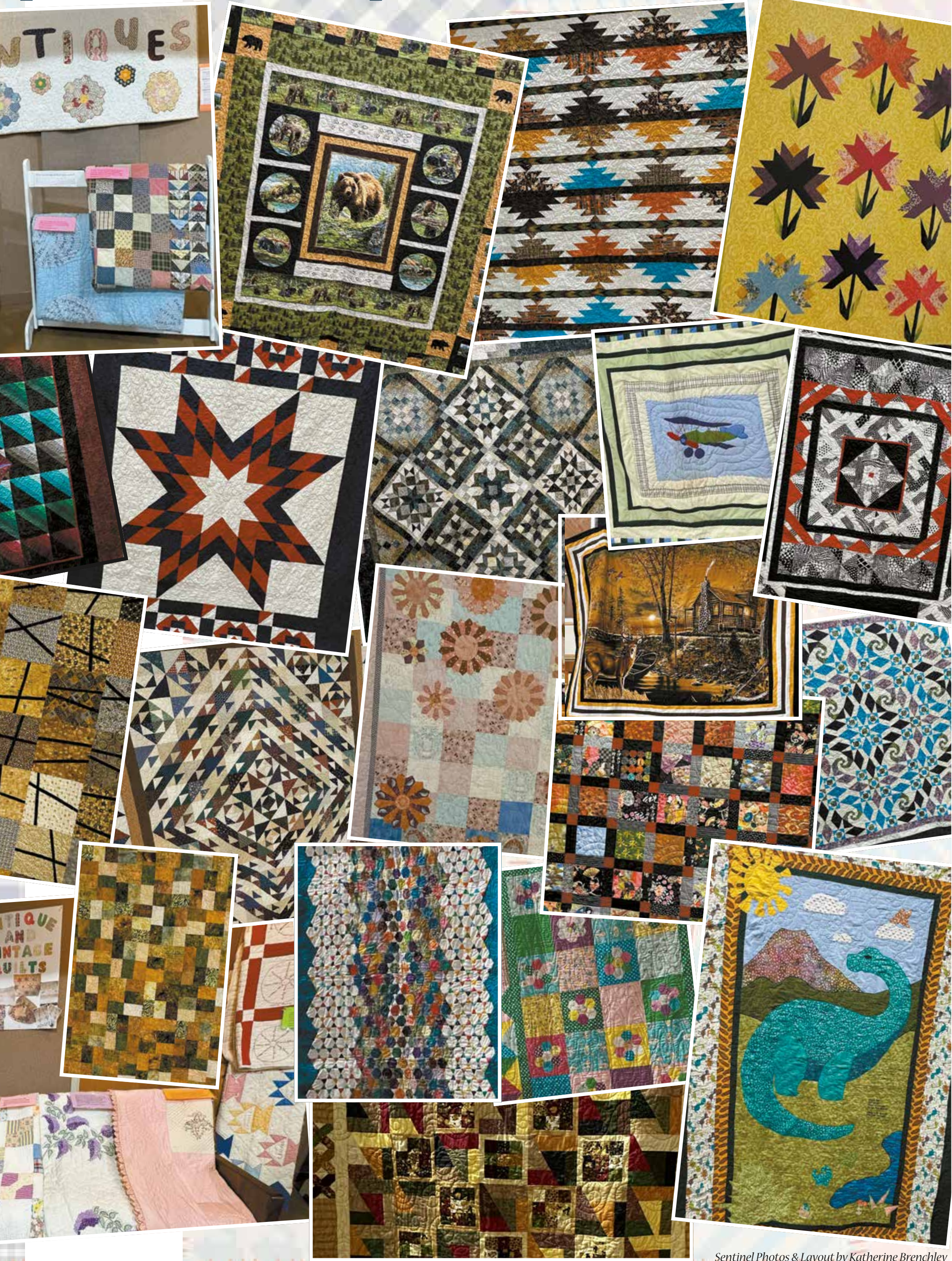
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QUILTERS QUILT SHOW





Aurora Spillover? Masked Criminals with AR-Style Rifle & Pistols Ransack Home in Denver Suburb

By Tyler Durden, ZeroHedge.com

Police in a northern Denver suburb are on the hunt for [two] armed, masked men caught on video stealing a motorcycle from a garage in a quiet neighborhood. Meanwhile, twenty minutes down the street, in Aurora, members of the Venezuelan prison gang Tren de Aragua have been caught on surveillance footage raiding at least one apartment unit. This serves as a stark reminder that in the Denver metro area, a sanctuary city run by far-left Democrats, the police won't be able to protect residents, and this type of third-world-like crime could soon be coming to suburbs across America.



The Commerce City Police Department posted surveillance footage of the incident, showing two thieves, one armed with a pistol and the other with an AR-style rifle, entering the garage with guns pointed, according to local media outlet FOX31 KDVR.

"We always take property crime seriously... but when you bring an AR-style rifle to a home burglary/motor vehicle theft, we can't help but wonder how much worse this could have been and how dangerous you really are," Commerce City Police Department wrote on Facebook.

End Wokeness @EndWokeness

BREAKING: Masked gang waving AR-style rifle attacks a home in a Denver suburb. 0 arrests.

Coming to a neighborhood near you:

The police said the masked criminals entered the garage after the homeowner left the door open earlier in the evening last Wednesday. The two thieves then quietly left with a Yamaha motorcycle.

Law enforcement officials could not comment if the thieves were tied to the Tren de Aragua gang. There are concerns about spillover risks of migrant crime that could spread from Aurora and other migrant hotspots. Denver, a city of 710,000, has rolled out the red carpet to more than 41,000 illegal aliens under Biden-Harris' first term.

George@BehizyTweets

BREAKING: The Mayor of Aurora, Colorado just CONFIRMED that Venezuelan illegal migrant gangsters have indeed taken over several apartment complexes and have pushed out property managers to EX-TORT rents from the tenants directly

He also BLAMED the Kamala-Biden regime and said they may be involved in importing the illegals into his city, "Somebody put them there, and somebody funded it, whether it's the federal government or not."



The Mayor further confirmed that Tren de Araguas has given orders to its members to start attacking police officers,

Fox Host: "We've heard reports that this gang has greenlighted its members to attack your local police."

Mayor Mike Coffman: "We're aware of that in the Denver metropolitan area, that there are elements of Tren de Araguas here."

THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS!

Earlier this year, Chilean crime gangs targeted wealthy neighborhoods nationwide as the Biden-Harris admin's disastrous open southern borders have imported the third world to the first world. In return, chaos and crime have plagued some once-peaceful neighborhoods in suburbia.

Nino Mangione@NinoMangione42

Once again honest, law abiding citizens are being victimized by criminals who should not be in our country. It was great work by the Baltimore County Police Department to apprehend them. Our country is overrun by groups like the...

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South American Theft Group and it is largely a failure of our border security. We must do all we can to keep people like this out of our country. And I am pleased that ICE has placed detainers on these 5.

Chilean burglars targeted 'millionaire neighborhoods' in Baltimore County, police say

Following an inquiry by *The Baltimore Banner* this week, county police announced that five suspects had been arrested on Feb. 3. In court records, police said the suspects were positively identified...

8:05 AM · Mar 15, 2024

Here's what X users are saying about the incident in Commerce City.

Red Pill USA@Red_Pill_US

Replying to @EndWokeness

"When they burn it down to ashes, the elites can buy it for pennies on the dollar and remake it with them in control..."

Do you understand?

Shawn Farash@Shawn_Farash

Replying to @EndWokeness and @mrddmia

According to their governor, this is just your imagination

7:48 PM · Sep 1, 2024

Paratrooper Brady @82ndairborneBT

Replying to @EndWokeness

The democrats want to take our guns away so all the illegal alien gangs can run us all over.

6:28 PM · Sep 1, 2024

Based Electrician@RyanHugeBrain

Zero arrests.

You have to be prepared to protect yourself. We have a 2nd ammendment in this country.

Utilize it and train.

Sassafrass84@Sassafrass_84

Coming to a Democrat city near you. Arm up, folks. It's fafo time. You don't have the luxury of not being armed unless you want to be victimized.

6:26 PM · Sep 1, 2024

Americans are demanding law and order - something the Biden-Harris admin has failed to do as millions of unvetted illegal aliens run amok nationwide. Furthermore, Democrats also are trying to ban guns. This is pure insanity. Voters deserve better.

(Editor/GG: To all you rich libs from blues states where the crime and degradation YOU brought there caused you to move here: THAT is coming here thanks to YOU. YOU have allowed upwards of 20 MILLION illegal aliens to enter our country, millions of whom are criminals like we have never seen. We have seen more than enough illegals walking down Main Street, Westcliffe the last year or two. They will be burglarizing, carjacking, etc. all over, in YOUR neighborhoods, sooner than you think. And they are coming for YOU, rich libs. YOU have the big ranches, the big SUV's, the \$30k UTV's, etc. They want that. And YOU have it. Thanks for ruining our country and shortly, Happy Valley. Happy Trails....)

Please see: <https://www.zerohedge.com/political/aurora-spillover-masked-criminals-ar-style-rifle-pistol-ransack-home-denver-suburb>



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“Can’t Take It Anymore”: Residents of Springfield, Oh. Beg for Help After 20,000 Haitians Overwhelm City, Eat Local Wildlife

by Tyler Durden, zerohedge.com

The city of Springfield, Ohio - population 60,000, has been over-whelmed by roughly 20,000 Haitian illegal migrants, who flocked to the city - exacerbating a ‘significant housing crisis’ according to city officials, and eating pets and wildlife according to locals.



During an August 27 City Commission meeting, one local resident said that Haitians were “in the park grabbing ducks, cutting heads off and eating them.”



@EndWokeness

“Haitians are in the park grabbing ducks, cutting the heads off, and eating them” Another local resident posted to a Facebook group that their neighbor had a cat go missing - only to see it “hanging from a branch, like you’d do a deer for butchering, & they [the Haitians] were carving it up to eat.”



@EndWokeness

Springfield is a small town in Ohio.
4 years ago, they had 60k residents.
Under Harris and Biden, 20,000 Haitian immigrants were shipped to the town.
Now ducks and pets are disappearing.

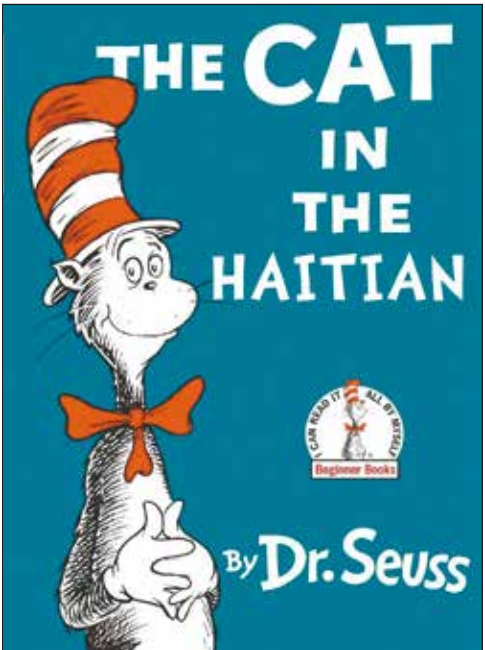


While the cat claim has been refuted by as racist fear-mongering, others have provided receipts showing that cats are indeed part of Haitian cuisine. Another local told the city that she “can’t take it anymore,” as Haitian migrants are littering on her yard and harassing she and her husband.

Absolutely HEARTBREAKING moment Springfield, Ohio, resident tells mayor that she “can’t take it anymore” as Haitian migrants squat on her lawn, litter in her yard and harass her and elderly husband daily.



Cats in Springfield, Ohio tonight.



House Judiciary GOP
Protect our ducks and kittens in Ohio!



Resident Glenda Bailey told the city “They have become the occupiers. What they’ve done is they’ve replaced the population in Springfield.” Tensions came to a boil last year after an illegal immigrant from Haiti caused a school bus crash last August, killing 11-year-old Aiden Clark after the child was thrown out of the emergency exit as the bus rolled off the road. Another 20 students were injured.

In July, city manager Bryan Heck wrote to leaders of the Senate Banking Committee asking for more federal funding.

“Springfield has seen a surge in population through immigration that has significantly impacted our ability as a community to produce enough housing opportunities for all,” he wrote.

(Editor/GG: As the Town of Westcliffe is gonna build a huge high density, low income housing complex at the southwest end of town. What could go wrong? Heard it is going to be named “Little Caracas” or “Port au Prince”. Local rich libs are very excited about it as they then will be able to get cheap slave labor for their house cleaning and restaurants. Diversity is our strength....)

Please see: <https://www.zerohedge.com/political/cant-take-it-anymore-residents-springfield-ohio-beg-help-after-20000-haitians-overwhelm>





Colorado State News



Dems Stick All Coloradans With \$27 Million Tab For Illegals Bill

by ColoradoPeak Politics.com

It's not just the taxpayers of Sanctuary City Denver who are saddled with the costs of Democrats' open border policies.

The state legislature led by the same party voted this year to stick all Colorado taxpayers with an additional \$27 million tab to cover housing, education, a legal defense fund and other migrant costs, reports Republican House leaders.

The GOP leaders released the spending report just hours before "Border Czar" Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump were set to appear in their first and possibly only debate that will include whether the border should remain open to mass migration.

The GOP report is a stark warning to all Colorado taxpayers that highlights the enormous financial burden of mass migration, and how it drives up other costs for hardworking families.

The report was released with comment by House Minority Leader Rose Pugliese, Assistant Minority Leader Ty Winter, and state Reps. Ryan Armagost and Gabe Evans.

"Colorado taxpayers are footing the bill for policies that not only encourage illegal immigration but also contribute to skyrocketing costs across the board," Pugliese said. "The Democrats have funneled millions of taxpayer dollars into programs that provide services to illegal immigrants while the cost of living continues to rise for everyday Coloradans."

It's not that Coloradans don't feel compassion for everyone on the planet who wants to migrate to the U.S.

But U.S. citizens are also struggling to find better jobs and make more money to keep up with the inflated prices of everything since Biden and Harris took office in 2021.

Open borders and mass migration have wreaked havoc on this country for too long, and it's important that Coloradans see how much these policies are costing them.

Please see: <https://coloradopeakpolitics.com/2024/09/11/dems-stick-all-coloradans-with-27-million-tab-to-pay-mass-migration-costs/>

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INVOICE TO: PEOPLE OF COLORADO			Invoice No: #12345 Due Date: 10 Sept, 2023 BILLING CYCLE 2024		
DESCRIPTION	DEPARTMENT	SUBTOTAL			
Funding for New Arrival Students	Education	\$24,000,000.00			
ID's for Illegal Immigrants	Governor	\$137,210.00			
Housing Assistance for Illegal Immigrants	Labor	\$2,500,000.00			
Immigration Legal Defense Fund	Labor	\$350,000.00			
Governors Illegal Immigration Support Office	Labor	\$119,029.00			
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BOCC from page 1

In Commissioner Items, Day noted the “underfunded court grants are open” and the BOCC needs to submit an application by the end of the month to get our share of the graft. (This is the state slush fund trying to get the counties to build Taj Mahal’s for our state court system. Mostly on our dime.)

Canda then stated that the District Attorney elect wants a 15% increase in the county’s budget for his office. (The DA’s office needs more money than that. Crime is bad now and will increase dramatically soon...)

Department Reports were next.

Road & Bridge submitted a written report. The Commissioners stared at the report on their computers for a few minutes and then ok’d it with no comments. The People know nothing of what went on as it was not posted on the county’s website. Transparency?

Coroner Brad Baltzly was next. Brad said the county had seven deaths last month which was way over “normal”. For Year-to-Date, the county had 11 natural deaths, 6 suicides with 3 suicides just this month. Brad noted that most of the suicides were “elderly gentlemen in bad health”. Brad also said he was way under budget so far this year.

Information Technology Director, Vernon Roth, then gave his report. Vernon started off with a brief note on Finance (where he is also working) saying that he did budget briefings with all the departments and was getting ready for the budget hearing in October. Vernon said “it has been an exhausting couple of weeks”. *(Remember, Vernon volunteered to help out in Finance after Day and his chosen incompetent Finance Director screwed up that department and the audit came in bad. Not only that, but Vernon has also been doing an unbelievable amount of work securing the county’s computers and networks after the alleged cyber hacking surfaced. Bravo, sir!)* Vernon noted that the county’s “voting machine is secure”. (More on that later.) He said that all the county’s passwords have been changed plus he has done a lot of other things to secure the systems. Vernon noted that IT has gone to a “zero trust” environment.

Canda then spoke about the alleged hacking of the county’s computers. Canda said, “We did have a data breach and CBI is working on it” and Vernon “can’t comment on it”. Vernon then noted that CBI (Colorado Bureau of Inve

stigation) is investigating certain “pieces of our hardware equipment”.

Veterans Service Office Officer, Dominic Edginton, then gave his report. He had 66 scheduled appointments in August with 54 walk-ins. He has submitted 168 VA claims since he took office with \$1.2 million of veteran claim money coming into the county. He is also going to need a part-time helper next year due to the claim load.

Bob Smith gave the Human Resources report. Since the county has not yet found a replacement (because the salary they are offering is not even close to what is needed to get somebody actually qualified here, but they don’t have the hutzpah to raise it to what is necessary), Bob is looking at ways to fill the position on a part-time, temporary basis. He suggested the county hire a temporary person from an accounting firm for this. Bob said he had talked to several companies and a lady from one firm looks good. He wants to bring her down from Denver and have a “workshop” with the Commissioners to discuss it. Bob also announced that our longtime Human Services Director, Laura Lockhart will be resigning.

Planning and Zoning submitted a written report. The Commissioners stared at the report on their computers for a few minutes and then ok’d it with a couple of cursory comments. The People know nothing of what went on as it was not posted on the county’s website. Transparency?

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Recycling submitted a written report. The Commissioners stared at the report on their computers for a few minutes ...

The Office of Emergency Management submitted a written report. The Commissioners stared at the report on their computers for a few minutes ...

The Extension Office submitted a written report. The Commissioners stared at the report on their computers for a few minutes and then ok’d it with no comments. The People know nothing of what went on as it was not posted on the county’s website. Transparency?

In New Business, A/P was up first. Tourism’s request for \$5,553 was received too late for the regular A/P report so the Commissioners ok’d that separately. Then the total A/P amount of \$308,064 for July was approved.

Planning & Zoning was next with two Short Term Rental applications that were ok’d.

The Sheriff’s Report was next up. Custer County Sheriff Rich Smith opened with stating that the office is under budget by 6% and he is on track to be \$300k under from last year (so far). Smith said “crimes were down” this year *(I don’t know how with our lib judges letting violent felons off with no jail time, plus, it is only a matter of time before the illegals come here and cause havoc)*. Smith noted, however, that the Calls for Service are up big time, by 78% over last year, including 24 calls concerning animals. He said he would like to hire an animal control officer next year as the state has basically dropped all coverage of southern Colorado re: animal welfare services. One thing Smith noted was increasing was car theft. By a lot. (Increase in car theft is an indication of future crime rate increases...)

Smith then got to the BIG DEAL: the alleged cyber/hacking of the county’s computers and the new scandal in town, the *Wet Mountain Tribune* and its Editor, Jordan “Red Bug” Hedberg obtaining a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) against the Sheriff’s Office preventing them from seizing Hedberg’s computers, records, electronic devices. (See last week’s front page *Sentinel* story on the whole sorry deal). According to Smith, due to a “conflict of interest” with County Attorney, Dan Slater, Smith wanted to hire an outside attorney to fight the TRO court order. *(This “conflict of interest” appears to be quite concerning and possibly will come to light in the near future.)* Smith said he had someone in mind from Pueblo and that person agreed to do the TRO hearing for a reasonable \$5,000. *(Here again, due to Hedberg’s love affair with involving the legal system against the county, the county is again made to spend more money re a pretty desperate legal move by Hedberg.)*

Backing Smith up, Canda stated that, “we have a CBI (Colorado Bureau of Investigation) investigation going on today involving a data breach in the county. We want to make sure we don’t harm that investigation. We had a frivolous civil action that has been filed causing us to spend money to represent the Sheriff’s Office. Our at-

torney has a conflict with it, but we can’t get into that anymore.”

Smith then said the TRO is in regards to a criminal investigation and I am in an “awkward spot” as “we are a victim”. Thus, CBI has to do the investigation. Smith also mentioned the FBI! *(Uh, oh!)* Smith went on explaining the county’s insurance carrier, CTSI does civil matters but is “no good” on criminal issues, so we have to get a criminal lawyer. Smith said the lawyer gave Smith an estimate of \$5k for the job. (Which is a good deal.) Smith then stated that if the judge rules that the TRO is “frivolous”, then Hedberg would be responsible for our legal fees. *(Sweet!)*

(Somewhere during this conversation, Day, in some other world, said he called up our county Attorney last night, and the attorney said he thought there was no conflict of interest. Asking the guy, and an attorney at that, if he thought his **own** actions was a conflict of interest or not is delusional. Again, Day is protecting the system and not representing the taxpayers.)

The three Commissioners all vote to hire an outside attorney.

Public Comment was the last Agenda Item.

Local businessman, Harald Frank, then addressed the throne. He asked our power brokers, “Was the security of the Dominion voting machine violated?” Incredibly, Day said “no”. (You could call that a “misstatement” but what it really is, is a lie. It is well known by now, that the alleged cyber/hacking suspect (the person was named by Hedberg last week in his TRO affidavit as IT employee Jordan Benson) was GIVEN access to the Dominion machine for some reason. If Benson is alleged to have hacked various county computers, and was given access to our Dominion machine, one HAS TO ASSUME THAT SOMETHING BAD MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED TO THAT MACHINE. Day, in some bureaucrat dream world where all government employees, and governments too, are perfect in every way, tried to hide that fact by saying “no”. *(Folks, this guy is some world of denial that normal people can’t fathom.)* Day follows up his fairyland thought process with, “We can tell you it is not compromised.” *(How wrong can one person be?)*

Finally Canda can’t take Day’s imaginary world of lollipops anymore, and says, “I don’t share the opinion that it is not compromised. Kelley is doing the right thing in having the state come in.

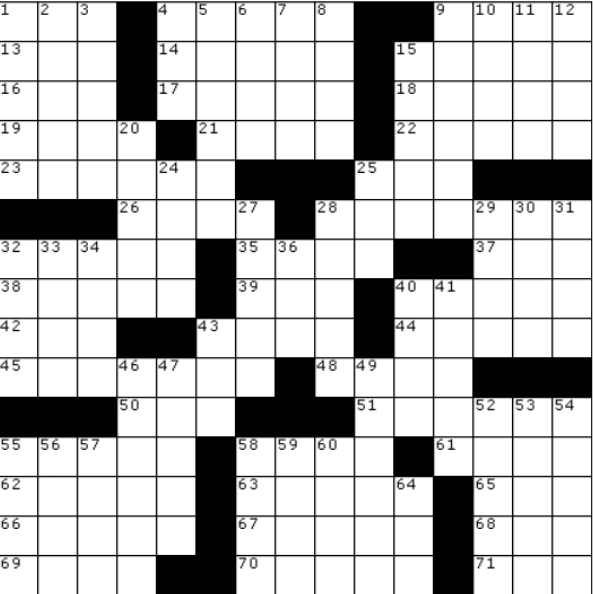
I am not sure that the machine was not compromised.” Epp adds, “We need the investigation to clear up the possible compromising of the Dominion machine.” (So Epp agrees with Canda on this.)

(This is what we have been told by multiple sources: Kelley Camper, our County Clerk, was told by the Colorado Secretary of State (SOS) to have an IT person access the Dominion machine to find out if something was there or not (or maybe do something else.) Kelley asked Benson to do it (not knowing that Benson was soon to be named as a possible cyber hacker). So, the alleged cyber hacker DID HAVE ACCESS to the Dominion machine. That is more than enough to say we could have a problem *(but not in Day’s world.)* When Kelley found out about Benson’s alleged issues, she correctly contacted the SoS, and they sent a person or persons down *(probably foreign nationals. Only kidding, Kelley.)* and did a “Trusted Build”. That has not been defined, but generally, it means wiping out the Dominion software and replacing it. It might, or might not, mean a total cleaning of the machine and reinstalling the operating system and its supporting software. To make really sure the machine is clean, a total wipeout, including the SoS, is the way to go but we don’t know if that was done here. So Kelley did the right thing after finding out there was a problem).

And then we were treated again to another of James “Dr. Doom” Gilbert’s Kamala Harris style lib-outrage word-salads about the one Commissioner (that is Canda of course, his favorite Christian conservative target. But he forgot Epp concurred, too.) was casting “doubt” on the infallible Dominion machine and “that isn’t good”. Then, “You guys are poisoning the well.” *(I guess facts are irrelevant here. Remember, other than killing unborn babies, taxing the working class to death, and allowing the invasion of the country by 15 million illiterate illegals destroying our country, the Dominion Machine is the libs’ Holy Grail and is perfect in every way.)* Our local lib caricature operative then word-salad whined some more. Finally the pain ended.

There is talk that the TRO hearing scheduled for September 17 or 18 might be pushed off for a couple of weeks. (Hedberg’s attorney might need more time to prepare.) But fear not, the *Sentinel* will be on this developing story cyber hacking, *Tribune* TRO Hail Mary.

(The Sentinel is looking for screen writers to put this continuous Happy Valley serial mayhem into a TV series. We own the rights....)



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The Debate:
American Voters
Lose Out

The debate between Kamala Harris and Donald Trump revealed four main takeaways: 1) Harris showed better than anyone expected; 2) Trump spent most of the night countering Harris lies about him; 3) The moderators “fact checked” Trump and helped Harris by not pressing her on her lack of substance and lies; and 4) The candidates clearly have two distinct and opposite visions of America. One has a vision of government subsidies (tax money) solving all the problems that government policy has created. The other’s vision is of a nation in great decline because of failed government policies that must be corrected. Overall, American lost out because the moderators made the debate a sham.

The expectations were so low for Kamala Harris that all she had to really do was show up and not cackle after every statement and she would be hailed by the pundits as the winner of the debate. That she accomplished. The media is fawning over her in the aftermath. She came across as well-rehearsed, stayed on point, articulate, but lied and twisted the truth about herself and her opponent throughout the debate. She dodged questions on her record, conjured up false narratives, and mocked Trump through both her words and facial expressions. She claimed that Trump was the candidate of division, and she was the candidate of vision. Hers was a tremendous showing of projection—accusing others of exactly what she was doing.

Trump on the other hand spoke directly about the negative impact the Biden-Harris Administration has had on America. His driving theme was that America is in trouble and Harris and her Marxist policies were to blame. He often spoke in hyperbole, which sparked correction from the moderators. The issues, however, that Trump raised—immigration, crime, inflation, cost of energy, food, housing are among those that Americans are dealing with every day. Trump’s anger at what the Biden-Harris Administration has done to this country was clearly evident. He exposed several times the weaponization of government by Biden-Harris against him and citizens, the incompetence of Harris, and the danger ahead because of her weaknesses.

The moderators were clearly biased. They fact-checked Trump no less than seven times and allowed Harris to lie at will. They let Harris off the hook on debunked hoaxes about Trump’s statements on race, very fine people, bloodbath, disparaging the military, etc. They allowed the debate to focus on the scandals conjured up by the Democratic Party against Trump rather than holding Harris accountable to her waffling and lying about abortion, the military, Israel, and a multitude of false narratives about Trump. Harris was clearly aided by the moderators. Who won? The Marxists. Who lost? The American voters. Once again, the media could not be trusted to impartiality. They skewed the debate in favor of Harris. Proverbs 11:1 says “A false balance is abomination to the Lord.” It should be detestable to the rest of us, too.

Bill Wilson

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When the Music Stops:
How America’s Cities Will Explode in Violence Pt. 2

Part 2 of 2

by Matt Bracken, via SteelCutter.
Substack.com

THE SUBURBAN ARMED
VIGILANTE RESPONSE

In the absence of effective official police response to the exploding levels of violence, suburbanites will first hastily form self-defense forces to guard their neighborhoods—especially ones located near ethnic borders. These ubiquitous neighborhood armed defense teams will often have a deep and talented bench from which to select members, and they will not lack for volunteers.

Since 9-11, hundreds of thousands of young men (and more than a few women) have acquired graduate-level educations in various aspects of urban warfare. In the Middle East, these troops were frequently tasked with restoring order to urban areas exploding in internecine strife. Today these former military men and women understand better than anyone the life-or-death difference between being armed and organized versus unarmed and disorganized.

Hundreds of thousands if not millions of veterans currently own rifles strikingly similar to those they carried in the armed forces, lacking only the full-automatic selector switch. Their brothers, sisters, parents, friends, and neighbors who did not serve in the military are often just as familiar with the weapons, if not the tactics. Today the AR-pattern rifle (the semi-automatic civilian version of the familiar full-auto-capable M-16 or M-4) is the most popular model of rifle in America, with millions sold in the past decade. Virtually all of them produced in the past decade have abandoned the old M-16’s signature “carrying handle” rear iron sight for a standardized sight mounting rail, meaning that virtually every AR sold today can be easily equipped with an efficient optical sight. Firing the high-velocity 5.56×45 mm cartridge and mounted with a four-power tactical sight, a typical AR rifle can shoot two-inch groups at one hundred yards when fired from a steady bench rest. That translates to shooting eight- to ten-inch groups at four hundred yards.

Four hundred yards is a long walk. Pace it off on a straight road and observe how tiny somebody appears at that distance. Yet a typical AR rifle, like those currently owned by millions of American citizens, can hit a man-sized target at that range very easily, given a stable firing platform and a moderate level of shooting ability.

And there are a far greater number of scoped bolt-action hunting rifles in private hands in the United States. Keep this number in mind: based on deer stamps sold, approximately twenty million Americans venture into the woods every fall armed with such rifles, fully intending to shoot and kill a two-hundred-pound mammal. Millions of these scoped bolt-action deer rifles are quite capable of hitting a man-sized target at ranges out to and even beyond a thousand yards, or nearly three-fifths of a mile. In that context, the 500-yard effective range of the average semi-auto AR-pattern rifle is not at all remarkable.

So, we have millions of men and women with military training, owning rifles similar to the ones they used in combat operations overseas from Vietnam to Afghanistan. Many of these Soldiers and Marines have special operations training. They are former warriors with experience at conducting irregular warfare and counter-terrorism operations in dangerous urban environments. They are the opposite of unthinking robots: their greatest military talent is looking outside the box for new solutions. They always seek to “over-match” their enemies, using their own advantages as force multipliers while diminishing or concealing their weaknesses. These military veterans are also ready, willing and able to pass on their experience and training to interested students in their civilian circles.

Let’s return to our hypothetical Florence and Normandie intersection, but this time with hundreds of rioters per city block, instead of mere dozens. Among the mobs are thugs armed with pistols and perhaps even AK-47s equipped with standard iron sights, and except in rare cases, these rifles have never been “zeroed in” on a target range. In other words, past a medium distance of fifty to a hundred yards, these MUY shooters will have little idea where their fired bullets will strike—nor will they care. Typically, most of the rioters armed with a pistol, shotgun or an iron-sighted rifle could not hit a mailbox at a hundred yards unless by luck. Inside that distance, any non-MUY could be at immediate risk of brutal death at the hands of an enraged mob, but beyond that range, the mob will pose much less danger.

Taking this imbalance in effective ranges of the firearms most likely to be available to both sides, certain tactical responses are sure to arise, and ranking near the top will be the one described next.

THE SNIPER AMBUSH: THE NEW
TACTIC OF CHOICE

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Street intersection flash mob riots will not be the only type of violence exploding during periods of civil disorder. As mentioned earlier, the number and ferocity of home invasions will skyrocket, and they will be very hard to defend against. Neighborhood self-defense forces will be able to protect a group of homes if they are located on cul-de-sacs or in defensible subdivisions with limited entrances, turning them overnight into fortified gated communities. Individual homes and apartment buildings located in open grid-pattern neighborhoods with outside access from many directions will be much more difficult to defend, and the home invasions will continue.

Carjacking and other forms of armed

robbery will proliferate to previously unimagined levels, leading to a total loss of confidence in the government’s ability to provide security across all social lines. Stray bullets striking pedestrians or penetrating houses will take a frightening toll, even in areas previously considered to be safe. The police will be exhausted by constant riot-squad duty, and will not even respond to reports of mere individual acts of violent criminality. They will simply be overwhelmed and will be forced to triage their responses. The wealthy, powerful and politically well-connected will demand the lion’s share of remaining police resources, further diminishing the safety of average Americans.

In that context, neighborhood self-defense forces will form the nucleus of the armed vigilante direct action groups which will spring up next in the progression. Suburban anger will continue to build against the MUYs, who are perceived to be the originators of the home invasions and gang-level armed looting raids. Survivors of street ambushes, carjackings and home invasions will tell blood-curdling tales and show horrific scars.

The neighborhood defense teams will evolve into proactive suburban armed vigilante groups (SAVs) out of a desire to preemptively take the violence to their perceived enemies, instead of passively waiting for the next home invasion or carjacking. The SAV teams will consist of the more aggressive and gung-ho members of the self-defense forces, who met and compared notes. Often they will be young men with recent combat experience in the armed forces, who will apply their military training to the new situation. Major intersections and highway interchanges where ambush riots have previously occurred will be among the SAV targets. The SAV reaction times will be measured in minutes, compared to the hours required by major police department SWAT teams and riot squads.

A SAMPLE SNIPER AMBUSH
SCENARIO

When word is received that a flash mob is forming at one of their pre-reconnoitered intersections or highway interchanges, the SAV team will assemble. Sometimes cooperating police will pass tactical intel to their civilian friends on the outside. Some clever individuals will have exploited their technical know-how and military experience to build real-time intel collection tools, such as private UAVs. Police will have access to urban security camera footage showing MUYs moving barricade materials into position—a normal prerequisite to a flash mob riot intended to stop traffic. Tip-offs to the vigilantes will be common, and where the networks are still functioning, citizens may still be able to access some video feeds. Sometimes, police will even join the SAV teams, incognito and off-duty, blurring the teams into so-called “death squads.”

The operation I will describe (and it’s only one of dozens that will be tried) uses two ordinary pickup trucks and eight

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‘You Will Resign, or We’ll Make This Ugly’: Idaho National Guardsman Punished for Biblical Values

by Sarah Holiday,
The Daily Signal

A Christian infantry officer is now being punished by the Idaho Army National Guard for using his First Amendment right to speak out against the LGBT ideology that he believes is harming children.

In 2023, the officer posted about some of his deeply held beliefs on his private social media account while running for political office in his “private capacity.” According to Liberty Counsel (LC), the legal group defending him, his posts included statements “against graphic, obscene children’s books in a library and the promotion of a ‘drag kids’ event and drag queens in schools. He also posted statements such as ‘No child is born in the wrong body,’ males should not be competing in female sports, and against the medical mutilation of gender-confused children.”

His concern over LGBT indoctrination resulted in “a subordinate senior enlisted man who claims to be homosexual” filing “a formal discrimination military complaint against the officer” for sharing his beliefs. The complaint accused the infantry officer’s posts of showing “just how much [the officer] truly hates the LGBTQ community.” His complaint continued:

“I feel like I have been discriminated against because of my sexual orientation,” which “has caused a hostile work environment. ... I am deeply concerned about the hostile

and prejudiced behavior I have experienced, which has adversely affected my well-being, work performance, and overall sense of belonging within the workplace/organization.”

“I must emphasize that this has created an uncomfortable, unsafe, and a hostile work environment, making it increasingly challenging for me to perform my duties effectively. With the active ties to the extremist/hate group, it makes me feel threatened and unsafe. All the posts on his social media and how public he is about his hate towards individuals like me and my family. Not just for me but for my husband and my child.”

As a result of this complaint, the infantry officer was removed from command by the Idaho Army National Guard, “then illegally pressured ... to resign without benefit of any counsel or notice.” However, he chose to rescind his notice shortly after he sought help from LC. As they summarized, “[A]s a Christian the officer believes all people are made in God’s image and have inherent dignity and are worthy of respect. He is committed to serving those under his command, regardless of political or religious disagreements, and would give his life in defense of his state and nation.”

Additionally, LC Founder and Chairman Mat Staver stated, “Governor Brad Little must ensure that the Idaho Army National Guard upholds federal and state law and protects the free

speech of enlisted personnel. This discrimination against an officer based on a frivolous complaint must be addressed and his record cleared and career restored.”

To provide further detail, LC’s Associate Vice President of Legal Affairs Daniel Schmid joined Wednesday’s episode of “Washington Watch.” According to Schmid,

“[I]mmediately upon receiving the complaint, some of the superiors in [the officer’s] chain of command brought him in and said, ‘You will resign or we’ll make this ugly.’ Those were the words to him. They forced him to resign without counsel, without the presence of counsel, and without advice of counsel.”

Schmid went on to explain how “the complaint was not based on anything he did as a commanding officer.” It was about “a speech that he made outside of the military context, in the context of a political campaign. ... He was making statements on various issues in the culture today, from a religious perspective, [and] the First Amendment affords him that right.” And yet, his statements are now “the subject of an investigation that’s ongoing even to this day.”

According to Schmid, this case is about making “sure that the individuals who sign up to defend our liberties, our constitutional rights, are [also] entitled to those same rights” Specifically, he clarified, the First Amendment.

“You don’t surrender your constitutional rights or your statutory rights under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and others just because you sign up for military service.”

In the case of this officer, Schmid contended that he “was entitled to political speech. He was entitled to hold religious values and to espouse those values in life and in his speech. He didn’t surrender those. He’s entitled to the same Constitution that he swore an oath to defend, and we ought to stand up and defend him.” But it’s also a fight for all Americans, guest host and former Congressman Jody Hice emphasized, since this case demonstrates a clear “disregard for the law.” Not to mention, he added, this isn’t the first time an instance such as this has occurred.

Schmid agreed. “That’s the sad part,” he sighed. “Because we’ve seen this before,” referring to how the military dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic with “the attempted purge of religious adherents for the COVID vaccine mandates. ... [T]here was just a blatant disregard for the law in that realm as well.” He continued, “disturbingly, in the current administration, we see an open disregard for people of faith, for those who espouse conservative views.”

In this “particular complaint,” the concerns that people of faith are being targeted become further justified because, as Schmid explained, there was “a

reference in the investigation to a Department of Defense instruction which ... we termed ... as an attempt to purge conservatives from the ranks of the military.” As Schmid went on to argue, the instruction that claimed to “root out extremism ... was written so broadly” that it can easily be applied to anyone who chooses to espouse their views in response to the current political climate — specifically views that are Christian and conservative.

Schmid contended, “[U]nder the current administration, it seems [they] don’t want those guys in the military service. [They’ll] purge them by virtue of vaccine mandates, or [they’ll] purge them by virtue of ... their social media. ... It’s astounding what’s taking place in the military right now.” He urged, “[T]hese are our heroes. These are the ones who signed up to defend us. And they’re entitled to the same protections that you and I are. And we should make sure that they receive them.”

As Hice concluded, “[S]tanding for this infantry officer” is “standing on behalf of every one of us.”

(Editor/GG: Some sad, sad stuff, folks. Woke officers protecting their careers from the woke DOD. Something has got to change.)

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Gang's Takeover of Aurora Apartment Complex Is Why People Need 'Assault Weapons'

by Tom Knighton, [BearingArms.com](#)

When people ask why we need so-called assault weapons, most of us default to point out that we don't have to illustrate a need to exercise our rights. That is completely true and I'm one of those who has said it time and time again. We don't, nor should we. If we're required to show a need, then it's not a right in the first place. That was the core issue at the heart of the *Bruen* case, really. The state demanded someone show a need and the Supreme Court said you can't do that.

That extrapolates out to things like AR-15s.

But from time to time, we also see a situation where it makes it very clear that yes, there is a need for such firearms.

In this case, we're going to talk about an armed gang taking over an apartment complex in Aurora, Colorado.

New video has surfaced showing alleged gang violence at an apartment complex home to some migrants in Aurora.

The video shows the group entering an apartment building with several weapons and then making their way through a door. The scenario took place at The Edge at Lowry apartments, which became a reported crime hotspot in that city.

In the video, men can be seen walking up a stairwell carrying weapons. They can be heard speaking Spanish.

The owners of the video said it was taken shortly before a shootout at the complex that left

one person seriously injured. Several vehicles were also damaged by gunfire.

All of the people appear to be carrying rifles and handguns, except for one of the men who can be seen talking on a cell phone. They all then gather around a door and go in.

Another video clip shows what appears to be two men forcing a door open. But what or who they were searching for is not clear.

The video was shot in the building where Cindy and Edward Romero lived until Wednesday. FOX31 caught up with them as they loaded up their stuff and moved out.

"It's been a nightmare and I can't wait to get out of here," former resident Cindy Romero said.

The gang appears to be made up of Venezuelan "immigrants" who have taken to terrorizing the residents of this complex, which houses a lot of other immigrants. There's no mention of whether they're legal or not, though I think we all know what the gang's status actually is.

Yet there are also a lot of Americans there who are being terrorized by this gang.

While this appears to be a complex where people aren't exactly flush with cash, the truth of the matter is that Americans have a right to keep and bear arms and our financial status is irrelevant. These people have a right to defend themselves, and with the numbers of bad guys we're seeing here, and the level of armament--all of which is likely illegally obtained--if these bad guys decide to get even rowdier

than they already are, it's not likely to be a good thing to be relegated to defending yourself with a 10-round magazine, much less a bolt-action rifle and revolver like some people want to relegate us to.

For all the vilification of so-called assault weapons we see in the media, they do fill a niche in a self-defense strategy. It might not necessarily be ideal for a lot of circumstances, but when it is ideal, nothing else will do the job nearly as well.

An armed gang taking over and terrorizing your apartment complex sure looks like one of those jobs.

Please see: <https://bearingarms.com/tomknighton/2024/08/29/aurora-apparently-takeover-is-why-people-need-assault-weapons-n1226080>

PSA Dagger Micro 9mm Pistol Review

Y Travis Pike, [ammoland.com](#)

Palmetto State Armory's entrance into the world of the micro compact wasn't a surprise. SIG started the trend in 2018, and everyone has been playing catch-up since then. The PSA Dagger Micro is an evolution of the Dagger series into a more compact, easier-to-carry, but still loaded-for-bear option.

The PSA Dagger Micro 9mm pistol features a full-length grip with a compact optics-ready slide. Externally and internally, the guns are very similar, but the Dagger Micro adds a few different twists.

The Dagger Micro – What's On The Inside

The PSA Dagger Micro isn't stuck with a 10-round single-stack magazine. PSA developed its own Dagger Micro magazine that holds 15 rounds instead of the typical 10. The Dagger Micro magazines are an interesting polymer-metal hybrid design that outclasses the competition.

These magazines work in the G43X, by the way. They aren't the first 15-round G43X/G48 magazine. Shield Arms creates all metal mags that offer the same capacity. The difference is the need for a metal magazine release. Due to their hybrid design, the Dagger Micro mags don't require a different magazine release.

I got a handful of the mags to test various of them to ensure they remain reliable. It's a radical departure from the other manufacturer's magazines and deserves to be a major part of the Dagger Micro's evaluation.

More Than the Magazine

The Dagger Micro comes ready with a Picatinny rail and an optics cut for Shield RMsC optics. PSA

makes various Dagger models, so I wouldn't be surprised to see alternative options in the near future. The RMsC is the most popular for small guns, and tons of optics exist for this footprint. A big bonus of the Dagger Micro comes from the sight height. Most RMsC-cut optics seem to co-witness without the need for taller sights.

PSA went for a unique frame for the Dagger Micro. The rear of the gun features a more aggressive, hand-protecting overhang. The trigger guard also has a higher undercut to provide the most comfortable high grip possible. At the bottom of the grip, we have relief cuts to grip and rip should a complicated malfunction get the magazine stuck in the gun.

The trigger on the PSA Dagger Micro is also a departure from similar pistols. The trigger shoe is split in two, and the bottom portion of the trigger must be pressed so that the weapon can fire. PSA also went the extra mile and included metal sights with the Dagger Micro.

You get all this, plus a soft carry case for \$339.99.

The Dagger Micro At the Range

The Dagger Micro features an excellent and svelte grip that fits my hands quite well. I'm not a huge nerd for grip angle and all the somewhat useless drama people who can't shoot opine about. Still, I do enjoy it when a gun feels nice in my hand. You can hold the gun quite high without any discomfort.

Image PSA Dagger Micro 9mm Pistol

A high grip translates into a comfy recoil experience. There is no rubbing on the middle finger or slide bite present. We get a bit of snap with every shot. A short barrel and lightweight gun aren't



going to handle like a Shadow 2. It's snappy but controllable and isn't painful.

With standard 115-grain plinker's grade ammo, you'll have no problems and won't develop a flinch. Some hotter 124-grain +P loads will ensure you feel that snap and acknowledge that muzzle rise.

I fired a Bill Drill with 115-grain FMJs and landed my six shots in 2.7 to 3 seconds on average. It's not my fastest, but it's not bad for a brand-new gun and holster combo. I use the Bill Drill to illustrate the gun's recoil and ease of control.

The Bill Drill consists of firing six rounds into a rectangular target as fast as possible from the draw. Firing six rounds as fast as possible into a small target is a great way to test recoil and recoil control. Even when going fast, I always felt like I controlled the gun. I was never lucky and passed the drill because I yanked the trigger fast enough and didn't walk off target.

If I add a red dot, I can also imagine that time shrinking because dots are faster.

Shooting Straight

A dot would improve speed and likely accuracy. For a micro-compact handgun, the Dagger Micro doesn't disappoint in the accuracy department. The sights are plain but functional. It's likely the most common sight arrangement we see on modern handguns.

The big three-dot iron sights aren't bad. They are standard and better than you deserve from a sub-350-dollar gun. Align the three dots and start shooting. They aren't high visibility and aren't the fastest option, but we are splitting hairs. Where they tend to suffer is at increased distances.

Their size starts to obscure targets at 25 yards quite a bit. When most of the target is covered by the sight and the target is small, it's tough to hit. At 25 yards, you can still put them into the chest of an FBI Q Target at 25 yards. That's acceptable for most use cases of this gun.

Run and Gun

The full-length grip of the Dagger Micro makes reloading much easier than your average-sized

micro compact. Most micro-compact handguns have a fairly short grip, and my palm and pinky will often pin the magazine into the grip and prevent it from dropping free.

That's not a problem here. I can reload the Dagger Micro quite quickly. The mags drop without a problem, and I can slam one home, hit the slide release, and get back on target in what seems like a heartbeat.

In going to one-handed manipulation, the snappiness of the pistol rears its head. Dear lord, do I suck with my non-dominant hand. Luckily, I'm good with my dominant hand and could shoot a 3.7-second Bill Drill with no misses. I had to slow down with one hand, but it's given me something to work on.

To The Mattresses

The Dagger Micro works well as a gun and is accurate, controllable and reliable. Outside of the range and on the waist, it carries nicely. The longer grip makes drawing easier for me, and the short barrel makes it comfy to carry IWB or well-hidden when carried in a high OWB position. It's lightweight and thin enough to disappear and not to poke and prod.

PSA's goal was to produce a competent carry pistol, and they've done just that. My highest praise goes to the magazine design. I had no noticeable problems with the six magazines I had on hand. As a gun, it's a functional micro compact option in that X configuration that people seem to like. Plus, it's less than 350 dollars. That makes the Micro Dagger a certified banger in my eyes.

Please see: <https://www.ammoland.com/2024/07/psa-dagger-micro-9mm-pistol-review/#axzz8hTpDCy6v>

Smith & Wesson Bodyguard 2.0 .380 ACP Gun Review

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I’ve long been a fan of the stubby, little .380. Mostly chambered in pistols that can ride in a pocket holster, the little caliber has gained in popularity as a carry option over the years as advancements in bullet technology have made it more effective.

The .380 Auto was designed by John Browning and introduced by Colt in 1908 for its model 1903 Pocket Hammerless Pistol. The .380 was popular in Europe after its introduction there in 1912 for police and military use, as at least five European militaries adopted it. It has traditionally been considered underpowered and overshadowed in the U.S. by the 9mm or .45 ACP.

However, manufacturers continued to make pistols of this caliber, with more being made today than ever before... the caliber is coming back in a big way. One reason for that is that ammo has improved over the years and is more effective than before, so the guns are more popular. Even though I’ve owned a few .380s from various makers, I was not overly interested in mouse guns (as some call them) until I saw this new S&W Bodyguard 2.0. Smith & Wesson has made .380 pistols for years; this time, they got it right. To put it bluntly, this gun is awesome!

The predecessor S&W Bodyguard .380 pistol was received in a lukewarm fashion by shooters. Being hammer-fired, the long DA trigger pull left something to be desired, and its 6-round capacity left one feeling a bit underwhelmed. But, you could get it with a built-in laser and that extra bling sold many pistols. So, why am I singing the praises of the 2.0 version of the Bodyguard over the older one? There are reasons...

Design.

For one thing, its design is different than that of its predecessor, Bodyguard. The older one was more squared-off, had a shortened six-round-capacity grip, and didn’t feel right in my hand. The new one looks like somebody stuck an M&P 9mm under the shrink ray that those old sci-fi movies used. The result is a pistol that feels like a mini-M&P... a good thing. The grip feels longer than its forerunner’s and not as clunky. (“Clunky” is the scientific term I use to describe a gun that doesn’t feel right in my hand). The grip is thinner, as well – it just



fits. At any rate, the engineers did a good thing. The gun feels great in my hand with the 10-round mag in, and even better with the 12-rounder. That small extension gives all my grip fingers something to hang on to without making it too big for my pocket.

Size & Weight.

While talking about the design of this gun, I need to mention its overall size and weight. The thing is .88-inch wide (one whole inch if you measure across the slide release lever) and weighs. According to my digital scale, it is 9.7 ounces without a magazine and 14.7 fully loaded. Five-and-a-half inches long and only four inches tall... this is one small gun. I am sitting typing this with the gun in my pocket (in the holster – please don’t ever just stick a bare pistol in your pocket!) and I forget it’s there... that’s a good thing! Please remember that you can still get 12+1 rounds in that tiny package. That’s where it becomes amazing!

Grip.

I’m a big grip-texture guy. I’ve been known to put actual stair-tread tape on smooth polymer grips. (Ruger EC9, I’m talking to you!). I like rough texturing – I want the gun not to move once I grab it. My solder iron and I have a special bond from texturing many guns. But... I will not be developing that bond further with this Bodyguard 2.0. There is no solder iron needed as the grip texturing is really good. It’s not shred-your-shirttail rough, but it is coarse enough to allow my hand to stay put on it. That says a lot, coming from me. Manufacturers are finally getting it where texturing a grip is concerned, or at least some of them are. S&W even put textured pads on the forward grip where your trigger finger or your support thumb can rest.

Also, in terms of the grip, it is undercut at the rear of the trigger guard, which allows you a high grip on the gun. That helps tame recoil. The beavertail over your hand has been lengthened a bit, which again allows for a higher grip. The bore axis is low, so the pistol’s muzzle doesn’t rise in recoil ... instead, the gun comes pretty much straight back into your hand. The sights stay on target pretty well.

Slide Serrations.

The slide serrations deserve a shout-out. They are placed both fore and aft and go up to the top flat of the slide. They are cut just deep enough to allow a good grip on the slide for charging the chamber or doing a press check to see if it’s loaded. I used the front cuts exclusively when I was weighing all those trigger pulls to get the average pull weight... this is something I don’t usually do, as I tend to use the rear serrations more. That will change with this pistol.

In addition, they made this pistol striker-fired, immediately canceling one of the complaints that many had about the older one – its trigger. This trigger has almost zero take-up and breaks cleanly at an average of 4 pounds, 2 ounces according to my Lyman digital gauge. That’s amazing.

Sights.



The Smith & Wesson Bodyguard 2.0 sight picture. That large “U” helps!

The sights on this pistol show forethought. The front is a tritium night sight with an orange ring for daytime use, and the rear is a large U-notch that has serrations to cut glare. (How nice of me to bounce my flash off the rear sight to show glare reduction – HA!). When I say “large”, that’s what I mean. This sight is designed to allow for quick target acquisition and is not designed for precision work. Both sights are dovetailed, with the rear locked in place with a screw so windage adjustment is possible.

Trigger.

The trigger is something to write home about. The trigger itself has a flat face and a safety blade built in. I measured it with my Lyman digital gauge and came away impressed... four pounds, two ounces with very little take-up and no creep. It broke crisply and had a very short reset. This trigger is way better than the one on the original Bodyguard. One difference is that this is a striker-fired gun and the older one used a (hidden) hammer. There’s enough of a difference to make it worth checking the new version out. Also, the mag release is reversible.

Capacity.

Going from a 6-round Bodyguard to this 10/12-rounder is great. You can double the capacity without having a gun that’s been porked out in terms of size and weight.

Specs

- Price: \$449.
- Capacity: 10, 12
- Frame Size: Micro
- Barrel Length: 2.75”
- Safety: No thumb safety (thumb safety and state-compliant models available)
- Weight: 9.8 ounces, no magazine; 14.7 ounces, with a full 10-round magazine
- Color Finish: Black
- Width: .88 inch
- Length: 5.5 inches
- Height: 4.0 inches
- Slide: Stainless with Armornite finish

The take-down lever is the easiest of its breed that I have ever used. One finger can turn it downwards – a refreshing change! The gun comes apart like a myriad of other striker-fired pistols:

- Drop the mag and empty the chamber;
- check and double-check that the firearm is clear of all ammunition;
- lock the slide back;
- rotate the takedown lever;
- release the slide;
- pull the trigger.

- Voila... off she comes. Separate the barrel and spring. Clean like crazy and re-assemble. Easy-peasy!

At The Range

I took the Bodyguard 2.0, some targets, my Garmin Xero C1 Pro chronograph, and a small variety of ammo to my backyard range. Then set up on a Caldwell Stable Table Lite, and prepared to see how well I could shoot this little gun. I shot a popular practice load, the Sellier & Bellot 95-grain FMJ, and the 102-grain Remington Ultimate Defense load. These are pretty representative of the basic ammo types available for the .380. I also reload it, but those targets wouldn’t be interesting to you.

The gun performed as expected... no bobbles or hitches.

I will do more shooting with the Bodyguard 2.0 as I am able to stock up on ammo. I do believe this gun would perform a self-defense role very well. As a matter of fact, it is residing in my pocket as we speak.

Here are the results. Overall, they are pleasing. Most groups were not much larger than an inch. I would not be afraid to carry this little guy in my pocket, for sure.

Final Thoughts

The world of pocket .380s has expanded. Those of you who carry such a gun should really take a look at this new offering from S&W. The engineers must have listened to shooters. I believe that they will sell these as fast as they can make them, as to my mind they are one of best pocket pistols out there. Reliable, accurate, designed and built very well, and having a great capacity — this gun will be noticed. It’s already racking up many positive reviews from other gun reviewers... that says something. Backed by one of the best customer services in the industry and made to a very high standard, the Bodyguard 2.0 is a winner.

I usually mention what I like and what I don’t like about guns I review... I can’t do that here because there’s nothing to go in the “don’t like” column. At a real-world price of around \$400, you’d be hard-pressed to find a better-built .380. It seems other reviewers around the industry are agreeing with me – this little gun is a heck of a buy.

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This estimate takes into account drastic, ongoing increases in illegal immigration under the Biden administration. This estimate also includes some categories of individuals without legal status, like DACA recipients and parolees, who are illegal aliens under law but misleadingly excluded from many estimates. For more information on how we reached this figure, refer to the FAIR study “How Many Illegal Aliens Live in the United States?”

The Cost of Illegal Immigration to the United States

At the federal, state, and local levels, taxpayers shell out approximately \$182 billion to cover the costs incurred from the presence of more than 15.5 million illegal aliens, and about 5.4 million citizen children of illegal aliens. That amounts to a cost burden of approximately \$8,776 per illegal alien/citizen child. The burden of illegal immigration on U.S. taxpayers

is both staggering and crippling, with the gross cost per taxpayer at \$1,156 every year. Illegal aliens only contribute roughly \$32 billion in taxes at the state, local, and federal levels. This means that the net fiscal cost of illegal immigration to taxpayers totals approximately \$150.7 billion.

In 2017, FAIR estimated the net cost of illegal immigration at approximately \$116 billion. This means that in just 5 years, the cost of illegal immigration has increased by nearly \$35 billion. This rapid increase is a consequence of the ongoing border crisis and a lack of effective immigration enforcement. The sections below further break down and explain these numbers at the federal, state, and local levels.

For the whole report, please see: <https://www.fairus.org/issue/publications-resources/fiscal-burden-illegal-immigration-united-states-taxpayers-2023>

Total Governmental Expenditures on Illegal Aliens



Total Tax Contributions by Illegal Aliens



Total Economic Impact of Illegal Immigration



TdA WARS from page 1

Days ago, in the northern Denver suburb of Aurora, the local police department arrested ten TdA members. TdA has taken over at least three apartment buildings, exploiting and unleashing chaos in the community that appears to be spreading. More from *DailyMail*:

A bombshell report by a law firm that represents one of the apartment management companies assaults, threats of murder, extortion and even child prostitution.

Nothing to see here...

[See Graphic Below]

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JUST IN: The former ICE official said, “Prostitution is a big money-maker, and the thing with prostitution is that

it brings guys in that they can then sell dope to.”

He warned that TdA is rapidly expanding and buying weapons on the black market in an area that Bloods, Crips, and Sureños have controlled for years. This creates turf war risks.

“These gangs already set up their networks. They’ve been dealing dope in those areas. They control prostitution in that area. So Tren de Aragua

comes in and they start to put their girls on the street, and they start to move dope in the area, you’re going to see push back. We’ve haven’t seen it yet, but I believe it’s about to happen,” Fabbriatore warned.

In a separate interview, retired FBI agent Dan Brunner told *DailyMail*, “TdA is MS-13 on steroids.” In other words, the Venezuelan prison gang is way more organized as a transnational criminal organization.

Recall that U.S. Army documents warned about TdA expanding across the nation.

This was only made possible by...

Since January 2021, the Biden-Harris-Mayorkas trio destroyed whatever border security the Trump administration built and facilitated the greatest migrant invasion this nation has ever seen, flooding cities and counties with millions of unvetted migrants, some of whom have been confirmed as criminals and terrorists.

The breadth and depth of the migrant storm is only beginning to be realized as once-peaceful neighborhoods across the U.S, from New York City to Chicago

to Denver to some West Coast cities, are being subjected to third-world-esque chaos.

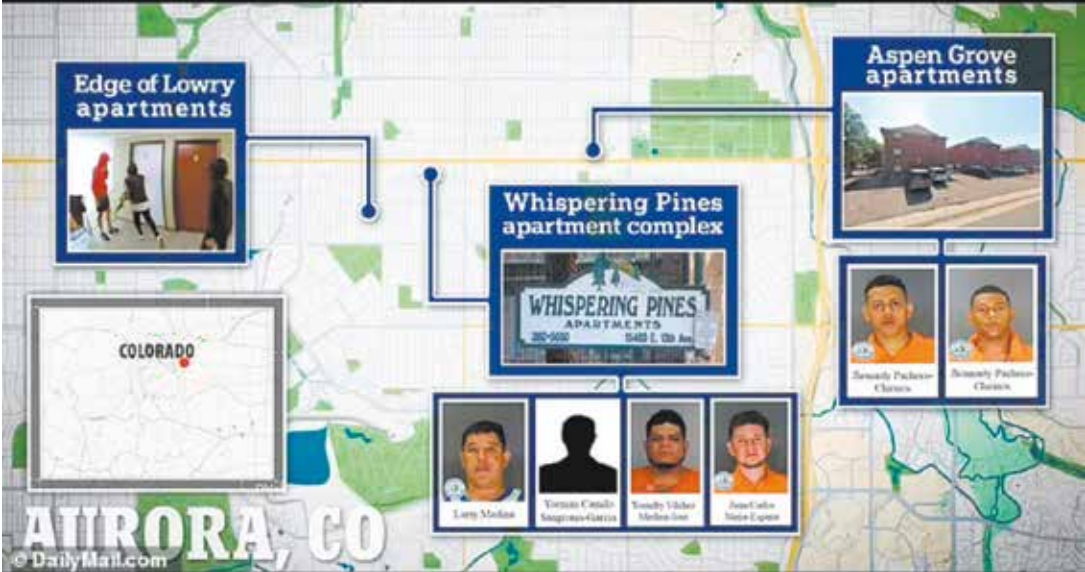
Some municipalities, such as Springfield, Ohio, and Charleroi, Pennsylvania, are being overrun by illegal aliens as local resources are quickly dwindling. It seems as if the Biden-Harris team precision dumped illegal aliens in specific towns.

Flooding the nation with ten million illegal aliens, some of which are armed prison gangs, and overwhelming small towns and suburbia with migrants begs the question of whether the radical left deployed an intentional strategy to overload the current system, a move that has been referred to as the Cloward-Piven strategy.

(Editor/GG: Hey local rich libs who fled the scenes of your own crimes and are trying to turn Happy Valley into Aurora: once your South American homies get here, do you know who they are going to rob and pillage? It ain’t the prepared.)

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WHEN THE MUSIC
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fighters. Two riflemen are lying prone in the back of each truck, facing rearward, with removable canvas covers concealing their presence. Their semi-automatic, scoped rifles are supported at their front ends on bipods for very accurate shooting. A row of protective sandbags a foot high is between them and the raised tailgate.

In the cab, are a driver and a spotter in the passenger seat who also serves as the vehicle's 360-degree security. The two trucks don't ever appear on the same stretch of road but coordinate their movements using one-word brevity codes over small FRS walkie-talkie radios. Each truck has a series of predetermined elevated locations where the intersection in question will lie between 200 and 500 yards away. Each truck is totally nondescript and forgettable, the only detail perhaps being the non-MUY ethnicity of the suburbanite driver and spotter driving relatively near to a riot in progress.

By the time the two SAV pickup trucks arrive at their firing positions on different streets and oriented ninety degrees to one another, the flash mob riot is in full swing. A hundred or more of the rampaging youths are posturing and throwing debris into traffic in order to intimidate some cars into stopping. The riflemen in the backs of the pickups are waiting for this moment and know what to expect, trusting their spotters and drivers to give them a good firing lane. The spotters in each truck issue a code word on their radios when they are in final position. The tailgates are swung down, and the leader among the riflemen initiates the firing. All-around security is provided by the driver and spotter.

Lying prone and using their bipods for support, the shooters have five to ten degrees of pan or traverse across the entire intersection. Individual rioters are clearly visible in the shooters' magnified optical scopes. Each of the four snipers has a plan to shoot from the outside of the mob toward the middle, driving participants into a panicked mass. The left-side shooters start on the left side and work to the middle, engaging targets with rapid fire, about one aimed shot per two seconds. Since the two trucks are set at

ninety degrees to one another, very complete coverage will be obtained, even among and between the stopped vehicles.

The result is a turkey shoot. One magazine of thirty aimed shots per rifle is expended in under a minute, a coded cease-fire is called on the walkie-talkies, and the trucks drive away at the speed limit. The canvas covering the truck beds contains the shooters' spent brass. If the trucks are attacked from medium or close range, the canvas can be thrown back and the two snipers with their semi-automatic rifles or carbines will add their firepower to that of the driver and spotter.

Back at the intersection, complete panic breaks out among the rioters as a great number of bullets have landed in human flesh. Over a score have been killed outright, and many more scream in pain for medical attention they will not receive in time. The sniper ambush stops the flash mob cold in its tracks as the uninjured flee in terror, leaving their erstwhile comrades back on the ground bleeding. The commuters trapped in their vehicles may have an opportunity to escape.

This type of sniper ambush and a hundred variations on the theme will finally accomplish what the police could not: put an end to mobs of violent rioters making the cities through-streets and highways impassable killing zones. Would-be rioters will soon understand it to be suicidal to cluster in easily visible groups and engage in mob violence, as the immediate response could come at any time in the form of aimed fire from hundreds of yards away. Even one rifleman with a scoped semi-auto can break up a medium-sized riot.

Many citizens will take to carrying rifles and carbines in their vehicles, along with their pistols, so that if their cars are trapped in an ambush they will have a chance to fight their way out. If their vehicle is stopped outside the immediate area of the flash mob, they will be able to direct accurate fire at the rioters from a few hundred yards away. Inside the fatal hundred-yard radius, unlucky suburbanite drivers and passengers pulled from their cars will still be brutally violated, but the occurrences of large mob-driven street ambushes will be much less frequent once long-range retaliation becomes a frequent expectation.

THE GOVERNMENT
RESPONSE TO VIGILANTISM

Where they will be unable to respond swiftly or effectively to the outbreaks of street riots by MUY flash mobs, the police and federal agents will respond vigorously to the deadly but smaller vigilante attacks. These sniper ambushes and other SAV attacks will be called acts of domestic terrorism and mass murder by government officials and the mainstream media. A nearly seamless web of urban and suburban street cameras will reveal some of the SAV teams by their vehicles, facial recognition programs, and other technical means. Some early arrests will be made, but the vigilantes will adapt to increasing law enforcement pressure against them by becoming cleverer about their camouflage, most often using stolen cars and false uniforms and masks during their direct-action missions. Observe Mexico today for ideas on how this type of dirty war is fought.

Eventually, the U.S. Army itself might be called upon to put out all the social firestorms in our cities, restore order and security, pacify the angry masses, feed the starving millions, get vital infrastructure operating again, and do it all at once in a dozen American Beiruts, Sarajevo and Mogadishu.

Good luck to them, I say.

A few hundred "Active IRA" tied down thousands of British troops in one corner of a small island for decades. The same ratios have served the Taliban well over the past decade while fighting against the combined might of NATO. Set aside for a moment the angry starving millions trapped in the urban areas, and the dire security issues arising thereof. Just to consider the official reaction to vigilantism separately, it's unlikely that any conceivable combinations of local and state police, federal law enforcement, National Guard or active-duty Army actions could neutralize or eliminate tens of thousands of former special operations troops intent on providing their own form of security. Millions of Americans are already far better armed and trained than a few hundred IRA or Taliban ever were. And the police and Army would not be operating from secure fire bases, their families living in total safety thousands of miles away in a secure rear area. In this scenario, there is no rear area, and every

family member, anywhere, would be at perpetual risk of reprisal actions by any of the warring sides.

In this hyper-dangerous environment, new laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in vehicles would be ignored as the illegitimate diktat of dictatorship, just when the Second Amendment is needed more than ever. Police or military conducting searches for firearms at checkpoints would themselves become targets of vigilante snipers. Serving on anti-firearms duty would be seen as nothing but pure treason by millions of Americans who took the oath to defend the Constitution, including the Bill of Rights. Politicians who did not act in the security interest of their local constituents as a result of political correctness or other reasons would also be targeted.

A festering race war with police and the military in the middle taking fire from both sides could last for many years, turning many American cities into a living hell. Remember history: when the British Army landed in Northern Ireland in 1969, they were greeted with flowers and applause from the Catholics. The Tommys were welcomed as peacekeepers who would protect them from Protestant violence. That soon changed. Likewise with our tragic misadventure in Lebanon back in 1982 and 1983. Well-intended referees often find themselves taking fire from all sides. It's as predictable as tomorrow's sunrise. Why would it be any different when the U.S. Army is sent to Los Angeles, Chicago or Philadelphia to break apart warring ethnic factions?

For a long time after these events, it will be impossible for the warring ethnic groups to live together or even to mingle peacefully. Too much rage and hatred will have been built up on all sides of our many American multi-ethnic fault lines. The new wounds will be raw and painful for many years to come, as they were in the South for long after the Civil War. The fracturing of the urban areas, divided by no-man's-lands, will also hinder economic redevelopment for many years because the critical infrastructure corridors will remain insecure.

Eventually, high concrete "Peace Walls" like those in Belfast, Northern Ireland, will be installed where the different ethnic groups live in close proximity. That is, if recovery to sane and civilized norms of behavior are ever

regained in our lifetimes and we don't slide into a new Dark Age, a stern and permanent tyranny, warlordism, anarchy, or any other dire outcome.

Dark Ages can last for centuries, after sinking civilizations in a vicious, downward vortex. "When the music's over, turn out the lights," to quote Jim Morrison of "The Doors". Sometimes the lights stay out for a long time. Sometimes civilization itself is lost. Millions of EBT cards flashing zeroes might be the signal event of a terrible transformation.

It is a frightening thing to crystallize the possible outbreak of mass starvation and racial warfare into words, so that the mind is forced to confront agonizingly painful scenarios. It is much easier to avert one's eyes and mind from the ugliness with politically correct Kumbaya bromides. In this grim essay, I am describing a brutal situation of ethnic civil war not differing much from the worst scenes from recent history in Rwanda, South Africa, Mexico, Bosnia, Iraq, and many other places that have experienced varying types and degrees of societal collapse. We all deplore the conditions that might drive us toward such a hellish outcome, and we should work unceasingly to return America to the path of true brotherhood, peace and prosperity. Race hustlers of every stripe should be condemned.

Most of us wish we could turn back the calendar to Norman Rockwell's America. But we cannot, for that America is water long over the dam and gone from our sight, if not from our memories. John Adams said, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." If that is true, judging by current and even accelerating cultural shifts, we might already have passed the point of no return.

The prudent American will trim his sails accordingly.

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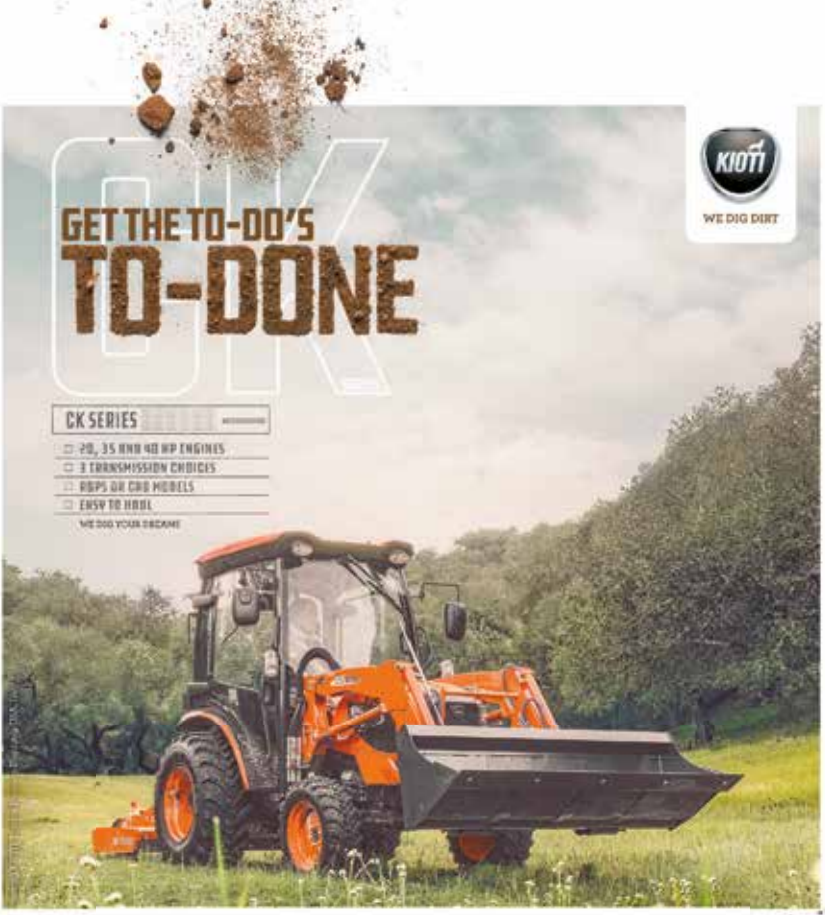


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President and Vice-President
✓ Donald J Trump/JD Vance

Representative to the 119th United States Congress - District 7
✓ Sergei Matveyuk

State Office
State Representative - Distict 60
✓ Stephanie Luck

District Attorney - 11th Judicial District
✓ Jeffrey D. Lindsey

County Offices
County Commissioner - District 3
✓ Lucas Epp

County Commissioner - District 2
✓ Paul Vogelsong

YOUR VOTE MATTERS!
ELECTION DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2024
Ballot Drop Box Locations:

Westcliffe:
Custer County Court House
205 S. 6th St., Westcliffe

Wetmore:
Wetmore Community Bldg.
95 County Rd 393, Wetmore

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