

Trump Wins! There Is Hope Epp, Vogelsong Cruise to Commish Wins Mt. Lion Hunting Ban Shot Down

by George Gramlich,
News and Commentary

Some real good news statewide with the Ranked Voting and Mt. Lion Hunting Ban ballot measures being defeated. Locally, the two big races were for the two County Commissioner slots with Lucas Epp and Paul Vogelsong easily defeating their opponents. Epp beat his opponent with 2,465 votes to 1,235. Vogelsong vanquished incumbent Commissioner Kevin Day by 2,053 to 1,205. (Some thought that the write in candidate, Attebury, would pull enough votes away from Vogelsong to let Day slide in, but that didn't happen. Attebury only got 378 votes.)



Jeff Lindsey ran uncontested for our 11th Judicial District District Attorney. He got 2,788 votes in Custer County. Of note, all the judges up for retention were voted down in Custer County except one, Court

of Appeals Judge Gilbert Roman, who barely won a "Yes" by just nine votes.

Stephanie Luck, won her District 60 State Representative position against Dem Kathryn Green, In Custer County, Luck got 2,596 votes to Green's 1,102.

At the Federal level, our hero, Donald Trump, won the monumental President of the United States battle against Kamala Harris. In a landslide predicted by only a very few. He won in the electoral college vote and the national popular vote. In Custer County, The Donald received 2,560 votes to Harris's 1,171. For the entire

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE INTRODUCES Deputy James Witham

by Fred Hernandez

Few men have as storied a background as the next deputy in our series of Sheriff's Office introductions. Deputy James Witham served eight years in the U.S. Navy, four of them in a ballistic missile submarine where he had two duties as helmsman and cook. He was there when the unforgettable day 9/11 happened. Not knowing what exactly was taking place, the Navy high command ordered his sub out of its Kings Bay, Georgia base into the open sea and all preparations made to respond as necessary in case the country was under attack. Luckily nothing happened so close to home.

Utilizing the military program known as The Navy Blue to Green Program he then transferred to the Army Infantry where he served for twelve years, including seven deployments to Afghanistan, where he saw more than his share of action. While serving in the 132nd Infantry, 3rd Brigade, Tenth Mountain Division originally out of Fort Drum, New York, he reminisces in particular, Chowkay Valley in the Kunar Province of that country.

He was on patrol in a squad of fourteen; they were at the top of a high mountain with a panoramic view from their bivouacked position looking down into the valley at his home base that quartered eighty of his fellow infantrymen. From their unseen vantage point they spied a large number of the



enemy stealthily taking positions some distance away on a lower level but still much higher than the U.S. base. Suddenly indirect heavy fire and mortars were raining down on their operating base in the valley below. Immediately James and the rest of the squad started a barrage of fire from their higher position on the much larger enemy contingent which then returned fire in a fierce exchange of automatic assault weapons. Air support was called in after which the enemy was subdued and dispersed. Taking a break after all the action he looked around at his fellow warriors. It was then he realized one of his closest friends had been mortally injured. A sad day he will not forget.

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BOCC: Another Grant Machine, Weed Board Bylaws, A Kamala Riff in Public Comments

by George Gramlich,
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The October 30, 2024 regular meeting of the Custer County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) was held in their royal annex across from the courthouse. The meeting started around 9 a.m. and all three Commissioners were in attendance: Bill Canda, Lucas Epp and Kevin Day.

In New Business the Commissioners approved the Accounts Payable monthly bill. This was \$227, 087.

Next, a lady from the Southern Colorado Economic Development District (SCEDD) gave a presentation on who they were, what they do, and how they can "help" Custer County. (SCEDD is another one of the multitude of parasitic grant entities that live off of fed and state grants. These folks try to find grants for their members and help them get in on the grant money train. Like literally dozens and dozens of similar operations around the state. SCEDD is paid by its member counties, of which Custer is one. I think she said there were 14 member counties.) The lady droned on about how they write grants for us, etc. She mentioned SCEDD has a grant that it is using to do a study in our area about seeing if they can help to bring, *get this*, the semiconductor computer chip industry here. (They are spending our tax money on this pipe dream. You can't make this stuff up.) She also said that they had done a Custer County Economic Development

study as requested by our very own Charles Bogle (currently on the SCEDD Board.) (How many "economic" studies have we paid for in the last ten years, folks? Too many.) The lady of course touched on broadband (SCEDD handled HUGE grant monies for this over last few years) and the need for more workshops. Finally, it was done.

The Commissioners then ok'd some changes to the Weed Board Bylaws. They then approved the Sheriff's contract with the Town of Silver Cliff. (Same \$ as last year.)

In Public Comments, citizen and big-time local democrat James "Dr. Doom" Gilbert then delivered a handwritten speech attacking Canda and Epp over the dismissal of County Attorney Dan Slater at the last meeting. He went on and on and on in his usual, somewhat, whiny voice saying that Canda and Epp hadn't given a reason for them to fire Slater. (Folks, they said it last week, and they said it at this meeting: there was a personnel issue with Slater and a County employee, and it was confidential.) Gilbert seemed to intentionally ignore the reason given and attacked the two without merit. Here's a couple of good quotes from the Dr. Doom; "maybe doing this for political reasons", "Canda has no transparency", "Sounds like a purge to me", and "Shame on you, Mr. Epp, for going along with this". Ahhh, a riff Kamala would be proud of.

And that was it.

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I will call on the
LORD, who is worthy
to be praised: so shall
I be saved from mine
enemies.
2 Samuel 22: 4 KJV

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by The National
Medal of Honor Museum

Sergeant First Class Alwyn C. Cashe distinguished himself by acts of gallantry above and beyond the call of duty while serving as Platoon Sergeant with Company A, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division in Salah Ad Din Province, Iraq, on October 17th, 2005. While on a nighttime mounted patrol near an enemy-laden village, the Bradley Fighting Vehicle which Sergeant First Class Cashe was commanding was attacked by enemy small-arms fire and an improvised explosive device, which disabled the vehicle and engulfed it in flames. After extracting himself from the vehicle, Sergeant First Class Cashe set about extracting the driver, who was trapped in the vehicle. After opening the driver's hatch,

Sergeant First Class Cashe and a fellow soldier extracted the driver, who was engulfed in the flames. During the course of extinguishing the flames on the driver and extracting him from the vehicle, Sergeant First Class Cashe's fuel soaked uniform, ignited and caused severe burns to his body. Ignoring his painful wounds, Sergeant First Class Cashe then moved to the rear of the vehicle to continue in aiding his fellow soldiers who were trapped in the troop compartment. At this time, the enemy noted his movements and began to direct their fire on his position. When another element of the company engaged the enemy, Sergeant First Class Cashe seized the opportunity and moved into the open troop door and aided four of his soldiers in escaping the burning vehicle. Having extracted the four soldiers, Sergeant First Class Cashe noticed



Alwyn Crendall Cashe (July 13, 1970 – November 8, 2005) was a United States Army senior non-commissioned officer who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism in Iraq.

two other soldiers had not been accounted for and again he entered the [vehicle] to retrieve them. At

this time, reinforcements arrived to further suppress the enemy and establish a Casualty Collection Point. Despite the severe second- and third-degree burns covering the majority of his body, Sergeant First Class Cashe persevered through the pain to encourage his fellow soldiers and ensure they received needed medical care. When medical evacuation helicopters began to arrive, Sergeant First Class Cashe selflessly refused evacuation until all of the other wounded soldiers were evacuated first. Sergeant First Class Cashe's extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty were keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Please see: https://mohmuseum.org/medal_of_honor/alwyn-cashe/

ANNUAL VETERANS
DAY CEREMONY

The Annual Veterans Day Ceremony at Greenwood Pioneer Cemetery is on Saturday, November 9th – the Saturday before the actual Veterans Day. This will start at 11 a.m. at the Cemetery, which is located on South 1st Street in Cañon City. The Ceremony honors Veterans, both past and present.

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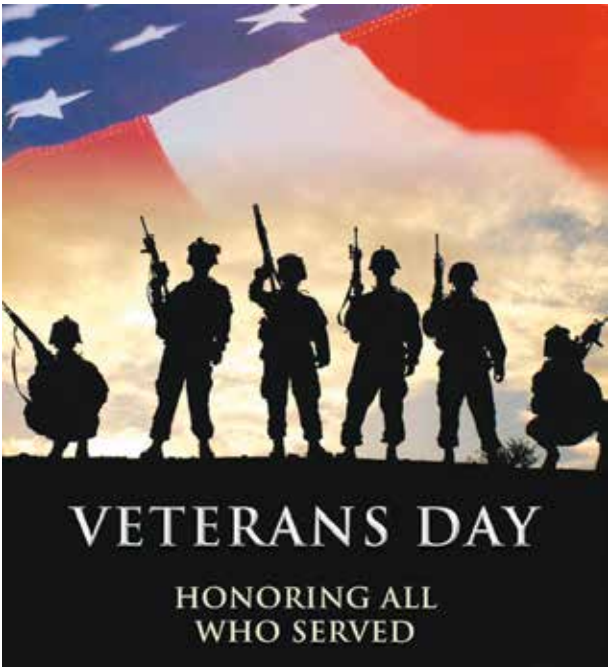
Why are the Flags Flying? Veterans Day

The U.S. Colors will be flying in observance of Veterans Day on November 11th

Members of The American Legion Post 170 will be installing over 50 U.S. Flags on Main Street the week of November 3rd making this a visible reminder that Veterans Day is a national day of remembrance and honor for those who have served and are serving in the United States military.

Veterans Day coincides with other holidays, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I; major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. The United States previously observed Armistice Day. The U.S. holiday was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

The United States entered World War I in April 1917.



Over 4.7 million men and women served in the regular U.S. forces, National Guard units, and draft units with about 2.8 million serving overseas. There were 53,402 killed in action, 63,114 deaths from disease and other causes and about 205,000 wounded.

This year marks the 106th anniversary of the end of

World War I making this observance all the more important

When you see or meet a Veteran welcome them home with thanks for a job well done. If you are a Veteran and would like information about Post 170 Westcliffe check our website at www.westcliffe-post170.org

The Deep State Killed Peanut: Beloved Rescue Squirrel Seized in NY and Killed

by Tyler Durden,
ZeroHedge.com

The internet is ablaze with rage after the state of New York seized a beloved rescue squirrel, Peanut, from its owner's home Wednesday and euthanized it.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation staged a **five-hour, no-warrant raid** on the home of Mark Luongo after an anonymous complaint was lodged against the P'nuts Freedom Farm, where internet sensation Peanut the squirrel was taken into custody before the state euthanized it along with a raccoon 'in order to test for rabies.'

"RIP MY BEST FRIEND."



Thank you for the best 7 years of my life. Thank you for bringing so much joy to us and the world. I'm sorry I failed you but thank you for everything," Longo wrote in a post announcing Peanut's death.

Ian Miles Cheong (@stillgray)

Mark Longo has just revealed

that the New York Department of Environmental Conservation euthanized his cherished pet squirrel, Peanut. This innocent creature was taken from him, where he had lovingly raised it since it was a baby, after its mother got hit by a car.

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“Tech Café”

The next Tech Café is Thursday, November 14th from 10 a.m. to noon in the Community Room at the West Custer County Library. The Tech Café is a free opportunity to get expert, one-on-one help! Bring your devices, phones, tablets, and laptops. Veteran and IT consultant Geoff Schram will answer your questions and help with devices. The café is held once a month on the second Thursday of the month. No appointment is needed. For more information please visit www.westcusterlibrary.org events page or call (719) 783-9138.

“American Sign Language (ASL) Continued”

Join Louise Hanley at an “ASL Continued” workshop on Tuesday, November 19th from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the West Custer County Library Community Room. Adults have fun learning ASL using interactive games and prizes. For more information please visit www.westcusterlibrary.org events page.

Upcoming: Coffee and Donuts w/First Responders, Thursday, November 14, 8 - 9 a.m.

Jeff Lindsey Sworn In as New DA for 11th District

Press Release

Cañon City, CO

—November 1, 2024

In a significant development for the State of Colorado’s 11th Judicial District, Jeff Lindsey was officially sworn in as District Attorney November 1st, assuming the duties of the office following the disbarment of former District Attorney Linda Stanley. Following the appointment by 11th Judicial District Court Chief Judge Amanda Hunter, 11th Judicial District Court Judge Patrick Murphy administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Lindsey.

District Attorney Jeff Lindsey brings over 27 years of experience in law and public service to the role. As District Attorney, he is committed to upholding justice, restoring public trust, and ensuring that all residents of the 11th Judicial District receive fair and equitable treatment under the law. He plans to focus on key initiatives during his tenure, including ensuring that victims are heard and supported throughout the legal process through victim- centered prosecution.

District Attorney Lindsey’s leadership is expected to bring a renewed focus on integrity and collaboration within the legal system and the community as a whole.

Sangre Shooting Sports Club Completes 3rd Hwy Cleanup



Photo: Photo L to R: Mike Perullo (lifetime Club member), Doug Atkinson, Chuck Holesworth, John Noard (in truck, board member), Cole Collins (board member), Linda Pollack (Club vice president and board member).

Press Release

Sangre Shooting Sports Club’s third and last clean-up of the year was on Saturday, November 2nd, on CO 69 between MP53 and MP55, which is practically centered on the Club entrance. Cumulatively, during all three events, they cleaned up approximately 30 bags of trash (not garbage) and other various potential road hazard items.



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Accountant Weighs In On BOCC Accounting and Audits

George,

• BOCC MEETING - October 24th, Finance Update. Lisa Hemann (Redlands Accounting) made a couple of disturbing statements:

o Garren, Ross & DeNardo (G,R &N) has done an excellent job in auditing the county. In addition, although they have been auditing the county for at least the past 15 years, there is no reason nor do they need to change auditors.

I take HUGE exception to these comments:

(Editor/GG: Len is referring to Hemann's comment above.)

First of all, BEST PRACTICES for changing accounting firms is no later **than every 5 years**. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act **REQUIRES** mandatory rotation of the lead audit engagement partner every five years. Look it up. The reason to change auditors is obvious; to obtain a fresh look at financial statements and to also audit the auditors. It's really a safety issue.

Second, Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 requires audit of internal controls over financial reporting. G,R,& N has never audited the internal controls of the county. In fact, they have a disclaimer right at the beginning of

every audit they have conducted for Custer County, to wit:

"Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the county's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed."

In my opinion, G,R &N has a fiduciary responsibility to identify internal controls issues. Moreover, they have never sited any issues the county incurred over the years; credit card fiasco, double payment of employees, not updating amounts for benefit deductions, County Manager fiasco, lawsuit settlements with Hedberg and Hobby, etc, etc. The county has NEVER had a set of policies and procedures to follow and yet this was not issued as a finding until the 2023 audit. Another internal control item: *The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 REQUIRES public and governmental entities to maintain accurate books and records and have a system of internal controls sufficient to, among other things, provide reasonable assurances that transactions are executed and an assets are accessed and accounted for in accordance with management's authorization.* This means the county

is **REQUIRED** to document their processes and highlight the points where an internal control exists. For example, a 3-way match before paying a vendor (approved purchase order/contract, receiving report confirming receipt of goods or services and an invoice).

Based upon this information and in my opinion, G,R &N have **NOT** done a good job in performing annual audits of Custer County.

• If one examines the findings found in the previous 15 years of audits, there are many questions that arise:

o There are five years worth of audits (2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2019 where **NO** audit findings were listed. Yet, in every case, audits that followed that did list findings refer to findings in all previous years. With this said, how does a constituent rely on the quality and accuracy of the audits?

George, there are a number of other items I could include in this email, to include the amount they have billed the county for their services over the years, but really believe I have over done things with the items I have mentioned.

Len Arrigo
Custer County

Cotopaxi School Thanks Businesses

Dear editor,

The Cotopaxi School PTC would like to thank local businesses for donating to the Fall Festival Fundraiser October 25th. The proceeds from this fun filled event helps with funding for our staff and students. It is also a night of fun activities for our families to enjoy.

Contributions from local communities are essential to make this event successful. The donors were many and very generous this year. From our Westcliffe neighbors and businesses:

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Thank you all and may you prosper in your business.

Sincerely,
Cotopaxi School PTC

Liberals living in gated communities telling poor people it's their "imagination" that Venezuelan gangs are taking over apartment complexes



High Country Mennonite Church

would like to invite all local widows to a Thanksgiving luncheon on

Wednesday, November 13, at 11:00 a.m.

The event will be held at

High Country Mennonite Church,
103 N. Adams Street in Westcliffe.

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Tuesday, November 12

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Thursday, November 14

#25 Chicken Cordon Bleu
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More info: lizbrannen@gmail.com
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6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (CLSD) 12 Step study, at St.
Luke’s, 3rd & Rosita, Westcliffe. Martha at 719-371-1853.

1st Monday of the Month
5 p.m. Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting
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2nd and 4th Monday
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Tuesdays
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1st Tuesday of the Month
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Old Schoolhouse Quilters Comfort
Quilters @Valley Bible
6:00 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.
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3rd Thursday of the Month
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Fridays
10 a.m. Pickle Ball Silver Cliff Memorial Park
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6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Open Discussion, St.
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2nd Friday of the Month
8 am- Westcliffe Band of Brothers & Sisters Men’s
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The American Legion Monthly Meeting is the 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the bowling alley.

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

American Legion and VFW Monthly Meetings

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



Law Passed by Colorado Democrats would give all our votes to Trump for winning Popular Vote

by *ColoradoPeakPolitics.com*

Some 1.4 million voters are feeling mighty smug about their victory over Donald Trump in Colorado where he lost with only 43% of the vote.

And yet Democrats passed a law in 2019 signed by Gov. Polis that pledges every vote cast in the state to Trump, because he won the national popular vote.

PeakNation™ will recall that law led Colorado to join with the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact along with 17 states and jurisdictions.

The compact’s goal is to eliminate the Electoral College that Democrats fear favors Republicans, and instead elect presidents based on the popular vote, which they thought favored Democrats.

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But not only did Trump win the requisite Electoral College numbers, but he’s also beating Kamala Harris in the national popular vote with 71 million votes to her 66 million.

Had this Popular Vote fad caught on as Colorado Dems and Polis had

intended, they would all be forking over their votes this morning to Donald Trump.

(Editor/GG: The National Popular Vote Compact between the states does NOT take effect until enough states have signed up to reach the 270 electoral vote winning threshold. They haven’t done that yet. But if it happens, Colorado will be one of them.)

Please see: <https://colorado-peakpolitics.com/2024/11/06/law-passed-by-colorado-democrats-gives-all-our-votes-to-trump-for-winning-popular-vote/>

CCSO Co-Responders’ Corner A Veiled Atrocity

by *Jaclyn & Tom Manzione*

Domestic violence is a growing problem that poses serious public health risks. It is a significant cultural issue related to relationship aggression. Research shows that younger women, and those with low incomes, are more likely to experience violence from partners and close companions. Additionally, many victims are from minority groups, have small children, and have limited job qualifications. However, domestic assault does not discriminate; it affects all socioeconomic classes, cultures, and ethnicities.

Recent evidence shows that domestic violence has harmful effects on children in these families. One key finding is that when there is domestic battering, the risk of child abuse is significantly higher. It is now clear that children who see domestic violence show a wide range of unhealthy emotions and behaviors. This often makes them similar to physically abused children when it

comes to their short- and long-term development.

When someone reports domestic violence, local law enforcement must respond and deal with various types of violent behavior. In the U.S., women are often assaulted, injured, raped, or killed by male partners more than anyone else.

Domestic violence calls make up a large part of police work, and they are seen as risky for first responders. This is because they often involve heightened emotions and physical violence. These situations are among the most dangerous for police officers, and they can sometimes lead to injuries or even death.

In domestic violence situations, the CCSO co-responders have several goals. These include de-escalating crises, preventing injuries to both the people in crisis and the first responders, assessing the situation, and connecting individuals, with mental health emergencies, to

the appropriate services in the community. As mental health professionals, we are trained to deal with escalated feelings and to defuse these emotionally charged situations.

If you are facing domestic violence, leave as soon as you can. If you can’t leave right away, start by setting boundaries, telling close friends and family what’s happening, and making a plan to exit. If things escalate and you are afraid for your safety, find a secure place immediately and then call 911.

CCSO Deputies will respond quickly to ensure they arrive at the scene as soon as possible. They work closely with co-responders to make certain that survivors get the support they need during and after the incident.

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Wednesday, November 13, 11 a.m.
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See page 5 or RSVP info.

Thursday, November 14, 8 – 9 a.m
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November 8, 2024

The African Wild Dog

Today we will be looking at the African Wild Dog. They are really cute looking animals. They only exist in Africa. So, let's dive right in to see what they are all about.



These animals are also known as, African painted wolf, painted dog or the cape hunting dog. They are a medium sized pack-hunting dog. They are most closely related to wolves. They are a very striking animal. Each dog's coat pattern is unique to them. They are tricolored with patches of black, white and brown/tan. However, all wild dogs have black muzzles with a black line running up the forehead and white on the tip of their tails. Their heads are relatively large and they have big ears and long legs. They are the bulkiest of African canines. The average dog weighs 44 to 55 pounds in East Africa and 54 to 72 pounds in southern Africa. It stands about 24 to 30 inches from the shoulder, with a 28 to 44 inch body length and 11 to 16-inch tail. A fact that I find interesting is that the species lacks dewclaws, (a claw/pad that doesn't touch the ground, that most dogs have.)

These animals are very social and live in packs of two to 27 adults with yearling pups. They are pack hunters. They catch their prey by chasing them into exhaustion in pursuit. They have been clocked doing 41 mph for 10 to 60 minutes. They hunt gazelles and other antelopes, warthogs, wildebeest and their calves, ostrich and calves of African buffalo. They have also been known to hunt smaller prey such as hares, spring hares, insects, birds and cane rats. These dogs are monogamous which means they mate for life. Their litters can contain as many as 6 to 16 pups, with an average of 10.

At one time, African wild dogs roamed all of sub-Saharan Africa. Presently, most of the remaining dogs live in southern East Africa and Southern Africa. Only 1,400 adults remain. They are categorized as endangered due to the fact that the packs are widely separated from each other and numbers continue to decline due to reasons such as disease, habitat destruction and conflict with humans. They cannot be domesticated but there have been rare occasions where they were kept as pets.

by Audrey Slater. Sources: <https://factanimal.com/african-wild-dog/>, <https://animalia.bio/african-wild-dog>, <https://www.thoughtco.com/african-wild-dog-facts-4171975>
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“ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

I John 3:18 NIV

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Tuesday	Cinnamon Rolls Yogurt, Oatmeal Milk	Chicken Fajita Fideo, Corn Fruit, Milk
Wednesday	Bacon And Eggs Yogurt, Oatmeal Fruit, Milk	Pizza Muffins Salad Fruit, Milk
Thursday	Biscuits and Gravy Sausage Yogurt, Oatmeal Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Oven Fries Carrots and Celery W/Ranch Fruit Milk

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The Varsity Bobcat Volleyball Team wraps up the season with a regional tournament this Saturday!

Photo by JH Exposures

Bobcat Strong Family Night Welcomes International Speaker

Press Release
Custer County Schools

The Bobcat Strong Family Night events kick off 2024 with internationally acclaimed speaker KP LoveJoy on Thursday, November 14th at Custer County School.

KP will share with parents and caregivers the powerful message of being a gatekeeper for children from the dangers of the internet. KP's journey includes being sexually exploited as a child and understanding first hand the dangers that lurk online. Each day, over 500,000 predators are online searching for innocent children to exploit.

This session will give caregivers tools and empower them to be the gatekeeper for their families. The evening includes a free pizza dinner, book giveaways,

and a raffle for \$500 in grocery gift cards from Lowes. There will be child-care available and children will enjoy game time in the gym while parents attend the Gatekeeper session presented by KP. "We are excited to bring another year of Bobcat Strong Family Night's to Custer County families," said Custer County Superintendent, Thom Peck. "The topic of protecting children from the dark side of the internet is a must-attend for families. All families in our community are invited to attend."

The event on November 14th begins at 5:15 p.m. in the MPR (use West Parking Lot entrance) with a free pizza dinner for families with the presentation and games following. Questions regarding the evening can be directed to Sydney Benesch at (719) 783-2291.



KP LoveJoy

BOBCAT STRONG-FAMILY NIGHT

**Protect Your Kids Online:
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- Everyday, an estimated 500,000 online predators are active, seeking to exploit children & teens.
- Presenter KP LoveJoy has encountered these risks personally and is here to share critical information to keep you and your family safe.
- You will learn strategies and tools to identify these risks to prevent online dangers.

Join us on Thursday, Nov 14th for a family dinner, activity for kids while caregivers spend the evening with KP Lovejoy and a chance to win a grocery store gift cards!

Thursday Nov 14th 2024
5:15-5:45 Family Dinner
5:45-7:00 Presentation
7:00-7:30 Q&A w/ KP Lovejoy

Please use the West Parking Lot entrance.



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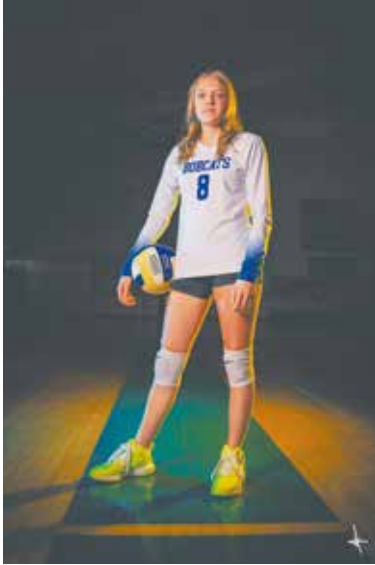


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Volleyball Team Risks Forfeiting a Championship to Stand for the ‘Future of Women’s Sports’

by Elizabeth Troutman Mitchel,
The Daily Signal

The women of the University of Nevada at Reno volleyball team plan to defy their school by refusing to compete against a team with a biological male player.

“We are risking our main goal, which is a Mountain West championship,” University of Nevada women’s volleyball team captain and outside hitter Sia Liilii told *The Daily Signal*. “A team is a group that bands together to reach a common goal, and that is the purpose of our spot on the team. No one wants to lose and put that at risk, but this is bigger than wins and losses.”

“It is the future of women’s sports,” she explained.

The majority of the Nevada volleyball team voted to forfeit its October 26th game against California’s San Jose State University, where biological male volleyball player Blaire Fleming has led an almost undefeated season.

The Nevada women are the fifth team in the Mountain West Conference to boycott San Jose State University this season on behalf of women’s sports.

“Our team had multiple meetings to discuss this issue,” Liilii said. “We all have a voice that deserves to be heard. A vast majority of our team voted to stand in solidarity with the teams that forfeited, and as a team, we sent a letter to our administrators letting them know we would be releasing a statement that we will not be playing.”

The Nevada women’s volleyball team sent a statement to the university saying the team stands “united in solidarity with the volleyball teams of Southern Utah University, Boise State University, the University of Wyoming and Utah State University.”

“We demand that our right to safety and fair competition on the court be upheld. We refuse to participate in any match that advances injustice against female athletes,” the statement says.

After the women decided not to compete against San Jose State, the University of Nevada at Reno administration released a

statement expressing its intent to go forward with the game.

“The University intends to move forward with the match as scheduled, and the players may choose not to participate in the match on the day of the contest,” the statement said. “No players will be subject to any team disciplinary action for their decision not to participate in the match.”

Despite lack of support from their school, the Nevada volleyball players still plan to boycott the game. They are prepared to face whatever comes their way.

Athletic Director Stephanie Rempe did not respond to *The Daily Signal’s* request for comment.

Liilii said the team’s stance is not about transgender player Fleming, but the future of women’s sports.

“Men do not belong in women’s sports,” the college senior said. “If you are born a biological male, you do not belong in women’s sports. This is not about one individual athlete. It is about fair competition and safety for all women’s sports.”

Fleming’s teammate, San Jose State University volleyball co-captain Brooke Slusser, applauded the Nevada team for their “courage” in taking a stand for women’s sports.

Brooke Slusser
@BrookeSlusser



Round of applause to the girls of the @NevadaWolfPack volleyball team. Deciding to go against what the school was forcing on you as young women and taking a stand for what you believe takes courage! Another great step in the right direction for women’s sports!

7:45 PM · Oct 14, 2024

Between [October 14] and October 26, when Nevada [was] scheduled to face San Jose State, the players are taking things game by game.

“We have other matches to focus on at the time, so that is the center of our attention and enjoying playing together,” Liilii said.

High-profile politicians, including former Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii; Senate candidate Sam Brown, R-Nev.; and Sen. Markwayne Mullin, R-Okla., attended Nevada’s Tuesday game, in which the team beat Utah State University 3-2.

“I am so proud of you,” Gabbard told Liilii, according to the *Reno Gazette Journal*.

In 2020, Gabbard, while still in Congress, and Mullin introduced the Protect Women’s Sports Act to keep males out of women’s and girls’ athletics.

Nevada Gov. Joe Lombardo, a Republican, also expressed his support for the Nevada team, saying, “No student athlete should ever be pressured to play a game where they don’t feel safe—period.”

Governor Joe Lombardo
@JosephMLombardo



The student athletes at the University of Nevada, Reno have determined that they do not want to play against San Jose State, and I wholeheartedly respect the decision of the players.

No student athlete should ever be pressured to play a game where they don’t feel safe — period.

5:00 PM · Oct 15, 2024

Biological males competing in women’s sports is expected to be a “sleeper” issue in the 2024 elections.

Nearly three-quarters (72%) of registered voters think biological males should not be allowed to participate in women’s and girls’ sports, according to new national polling from Scott Rasmussen shared with *The Daily Signal*.

Republicans have highlighted Democratic support for males playing women’s sports in ad campaigns against them. An ad against Sen. Sherrod Brown,

D-Ohio, says Brown is “too liberal for Ohio” because he voted “to let transgender biological men participate in women’s sports.”

An ad in Wisconsin says Democratic Sen. Tammy Baldwin “voted to let biological men into women’s sports.”

Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., “voted to let men compete against our girls,” and “those aren’t Montana values,” another ad running in Montana says.

Republican nominee and former President Donald Trump pledged to “ban” transgender-identifying biological males from competing in women’s sports in a town hall with only female voters hosted by Fox News’ Harris Faulkner on Wednesday.

Trump referenced an incident last week in which San Jose’s Fleming spiked a volleyball in the face of a San Diego State women’s volleyball player, knocking her to the ground.

“I saw the slam, it was a slam. I never saw a ball hit so hard, hit the girl in the head,” he said. “But other people, even in volleyball, they’ve been permanently—I mean, they’ve been really hurt badly. Women playing men.”

North Carolina high school volleyball player Payton McNabb suffered a concussion and neck injury in November 2022 after a transgender opponent spiked the ball in her face at an estimated 76 mph.

The net in men’s volleyball is more than 7.5 inches higher than in the women’s game to compensate for the increased velocity, jump height, and power men have. Even men would be more likely to get concussions if they played volleyball against each other with a women’s net height, according to Marshi Smith of the Independent Council on Women’s Sports.

The mother of a Nevada women’s volleyball player told *The Daily Signal* she is proud of her daughter’s team. The mother asked to remain anonymous for her daughter’s privacy.

“I’m dumbfounded how the trans group asks for ‘tolerance,’ yet when biological females ask for safe places in our locker rooms (which is supposed to be a given under Title IX), fair competition, and safety on the court,” the mother said, “we are denied and labeled hateful and transphobic.”

Editor’s Note/llv: Nevada school officials at one point said the team would play the match despite some of the players publicly protesting. However, they were not able to convince enough players to compete at the Western Conference against San Jose. The team held its ground.

Please see: <https://www.dailysignal.com/2024/10/17/bigger-wins-losses-nevada-womens-volleyball-captain-says-team-risking-consequences-defend-womens-sports/>

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As I’ve said previously, I believe there are competition and safety concerns with this issue, and it’s irresponsible for the NCAA to put student athletes in a position of balancing their personal safety against the schools, competition, and sports they love.

The student athletes at the University of Nevada, Reno have determined that they do not want to play against San Jose State, and I wholeheartedly respect the decision of the players.

No student athlete should ever be pressured to play a game where they don’t feel safe — period.

The NCAA has a responsibility to address this issue in a consistent way that protects the integrity of women’s sports and the student athletes who participate.

DEPUTY WITHAM from page 1

Deputy Witham was born in Antlers, Oklahoma, in 1978, and raised there and in Medicine Park, Oklahoma. His father was a military man and the family moved to different assignments from Ft. Drum, to Colorado to Okinawa, Japan, Germany and other U.S. bases. In his late teens he attended Guthrie Job Corp. a trade school where he learned to be a professional in plumbing,

electrical and security. He was a young man of twenty-two when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

After his years in the military he went for law enforcement training at Colorado POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) training center and immediately upon graduation joined the Custer County Sheriff’s Department. Today he is the POST Certified Firearms Instructor at the Sheriff’s Office. James has been awarded the Life Saving Medal three times during his service to the Custer

community. On one occasion he was dispatched to attend a disoriented woman who was turning blue from a drug overdose. He was able to neutralize the drug and saved her life. On another occasion a middle-aged gentleman in a cabin had collapsed and was obviously in his last moments. By immediately starting CPR there was enough time for Flight for Life to get him to the hospital. Another life saved. Then there was the time someone had a self-inflicted life-threatening wound which he treated on site

--- a third life saved by Deputy Witham.

Deputy James loves his job. “ I would not want to work anywhere else” he says and wants to stay on in the Sheriff’s Office to be part of the growth he envisions will happen in the future including a time when more deputies can be added to make the force even more efficient than it already is. Also, if possible, in the future perhaps adding a SWAT team since it takes such a long time (three to four hours) to get help from the

other communities and the local Sheriff’s Office already has highly trained personnel.

Happily married for twenty-one years to his wife, Jodie, they have four children and three grandchildren including a set of twin girls on whom he dotes.

We wish Deputy James Witham all the best. The community is certain to appreciate his experience and training and the great service he has already given to Custer County folks.

Sometimes by losing a battle you find a new way to win the war. —Donald Trump

Demands for Griswold's Resignation Grow After Voting System Passwords Posted Online

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Secretary of State Jena Griswold succeeded in taking Colorado's level of election security to the gold standard of jaw-dropping incompetence this week after admitting her office exposed hundreds of voting system passwords online.

If this bozo of a booboo sounds familiar, that's because Griswold attacked former Mesa Clerk Tina Peters when that county's voting system passwords were exposed by an online blogger bringing down all Hellfire on Peters' now imprisoned head.

Has Griswold been arrested? Resigned? In any kind of trouble whatsoever?

Don't be silly. Griswold is a Democrat, so it was just a minor mistake and no harm done, according to just about everyone in the Denver media market except for Kyle Clark.

— Kyle Clark (@KyleClark)

In 2021, Griswold's office said the disclosure of Mesa County's voting system passwords "alone" was a "serious breach of voting system security protocols." Griswold told me today that her office's leak of passwords was not a serious breach.

Statement from Colorado Secretary of State's Office Regarding Official Order to Mesa County

Denver, August 9, 2021 - Today, the Colorado Secretary of State's office issued an Order in response to a potential chain-of-custody and security protocol breach for Mesa County's voting system components.

Several items were published online that constituted a breach in the security protocols for Mesa County voting system components. The posted images depict the BIOS passwords specific to the individual hardware stations of Mesa County's voting system. The public disclosure of the BIOS passwords for one or more components of Mesa County's voting system alone constitutes a serious breach of voting system security protocols, as well as a violation of Election Rule 20.6.1. This breach in security protocol has not created an imminent direct security risk to Colorado's elections, and did not occur during an election.

It is likely from the content of the social media postings that this sensitive information was collected during the limited access trusted build installation in Mesa County on May 25, 2021. The collection and dissemination of this information during the trusted build installation violated security protocols and Department of State rules governing the process.

In response to this breach in protocols, the Secretary of State's office has sent an Order requesting inspection of election equipment and other relevant materials to the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder. Depending on the outcome of the investigation, these violations may result in the decertification of the voting systems in Mesa County.

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That sound in the background was Griswold's hopes and dreams of running for governor in 2026 being flushed down the proverbial toilet without Clark offering to light a match to extinguish the stench of it all.

Coloradans are being told that the exposure of 600 passwords for voting machines statewide by Griswold's office is no big deal compared to the Mesa County passwords exposed by a blogger because no one could have accessed the machines then — or now with just one password.

A significant difference in these scandals is that it unraveled Peters' many election conspiracies that she failed to prove in Mesa County and launched her prison sentence.

Also, the Peters' controversy did not occur just days before an election like the unfolding Griswold scandal.

Does this mean the election has been compromised?

Doubtful.

Does it finally confirm Griswold is not qualified to lead the state's election office and abused the

public trust by trying to keep this whopper a secret for a week?

Without a doubt.

Clark ticks off some of the more egregious errors by her office from the last elections as Griswold smirks and pretends it's no big deal:

— Kyle Clark (@KyleClark)

Griswold's office has made a series of errors undermining voter confidence: mailing voter registration invites to 30k non-citizens, wrongly notifying voters they hadn't voted, and leaking voting machine passwords. I asked Griswold if she will resign. "Absolutely not," she said.

October 30, 2024

State House Republicans are demanding her resignation.

If this was a serious breach of election security protocol for Peters, then it's sure as Hell a serious breach of election system protocols for Griswold.

— Colorado House Republicans (@COHouseGOP)

BREAKING: Colorado House Republicans are calling for Secretary of State Jena Griswold to resign

following a serious breach of election security protocols. Her office's recent posting of critical election system passwords online has raised significant concerns about the accountability of our voting system.

October 30, 2024

GOP House Minority Leader Rose Pugliese said in a statement issued Wednesday:

"While I have the utmost trust in the integrity of our county clerks, who actually oversee the counting of votes, I have no trust that Secretary Griswold is capable of leading our election system. Enough of her incompetence, it is time for her to resign. The people of Colorado deserve better," Pugliese said.

Will the attorney general or Justice Department at least pretend to investigate this like they thoroughly investigated Peters?

That all probably depends on Tuesday's election results.

Stay tuned.

Please see: <https://colorado-peakpolitics.com/2024/10/30/demands-for-griswolds-resignation-grow-after-states-voting-system-passwords-were-posted-online/>



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Griswold Rejects Blame for Leaked Voter System Passwords. Dems Begin Turning on Her

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Secretary of State Jena Griswold refuses to take responsibility for any of the numerous mishaps in her office including the posting of critical voter system passwords that remained online for months.

However, the civil servant served up by Griswold as the scapegoat she says is responsible for the leak no longer works in that office.

No, the buck does not stop with Griswold for the black eye on Colorado's alleged golden election system.

She's also blaming the Democrat-controlled state legislature for refusing to give her all the taxpayer dollars she demanded for personal security budget increases.

That won't serve her well if Republicans pursue impeachment proceedings when the state legislature convenes in January.

Republican State House leaders are calling for her resignation, and key Colorado Democrats are already turning on her:

With Griswold's eyes on the governor's mansion in the 2026 election, she might not have as much support among state legislators to be trashing them like that.

Denver 7 News reports this was a rookie mistake, which we would add is occurring in Griswold's second term in office:

"This is cybersecurity 101," said Indrajit Ray, a computer science professor at Colorado State University. "Nobody should write down clear text passwords in a file for everyone to read."

Griswold's refusal to take any responsibility herself was made clear in an interview with Colorado Public Radio.

Asked why this serious security infraction does not rise to the level of resignation, Griswold insisted that she is just a victim of mean Republicans.

"Is there a pattern of you falling short on this job?" Griswold was asked.

She insisted she has not, claiming some phantom title that Colorado tied in a contest for number one in "confidence of our elections."

Like that time, she banned her state employees from any official travel to Alabama because she disagreed with the state's abortion law?

Her personal politics has interfered with the daily functions of the office of the Secretary of State, and is partly to blame for the office's crumbling credibility.

And now we learn that she is trying to wriggle out of a state law against revealing these passwords online that Griswold herself crafted for the legislature.

George Brauchler
@GeorgeBrauchler

Remember that this is a new law—one @COSecofState championed at the legislature as a result of the Tina Peters case.

Is it irony or karma?

George Brauchler
@GeorgeBrauchler

CRS 1-13-708(2): "Any person who knowingly publishes or causes to be published passwords...relating to a voting system shall immediately have their authorized access revoked and is guilty of a class 5 felony."

@COSecofState @COAttnyGeneral @KyleClark

10:25 PM · Oct 30, 2024

Of course, we're seeing a double standard of what happened to now imprisoned former Mesa Clerk Tina Peters and what is not happening to Griswold.

Peters' actions leading up to and after the leak of Mesa County passwords outside of her office were her ultimate undoing, yet it was at the hands of a politically

vengeful Griswold who did in fact use the password leak to bring her down.

Just as the actions of Griswold's office and Griswold herself have led to the public mistrust of her office and Colorado's election system, which we would argue is a much more severe offense.

The conspiracy theories and voter mistrust in the state's maligned and tarnished "gold system" can only be healed with Griswold's removal of office.

Whether that's politically feasible for a Democrat remains to be seen.

But we're guessing the Democrat-controlled legislature isn't too thrilled that Griswold tried to throw them under the bus for the password leak scandal, which Kyle Clark and Marshall Zelinger of 9News are reporting on with unusual enthusiasm.

And it's not just the leak of the passwords that were online for many months, but the coverup that's a problem for Griswold.

She was warned about the problem a week before informing county clerks statewide of the password leak that could compromise their systems if a culprit gained inside access to their equipment.

Griswold suggested clerks had been notified in a timely manner, yet the Daily Sentinel reports:

Mesa County Clerk Bobbie Gross said she and the clerks in the other 63 counties of the state were informed of the situation when Griswold released a public statement on the matter [last] Tuesday, hours after the state GOP released an initial statement disclosing what had occurred.

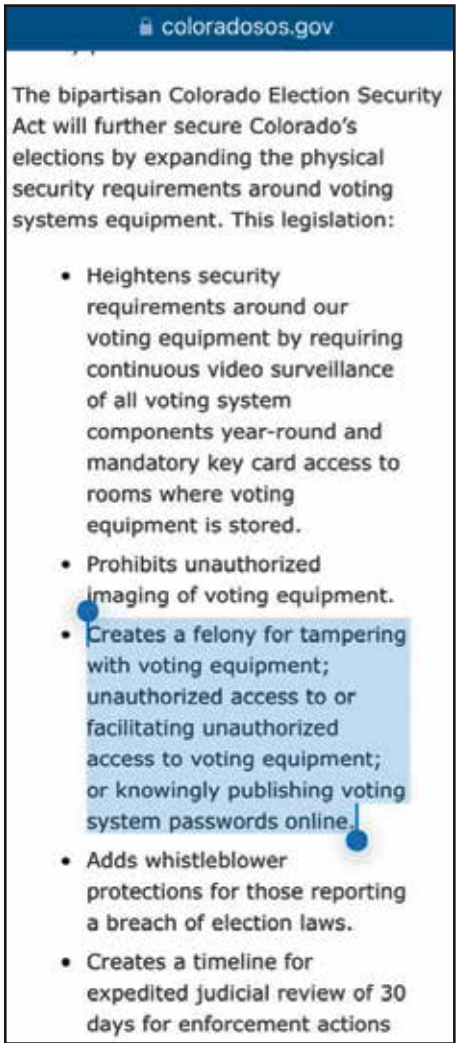
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The first person to violate the "Tina Peter's Law" was Jena Griswold?

Can't make this stuff up.

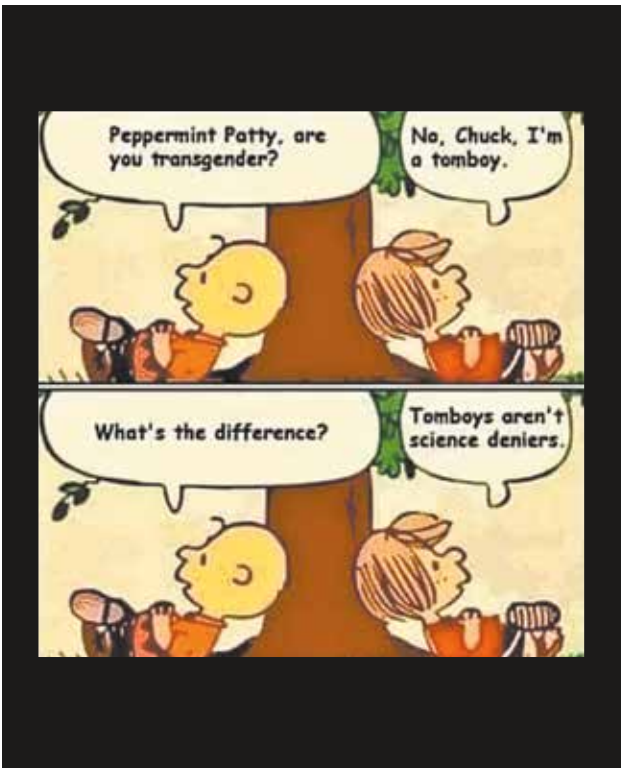
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In 2022, Colorado Secretary of State Griswold(D) bragged about a new law that made it a felony to knowingly publish voting system passwords. In 2024, Griswold's office, which Griswold is 100% responsible for, published voting system passwords. #copolitics



6:16 AM · Oct 31, 2024

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The most basic duty of government is to defend the lives of its own citizens. Any government that fails to do so is a government unworthy to lead. —Donald Trump

Bipartisan Demands Grow To Investigate Colorado's Voting System Password Breach

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Gov. Polis helped bail out Secretary of State Jena Griswold after a voting system security breach was finally revealed this week, but not before chastising his fellow Democrat and calling for an investigation.

Polis and Griswold insisted Friday the crisis has been averted because of Colorado's gold standard system that has so many layers of protection against machine tampering — unless your name is Tina Peters.

But Polis and other Democrat and Republican leaders still want questions answered as to how hundreds of passwords came to be posted on Griswold's official website for at least three months.

Attorney General Phil Weiser says a thorough review is critical, and Republicans are calling for an emergency meeting of the bipartisan Legislative Audit Committee.

Polis's response to reporter Shaun Boyd:

"How could this happen? Sensitive passwords posted," Polis told CBS Colorado in disbelief on Thursday.

"Was it nefarious? Who did this? Polis also posed questions. "I

read in one article that the person was no longer there. What does that mean? Were they fired? Were they reprimanded? Was there a crime committed? I know none of this. We should find this out."

The governor only found out about the leak after Griswold finally admitted to it, nearly a week after she was informed on October 25th.

"Anything related to elections, we want to be radically transparent," Polis said. "So any time we know something, we will tell people."

The national Republican Party would also like to know the answers to those questions.

— **Lara Trump** (@Lara-LeaTrump)

The Colorado Secretary of State announced its voting passwords were released online. This is an alarming election integrity issue.

We sent a demand letter to take immediate action and fix this troubling situation.

We are waiting for their response and will ensure they protect... <https://t.co/GMw9UIRiBe>

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The list of concerns and requested actions to secure the integrity

of the election soon followed from Trump's lawyer, almost all of which seem to have been ignored in the mop up of Griswold's big ass gaffe.

To ensure no tampering had occurred in the three months the passwords were available online, Trump's team asked that "Trusted Build" security measures including testing take place to secure the equipment.

All ballot processing should be halted during the security checks, and rescanned, Trump's team asked.

Instead, the only action Griswold took was to change the passwords and "verify" no settings had been changed on election equipment as state workers watched to make sure there was no cheating.

And despite Polis's insistence on rabid transparency, the counties affected by the password breach were not disclosed in his joint statement with Griswold to assure voters that all is now well.

The official state response to Republicans and Trump appears to be that if Trump isn't satisfied with their effort, he can cough up a few million bucks for a recount after the election is already over.

Meanwhile, voters are still waiting for an answer as to why Griswold waited a week before

informing county clerks across the state their passwords were posted online.

Any monkey business would have to be done in person at those election offices.

Griswold's refusal to take swift action and inform clerks to be on the lookout is gross malfeasance of office.

Instead she held a controversial press conference the same day she mysteriously learned of the leak to instead announce Mesa County had caught nine bogus ballots from being counted.

Griswold got so carried away with her boasting to the cameras that she gave away all the details of the Mesa Clerk's investigation thereby alerting the suspects that the authorities were on to them.

Now she becomes belligerent when asked to take responsibility for her own actions and that of the office to which she was elected.

Her response is to kick an employee under the bus, then back-up over them without the courtesy of a tap on the horn.

— **Brandon Richard** (@BrandonLRichard)

Jena Griswold: "I take responsibility for anything that goes wrong in the office."

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— **Louie** (@reallouiehuey)

The public deserves to know how it happened, how Griswold learned of it, and why she waited a week to act just days before a critical election.

Voters have grown weary of Griswold always playing the victim and blaming her own constituents of becoming conspiracists every time there's a major screw-up on her watch that tarnishes our so-called gold standard election system.

This woman sent out 30k registration invitations to illegals, got caught publishing election passwords online, tried to remove Trump from the ballot in Colorado, and is refusing to resign or be held accountable

The election is not fair or transparent in Colorado. #copolitics

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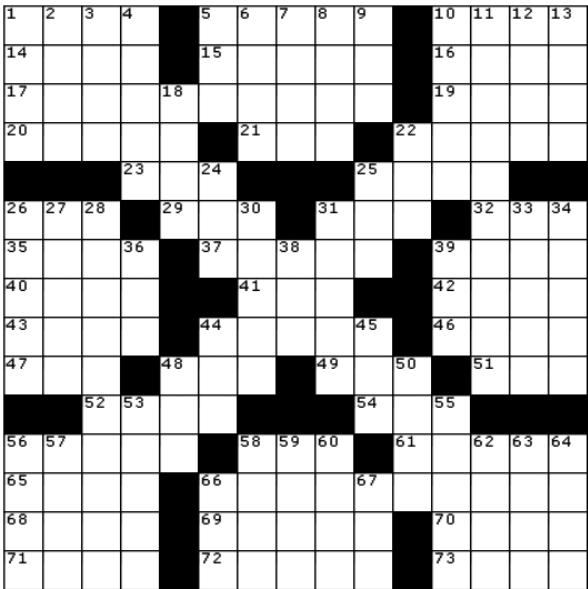
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2 Chichi
3 Fraud
4 KJV possessive pronoun
5 Chop down
6 Afresh
7 Doing nothing
8 Spoke
9 Internal Revenue Service
10 Afloat (2 wds.)
11 Magician (KJV)
12 Eye infection
13 Not far
18 Invitation abbreviaton
22 "Raven" author
24 Airport abbr.
25 BB association
26 Biblical Greek word for love
27 Locale
28 Trial
30 Singing parts
31 Parable of the ___ and Goats
33 "Remember the ___"
34 Become tighter
36 Body of water
38 Spacecraft detachment
39 Microgram
44 Revolutions per minute
45 Clod
48 Motor vehicle
50 Land worker
53 Spring flower
55 Plague of Egypt
56 Fired
57 Straight mark
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59 Gets older
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63 Volcanic rock
64 Stair
66 Mountain Time
67 Wrath
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5 Island nation
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17 Elevator alternatives
19 Soybean
20 Religious songs
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25 He built the ark
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29 School group
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35 Leaves
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39 Lad
40 Peak
41 Digit

- 42 Greenish-blue color
43 Insect in a cocoon
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God's Appointment of Leaders

Romans 13:1-2 says, “Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resists the power, resists the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.”

These words have been used through the ages by governments and even churches to subjugate Christians. But Peter in Acts 5:29 directly disobeyed the ruling leaders, saying, “We ought to obey God rather than men.” Due to a lack of understanding, some just dismiss the seemingly conflicting statements with clichés that no one can argue with, like “God is in control” and “God appoints all leaders.” God’s word, however, explains it perfectly.

In Deuteronomy 16:18-21, Moses establishes the concept of God’s government upon earth. Moses commanded the Israelites to appoint judges and policemen for every city in the Promised Land to keep the peace, and resolve controversies. The judges were to make their rulings righteously and without partiality. He then prophesied that the Israelites may have a king, but God then set forth certain perimeters: “Be sure to appoint over you the king the LORD chooses (Deuteronomy 17:14-15).” The king was not to have too many wives, horses, or gold and silver. He did not make the law, and he was subject to it like everyone else. It is in the context of only God has the right to rule over humanity that informs Paul via Romans 13:1-7 and Peter in Acts 5:29.

In his exhaustive contextual study of Romans 13:1-7 with the writings of both Paul and Peter, Greg Herrick of Dallas Theological Seminary states that “Paul is not putting his carte blanche on all government actions per se, but is instead upholding the principle of “government and order” as an end towards responsible, peaceful living in a fallen world. When a government fulfills its functions of maintaining peace, and generally protects the welfare of its people, both against those from within and without who would threaten these things, then it is carrying out the end to which it was appointed. It must be obeyed even if some things are tough—e. g. paying high taxes. But, when it crosses these boundaries and becomes an instrument for evil, violating the explicit will of God as outlined in Scripture, then it must not be followed (i.e. obeyed) at that point.”

Herein is the crux of submission to the authority of governmental leaders: God is the originator and establisher of government authority. From their Jewish background, both Peter and Paul recognized that governing order by God’s law is not a terror to people, but a necessity of responsible, peaceful living protecting the general welfare of the people. When that government or authorities become an instrument of evil, however, our God-given human agency requires us to submit to God rather than man. Leaders are to be servants unto people, not promoting themselves to god-like stature in their governance. So when you hear the clichés about God appointing all leaders and we have to obey them even if they are an instrument of evil, understand the truth of the context of Godly authority and godless authority.

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‘Overwhelmed’: Hundreds of Thousands of Migrants in U.S. Public Schools Is ‘a Crisis in the Making’

Part 1 of 2

by Ben Johnson,
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Among the countless victims of the unending tide of illegal immigration unleashed by the Biden-Harris administration’s open borders policies are American schoolchildren. Illegal immigrants have brought between 500,000 and a million of their children into the United States, crowding schools, stifling learning, straining budgets, and eroding the level of education provided to American children.

“More than half a million school-age migrant children have arrived in the U.S. since 2022,” reported Reuters earlier this month, citing records collected by Syracuse University. But immigration expert Andrew Arthur of the Center for Immigration Studies crunched the numbers and said that may understate the figures by as much as half. “The actual number is somewhere between 700,000 and one million brand new migrant children who have entered the United States since 2022 just over the southwest border,” said Arthur on “Washington Watch with Tony Perkins” Tuesday. He got the number by counting the 325,000 unaccompanied alien children (UACs) and some fraction of the 1.646 million minors arrested in family units (FMUs).

“The influx of migrants has overwhelmed many local school districts,” said Family Research Council President Tony Perkins. “This is a crisis in the making.”

Taken together, the number of illegal immigrant children in American public schools may exceed the total students enrolled in any of America’s largest school districts: New York City (984,000), Los Angeles Unified (633,000), or the Chicago Public Schools (378,000).

Their presence is placing massive strain on every aspect of America’s physical and social infrastructure, including the public school system. School districts on the receiving end of migrant inflows “have to hire English as a Second Language” (ESL) teachers, said Arthur. “They have to find textbooks that are in these kids’ languages. They have to make special accommodations for these children, and they have to expand their physical plant just so that they have desks for these kids to sit at.”

Part of the issue is cost. American schools spent an average of \$15,633 per pupil during fiscal year 2022, the most recent year for which the Census Bureau has data — but new immigrants learning English cost more yet. “When you talk about English as a Second Language learners, you can add about 20% to that, or \$3,000, for a total of \$18,000 per student,” said Arthur. “Most of that funding comes from ad valorem taxes

— property taxes that all of us who own property in the United States pay. We know that about \$800 billion in local tax money is paid for public schools nationwide annually. ... Some of those school districts receive state money. But nearly all of the costs of these migrant children are being foisted by Washington onto the states and localities.”

The Heritage Foundation released a report in February which found educating illegal immigrants’ children in just four states — California, Texas, New York, and Arizona — ran up a bill of nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars. Specifically, researchers found that the states’ combined 36,853 unaccompanied alien children cost taxpayers \$666,233,197. It further inflates costs for Christian parents, who pay taxes for public schools in addition to paying tuition a second time to send their children to parochial schools or to purchase a curriculum for homeschool.

“This is a significant impediment that we’re placing on our schools and on our school children. And it’s one that Washington, D.C., and the Biden administration seems to be blithely uninterested in addressing,” Arthur told Perkins.

The strain has been showing nationwide. Teachers in the Austin Independent School District objected that they had to teach in hallways or conference rooms, due to an additional 400 Central American students enrolled in the district in April 2022. Last year, New York City had nearly 20,000 children of illegal immigrants in its schools. The influx has so increased the Big Apple’s diversity that “we can’t always find someone in the exact language that a student was raised in,” said New York Governor Kathy Hochul (D). It has also bloated the five boroughs’ budget. Each new illegal immigrant student has cost NYC taxpayers approximately \$30,000 a year, local officials have testified.

The Chicago Public Schols have enrolled 17,000 illegal immigrant children over the last three years, according to the Illinois Board of Education. Last year, the Denver Public School enrolled 4,741 children newly arrived in the country — 632% higher than their usual levels of 750 such children each year before the Biden-Harris administration. Once thought of as an “urban problem,” the Biden-Harris administration has rapidly imported tens of thousands of immigrants into small and mid-sized cities such as Springfield, Ohio.

“We certainly have been hearing from systems of very different sizes — New York being huge to small rural places — that are just receiving far more newcomers than they ever have,” Julie Sugarman, an associate director of research at the pro-amnesty Migration Policy Institute, told Education Week.

Illegal immigration also impacts

schools trying to forecast their budgetary needs. Budget “planning is generally done a year, two years, five years into the future,” noted Arthur. “There’s no way for school districts in this country to anticipate that next year they’re going to get another 200 migrant children, because the Biden administration really isn’t very forthcoming” about its policy of resettling enormous numbers of illegal immigrants in communities around the country.

The issue impacts a large and growing segment of young children. Some 47.8 million U.S. residents are immigrants, legal or otherwise — five times as many as in 1970. Roughly 15% of the U.S. population is now foreign-born, and one in four schoolchildren (25.6%) have at least one foreign-born parent. That means children often enter public schools without the ability to speak English. The Department of Education reported that more than 10% of U.S. schoolchildren lacked English proficiency and spoke another language at home — in 2005. By 2021, 22.1% of school children spoke a language other than English at home, and the federal government said 5% struggled with English. “It’s doubtful that many of them have any fluency in English at all,” said Arthur.

Mainstreaming non-proficient English speakers into classrooms may slow the education of American students, some theorize. They say bilingual education could cut the rate of instruction roughly in half, as teachers must teach the lessons twice, once in English and once in Spanish. “Students who enroll in bilingual education classrooms learn English less quickly” than those immersed in English, found a 2010 study.

In New York, the schools kept some bilingual education students in the Limited English Proficiency program more than six years, instead of the usual three years. Adding more languages adds new layers of complexity and subtracts hours of instruction time. But segregating non-proficient English speakers from the rest of students also presents problems by locking children into a Spanish-speaking silo and effectively barring them from assimilating with other students their age.

But English is not the only subject where illegal immigrants’ children lag behind. “Most of them have suffered from poor levels of education prior to the point that they’ve gotten to the United States,” said Arthur. “There’s a lot of remedial education that takes place trying to mainstream these students into the system ... which means that there’s going to be less time paid to legal resident kids who speak English.”

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Is Thought Crime Coming Here to America?

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Recently I wrote for *Front-Page Mag* about the editor of *Mother Jones* magazine complaining that a flight attendant had shared a “Christian nationalist dog-whistle” by merely wishing the passengers a “blessed” night. The editor even tried to pressure Alaska Airlines publicly to take action to ensure that no passenger would be oppressed again by the “dominant culture enforcing its norms.”

She rightfully received a flood of pushback on social media shaming her for her ingratitude and anti-Christian fear-mongering, but hers is the sort of “soft totalitarianism” routinely directed at Christians by our cultural elites, who in fact do dominate our culture institutions and who have no qualms about enforcing their norms, such as kink-promoting “Pride” parades, transgender flags adorning classrooms, demands to accommodate personal pronouns, sexualizing pre-K children, and pornography in school libraries.

All of these progressive shibboleths – indeed, progressivism itself, which is simply rebranded communism – directly conflict with Christian values. Karl Marx himself saw the eradication of Christianity as a necessary pre-condition for realizing his collectivist utopian vision, and today’s neo-Marxists are no less intolerant of Christians and their “invisible sky god” whose moral demands are an obstacle to progressive libertinism.

In a telling recent example, Democrat presidential candidate Kamala Harris, who like her

deposed boss Joe Biden claims to be a believing Christian, paused during a University of Wisconsin rally to address a pair of Christian students in the crowd who protested her pro-abortion promises by shouting, “Jesus is Lord!” She told them, to the crowd’s uproarious approval, “You guys are at the wrong rally. I think you meant to go to the smaller one down the street,” referring to a recent Trump rally (whose attendance actually dwarfed Kamala’s). The students later told Fox News they were heckled, cursed, and shoved by other attendees. This anti-Christian hostility and bigotry is a core Democrat characteristic.

Elsewhere in the West, in countries that lack our First Amendment rights, this soft totalitarianism is hardening into the criminalization of expressions of Christian faith such as saying “God bless you” to someone, and silent prayer. Case in point: last week Adam Smith-Connor, a British army veteran who served in Afghanistan, was found guilty of praying silently near an abortion clinic in Dorset, England. His offense was the breaching a buffer zone established by a Public Spaces Protection Order designed to stop pro-life beliefs being expressed near the facility, including offering help or prayers to women in crisis pregnancies.

According to *Christian Daily*, Smith-Connor was merely thinking about his son, whose abortion he regretted having paid for many years before:

Smith-Connor had slightly bowed his head and clasped his hands in prayer on a public green in a buffer zone near the

abortion facility in Orphir Road, Bournemouth, in November 2022. During a confrontation with police officers that he recorded, they asked him, “What is the nature of your prayer?”

What is the nature of your prayer? Could there be a more chilling, invasive police inquiry than a demand to know the details of one’s private communion with God? Whose business is “the nature of your prayer” but yours and God’s? Would the UK police approach, say, Muslims who lay their prayer mats in public spaces, and demand, “What is the nature of your prayer?”, much less arrest them?

Smith-Connor had merely stood behind a tree, spoken to no one, and even had his back to the facility, and yet the court found [him] guilty of an act of “disapproval of abortion” and gave him a conditional discharge, meaning he will be sentenced only if convicted of future offenses within the next two years. The court also ordered the father of two to pay prosecution costs of 9,000 British pounds (\$11,700 USD).

“Today, the court has decided that certain thoughts – silent thoughts – can be illegal in the United Kingdom,” Smith-Connor said after the ruling. “That cannot be right. All I did was pray to God, in the privacy of my own mind and yet I stand convicted as a criminal?”

He continued,

I served for 20 years in the army reserves, including a tour in Afghanistan, to protect the fundamental freedoms that this country is built upon. I

continue that spirit of service as a healthcare professional and church volunteer. It troubles me greatly to see our freedoms eroded to the extent that thought crimes are now being prosecuted in the U.K.

After the ruling, Jeremiah Igunnubole, legal counsel for ADF UK, correctly called the result a “legal turning point of immense proportions”:

A man has been convicted today because of the content of his thoughts – his prayers to God – on the public streets of England. We can hardly sink any lower in our neglect of basic fundamental freedoms of free speech and thought.

Igunnubole concluded, “This is a watershed moment for British freedoms, and one the public must not take lightly.”

Indeed not. Under the radical new Prime Minister Keir Starmer, the recently elected Labour Government has vowed to implement such buffer zones near abortion clinics all across the country (currently five UK councils that enforce such zones). Smith-Connor’s experience is only the beginning.

The UK police, who won’t address skyrocketing knife crime but will go door-to-door questioning citizens about their social media posts, have demonstrated over and over again that they will punish Christians for “causing offense” online or in a neighborhood with an abortion clinic but will do nothing to Muslims marching in the streets shouting the genocidal chant “From the river to the sea” and the supremacist “Allahu Akbar.” Multiculturalism trumps all, and

refuses to coexist with Western cultural norms.

Yes, this example is from the UK and not the U.S., and fortunately we have First Amendment protection against religious discrimination. But do not think for a moment that America will be safe under a far-Left regime led by Kamala Harris if she is successful in retaining the White House for the Democrats. The Left is obsessed with eroding the inconvenient safeguards of our Constitution, which they see as a “living document” that needs updating for our time. They relentlessly push for censorship of what they deem to be “misinformation” or “disinformation.” They despise free speech advocate Elon Musk for enabling the social media platform X to become a more trustworthy news outlet than the propagandistic mainstream media they control. They label speech they disagree with “fascist violence,” which justifies violent “resistance” against their political enemies.

If the Democrats continue to hold political and cultural power, they will continue to work tirelessly for the erosion of our constitutional protections, and for the increasing marginalization of Christians and Jews whose moral code is [an] anathema to the progressive religion of expressive individualism. The soft totalitarianism will harden into the criminalization of Christian religious expression as it has in the UK, and will snowball from there to encompass all perceived threats to their one-party hegemony.

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Extreme Risk Protection Orders Fail to Deliver: Analysis of Red Flag Laws & Their Consequences

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Since the implementation of Extreme-Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs), or “red flag” laws, numerous studies and high-profile incidents have cast doubt on their effectiveness and raised concerns about potential abuses and deadly outcomes. While ERPOs are intended to prevent gun violence by temporarily removing firearms from individuals deemed a threat to themselves or others, evidence from recent studies and case examples demonstrates significant flaws in both effectiveness and due process.

FAIL: Extreme-Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs) Don't Deliver

states like Connecticut and Indiana, initial findings suggested minor reductions in firearm suicides, but when RAND revisited these findings, they found that results varied widely by location and that some states, like Connecticut, experienced inconclusive or even negligible impacts despite widespread ERPO implementation. The observed declines were not statistically significant in most cases, raising questions about ERPOs' broader effectiveness. (RAND, 2024).

On other outcomes, such as violent crime and mass shootings, RAND's report describes the evidence as “inconclusive or mixed,” with studies unable to demonstrate any consistent decrease in homicides or firearm-related assaults post-ERPO

public safety remains insufficient.

With these findings, RAND emphasizes that ERPOs, as currently implemented, “leave major gaps in their purported safety benefits,” potentially posing more questions than answers. These mixed results indicate the need for a critical examination of ERPO policies and underscore concerns raised by civil rights advocates about the laws' effectiveness and constitutionality.

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gun owners of their rights without adequate justification. Judge Craig Steven Brown, citing the Constitution, stated that “Second Amendment rights are no less fundamental than... Fourth Amendment rights,” emphasizing the need for robust due process before depriving someone of these liberties.

FACT: Extreme-Risk Protection Orders Are Abused

Critics also note the ERPO system's vulnerability to misuse, including situations where orders are reportedly used to harass former partners or as leverage in family disputes. For gun owners, fighting an ERPO can be costly, particularly for those with limited resources, effectively making it more difficult for lower-income individuals to reclaim their rights.

Just Say NO!

Organizations such as Gun Owners of America and the Firearms Policy Coalition have taken strong stances against red flag laws, arguing that no amount of due process can reconcile these laws with constitutional rights. Meanwhile, the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) states they could support red flag laws if due process is guaranteed. However, NSSF has emphasized that ex parte orders—those issued without notifying the gun owner beforehand—pose an unacceptable risk of abuse.

The mixed results from ERPOs on safety outcomes and the potential for rights abuses are significant. As more states consider ERPO laws, policymakers must grapple with the evidence and listen to communities concerned about both safety and constitutional rights.

The question remains whether the risks ERPOs present to individual liberties and potential misuse outweigh their uncertain benefits for public safety.

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Extreme-Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs) Don't Deliver, Chart Rand 2024

A comprehensive review by the RAND Corporation reveals that Extreme-Risk Protection Orders have had *inconclusive results* on various public safety outcomes, including violent crime, suicides, and unintentional injuries. While proponents argue that ERPOs could reduce gun violence by preemptively disarming high-risk individuals, RAND's findings indicate that this objective remains largely unproven.

According to RAND's 2024 update, only five studies met their inclusion criteria to assess ERPOs' impact on suicide rates, and of those, only one showed any potential reduction, estimating amere 4% to 6% decrease in suicides. Yet even this study faced criticism for significant methodological weaknesses, including its limited geographic focus and reliance on assumptions rather than direct causative evidence (Dalafave, 2021).

The RAND analysis highlights the disparity in outcomes across states implementing ERPOs. For instance, in

adoption. One study, analyzing data from Indiana and California, found no clear link between ERPO laws and declines in violent crime. In fact, the study cited “serious methodological concerns,” with one study noting that the “Extreme-risk protection orders have uncertain effects on total and firearm homicides. Evidence for this relationship is inconclusive”, pointing to factors such as limited enforcement periods and variable criteria for ERPO petitions as possible explanations.

Similarly, RAND's findings on unintentional firearm injuries reveal significant limitations, with only one study meeting their standards to evaluate this outcome. The study's authors observed “uncertain associations” between ERPOs and unintentional firearm deaths, emphasizing that “available data do not allow for clear conclusions on ERPOs' preventative capacity in this area” (RAND, 2024). In other words, although ERPOs are positioned as a preventative measure, evidence sup- porting their practical impact on enhancing

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DEFENSIVE GUN USE	GUN INDUSTRY OUTCOMES	HUNTING AND RECREATION	MASS SHOOTINGS	POLICE SHOOTINGS	SUICIDE	UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES AND DEATHS	Violent Crime
			Inconclusive		Limited	Inconclusive	Inconclusive

Smith & Wesson's M&P 45 M2.0 Handgun: A Big Bore CCW Weapon

by Tom Mchale,
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I love a good 1911 chambered in .45 ACP. In fact, I probably shoot it better than just about anything else, and that inspires confidence.

However, in these days of angry mobs and random terrorist attacks, the standard capacity of a .45 doesn't make me feel so warm and fuzzy. With a “normal” capacity of 7+1, it carries half as many rounds as a double stack 9mm. It's easy to find a Wonder Nine that packs 15+1, and many, like the new Smith & Wesson 2.0 models, stuff 17+1 into a surprisingly compact package.

Yeah, I know, .45 rounds are huge, and each one is capable of leveling an entire city block, but magazines can leak amazingly fast when things go bad.

Smith & Wesson's
M&P 45 M2.0 Handgun

If you're into big bore calibers, one alternative is to consider a double, or more accurately, one-and-a-half stack polymer .45s like the new Smith & Wesson M&P 45 2.0. This one stuffs ten rounds of .45 into the magazine plus an extra in the chamber. So, if you carry a spare magazine, you're looking at 21 rounds of total carry capacity. That's not too shabby and works out to six more than a standard 1911 and spare magazine configuration.

The M&P 45 M2.0 sports a 4.6-inch barrel with a 1:15-inch twist rate. That barrel length equates to a 7.9-inch overall length, almost an inch shorter and 11 ounces lighter

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Smith & Wesson's M&P 45 M2.0 Handgun packs 10+1 rounds of .45 ACP.

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U.S. Ammunition Supply Faces Increasing Critical Shortages

by F. Riehl, Editor in Chief, ammoland.com

In the wake of mounting global tensions and disruptions to key supply chains, the U.S. ammunition industry is facing significant challenges. Several recent developments are converging to create a perfect storm that could lead to a gunpowder shortage, threatening both military and civilian ammunition supplies.

Alliant Powders Suspends Reloading Shipments

Back in May 2024, Alliant Powders, a well-known producer of reloading powders like Bullseye and Unique, surprised everyone by suspending shipments of its smokeless powders. This decision, driven by global conflicts—most notably the war in Ukraine—was fueled by a bottleneck in the production of nitrocellulose, the key ingredient in gunpowder. Alliant, owned by Vista Outdoor, prioritized its military contracts, diverting all nitrocellulose to ammunition production for defense purposes. This has left civilian reloaders scrambling for alternatives.

Alliant’s absence from the market is expected to continue until either military demand decreases or the production of defense-grade nitrocellulose expands—neither of which is likely to happen soon. Reloaders who have relied on Alliant’s gunpowder products are now being forced to switch to other brands, which may not have the same performance characteristics as their preferred powders.

China’s Chokehold on Ammunition Components

Further exacerbating the supply problem, in August 2024, China imposed a new restriction on the export of nitrocellulose and antimony, two critical components in ammunition production. Antimony, essential for hardening lead bullets, and nitrocellulose, used in propellants, are both vital to keeping the U.S. ammunition industry running. China’s decision has created widespread concern in the defense sector as the U.S. relies heavily on Chinese imports of these materials.

Geopolitical tensions, includ-

ing conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East, have led to a significant diversion of ammunition components to military stockpiles. The U.S., along with European nations, is now racing to find alternative sources of nitrocellulose, but these efforts could take years to develop.

Industry insiders, like veteran ammunition expert John Farnam, have warned that ammunition shortages are imminent. While components are still available in small quantities, the shortage is expected to worsen, affecting both military and civilian markets.

Farnam advises consumers to stock up on ammunition and ammo reloading components now before the supply dries up completely.

New Updates: Gunpowder Shortage Looms Large

According to the latest report from *The Truth About Guns* (October 2024), the gunpowder shortage is now looming like a slow-moving hurricane. While popular calibers like 9mm and 5.56 NATO remain

in stock, the availability of gunpowder is dwindling due to increasing military demands.

The conflict in Ukraine and rising tensions in the Middle East have drained the global supply of nitrocellulose, with artillery shells consuming large amounts of this critical material. Although the shortage has not fully impacted civilian ammunition supplies, it’s only a matter of time before less popular calibers become hard to find and prices for common ammo skyrocket.

Industry experts are divided on whether this shortage is part of the typical supply-demand cycle or a more deliberate strain caused by global instability. Regardless, many, like Peter Foss of *Shell Shock Technologies*, advise consumers to prepare now. The current stock of ammunition won’t last forever, and prices are expected to rise as supply chains continue to tighten.

What Can Consumers Do?

With the 2024 election just around the corner and rumors

of new gun control measures on the horizon if Democrats pull off another election steal, now is the time for consumers to take action. Stocking up on ammunition while prices remain relatively low is a prudent strategy. As the gunpowder shortage worsens, both availability and affordability will become major concerns.

While U.S. ammunition manufacturers work to diversify their supply chains and secure alternative sources, the current situation suggests that a significant disruption is imminent. Civilian shooters should heed the warnings of experts like John Farnam and prepare for the possibility of long-term shortages and rising prices.

The storm is coming—are you ready?

(Editor/GG: Things are going to get a bit frisky no matter who wins in November. Get your ammo before you can’t.)

Please see: <https://www.ammoland.com/2024/10/us-ammunition-supply-faces-increasing-critical-shortages/>

S&W M&P 45 M2.0 from page 20

than an SW1911 government size. As a different comparison, this size and weight put it in the same class as the 9mm Glock 17.

The trigger is where the significant changes from the original design are most evident. While I liked the overall feel of the 1.0 M&P series, I would have to describe the trigger as a bit on the mushy side. The new one has been completely redesigned and is much, *much* better. There’s a noticeably smoother take-up stage followed by a crisp break. I measured this one with a [Trigger Pull Scale](#), and it showed exactly 5 3/4 pounds of pull weight every time.

The Smith & Wesson’s M&P 45 M2.0 Handgun trigger reset is positive; you can hear and feel it. To see what I mean, dry fire, but hold the trigger back while you reset the slide. Then, slowly release the trigger until it resets. After about 1/4-inch of travel, you won’t be able to miss the reset either by feel or the audible “click.” It’s nice.

The grip size options of the S&W M&P 45 M2.0 are also new and improved. Each pistol ships with four interchangeable backstraps so you can easily tweak the grip size to fit your hand and personal preference. The pistol comes with the Medium size installed, so included in the box is one that’s smaller and two that add additional circumference. I ran a tape around the default Medium grip configuration, and the circumference measured 5 1/4 inches. For comparison, I did the same with a Springfield Armory 1911 TRP and came to about 5 1/16 inches. That gun has Crimson Trace Master Series Lasergrips installed, so the grips are a hair thicker than standard.

The texture on the new M&P 45 2.0 is much more like skateboard tape; it’s an aggressive pattern. The good news is that once anchored in your hand; it won’t move. The bad news is that if you carry inside the waistband, you’ll want to use a holster with a generous back panel or wear an undershirt to protect your skin.

Under the covers, you might notice a couple of holes in the



Even though it’s a double-stack .45, it’s about the same size as a Glock 17.

polymer frame forward of the trigger guard. Through those, you’ll see the extended stainless steel chassis. It’s been made longer with the new models to help reduce the flex of the frame. Just below that is a rail segment for the attachment of lights or lasers.

The standard M&P 45 2.0 is a striker-fired pistol with no external safety. Of course, there

are internal safeties like the now common trigger safety. If you prefer, you can order the M&P 45 2.0 with a manual safety option. I tried this on one of the new 9mm pistols and found it changed the feel of the trigger a bit. It was a little rougher and had a slightly detectable “shelf” that you could feel during the pull if you concentrated. So that’s the tradeoff. Also, the standard model is black, but you can order this

gun in Flat Dark Earth as well. The 9mm I tried came in that finish and it looked sharp, but then again, I have a thing for that color.

While not a bullseye competition gun, it’s perfectly solid for carry use and puts rounds where they need to go. While most ammo types shot to the point of aim with the default factory sight placement, both front and rear sights are dovetail mounted and easily adjustable for windage. I didn’t experience enough of an elevation difference to worry about that.

All in all, the Smith & Wesson’s M&P 45 M2.0 Handgun is a nice pistol. If you want a little extra fat and slow bullet capacity, check it out. The new trigger on the 2.0 series makes all the difference. MSRP on all variants is \$599, but you can find them for less on the street.

(Editor/GG: S&W’s M&P 2.0 entire lineup is outstanding. Super reliable, great ergonomics and priced right. Good stuff.)

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PEANUT
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Longo has asked for financial help for a “legal battle” against the state.

A Connecticut native, Longo moved to Elmira, NY, in 2023 to start the Freedom Farm, a 501.C.3 approved nonprofit. “Last year we moved to NY in hopes of starting a NONPROFIT animal rescue in PNUT’s Name. [P’Nuts Freedom Farm] will forever live in PNUT’s memory,” Longo wrote in a post announcing the seizure.

“With over 350 rescues, we’ve relied heavily on PNUT and his internet family to father donations to help more animals. I don’t even know how will [sic] continue to fundraise for this nonprofit.”

The organization is made up of **veterinarians and caregivers** who rescue animals from abusive or dire situations.

Collin Rugg
@CollinRugg

NEW: The owner of Peanut the squirrel explains how New York officials raided his house, took Peanut and his raccoon, and k*lled them.

7-year-old Peanut and Fred the raccoon were euthanized after anonymous complaints.

“Officers raided my house as if I was a drug dealer. I was sat outside my house for five hours. I had to get a police escort to my bathroom.” “I wasn’t even allowed to feed my rescue horses breakfast or lunch. I was sit, sat there like a criminal after they interrogated my wife to check out her immigration status.” “Then proceeded to ask me if I had cameras in my house. Then proceeded to go through every cabinet, nook and cranny of my house for a squirrel and raccoon.” “They got a search warrant for departments, and a judge signed off on a search warrant for a squirrel in a raccoon. And then they took them and k*lled them.”

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Needless to say, **people are pi**ed**.

On Saturday, **President Trump commented on the situation** - saying “There

have been horrible reports out of New York, my former home state, where state environmental agents raided the home of Mark Longo and his wife. Mark was taken into custody for hours while officials searched his home and eventually took two of their pets. Fred the Raccoon and Peanut the Squirrel. **These animals were later executed by the state of New York.**”

DC_Draino (@DC_Draino)

Honestly can’t believe NY Dems stole this man’s squirrel and killed him

November 2, 2024

Others expressed similar outrage. And memes.

Kiki (@kikisknees)

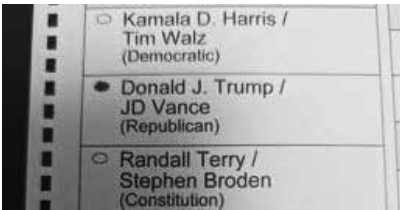
Them: “So how did you get radicalized?”

Me: “I watched the NYDEC murder a happy and healthy pet squirrel named Peanut for no reason other than some useless apparatchiks had too much power.”



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Vagrant of Rhodes (@vagrantwires)



For Peanut

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The Redheaded libertarian
@TRHLofficial

My hatred for the government is renewed with every Peanut video.

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Chief Nerd@TheChiefNerd

RIP Peanut

9:53 AM · Nov 2, 2024



David Sacks@DavidSacks

Trump would have saved Peanut. We all know what Liz Cheney would have done.



11:04 AM · Nov 2, 2024

Actually true.

— **Elon Musk** (@elonmusk)
Worth noting that criminals vote overwhelming-

ly for Democrats, because they are the soft-on-crime party. The Democratic Party is literally the party of criminals! Just a statement of fact.

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(Editor/GG: If they can kidnap and kill Peanut, they can kill anybody. The libs want your pets dead. Plus, cows are killing the environment so they gotta go. Colorado is just as bad as New York now. When will it stop? Small government is good government.)

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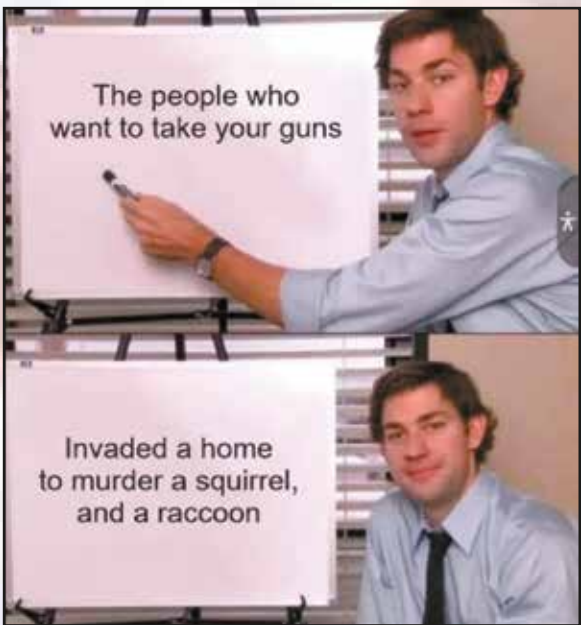
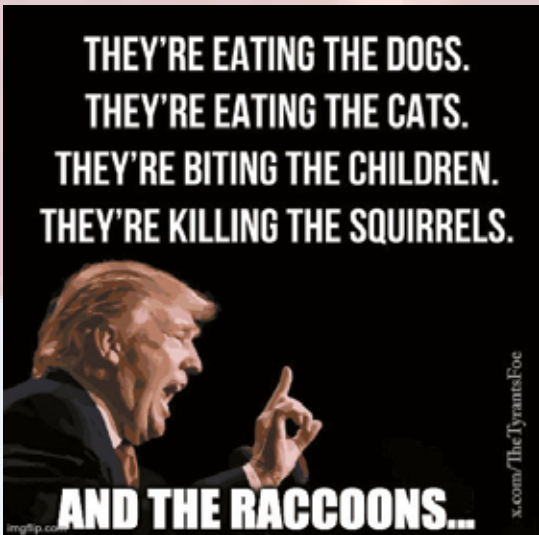


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First they came for the squirrels....

I never thought I'd be ready to commit war crimes in the name of a squirrel, but alas, here we are....



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state of Colorado, Harris got 1,345,023 votes to Trump's 1,052,320.

In the U.S. Congress District 7 House race, Democrat Brittany Pettersen won, but in Custer County her opponent, Sergei Matveyuk, whooped her bad getting 2,435 votes to Pettersen's 1,168.

The Colorado ballot measures results were generally good:

Amendment G: Expand Veteran Property Tax Exemption won easily (72.4% to 27.6%).

Amendment H: Create an Independent Judicial Board passed (72.7% to 27.3%).

Amendment I: No Bail for First Degree Murder passed (69.4 % to 30.5%).

Amendment J: Remove the Constitutional Ban on Same-Sex Marriages passed (63.8% to 36.2%).

Amendment K: Earlier Election Filing

Deadlines lost (55.3% to 44.7%).

Amendment 79: Constitutional Right to Abortion passed (61.5% to 38.5%).

Amendment 80: School Choice K-12 failed (52.2% to 47.9%).

Proposition JJ: Keep Sporting Betting Tax Revenue was ok'd (75.9% to 24.3%).

Proposition KK: Tax on Firearms and Ammunition passed (54.2% to 45.8%).

Proposition 127: Prohibit Big Cat Hunting was defeated (55.5% to 44.5%).

Proposition 128 Change Parole for Violent Crimes passed (62.4% to 37.6%).

Proposition 129: Create New Veterinary Positions passed (52.4% to 47.8%).

Proposition 130: The Law Enforcement Support Fund passed (53.1% to 46.9%).

Proposition 131: Ranked Choice Voting was defeated (55.2% to 44.8%).

Show me someone without an ego, and I'll show you a loser. —Donald Trump