

BOCC: Commissioners Not “Raising Taxes”, Seven County Lots Given to UAACOG, New Speed Ticketing Machine Coming to Happy Valley

by George Gramlich,
News and Commentary

The November 13, 2024 Custer County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) regular meeting was held in their gilded Annex chambers across from the courthouse. It started at 9 a.m. or so. All three Commissioners were present: Bill Canda, Lucas Epp and Kevin Day.

In Commissioner Items, Epp said that the 2025 budget needs approval at the December 13, 2024 BOCC meeting. Canda interjected and said that there was “a rumor running around that we are raising taxes” and that isn’t true. Canda added that he hoped that they

could “take the mil levy down another .5% for next year”.

Canda reported that the concrete pad for the jet fuel tank was poured. He is also asking the Upper Arkansas Water Conservation crew to give a presentation in Custer County on what is going on with all their projects, and in particular, Lake DeWeese.

Canda also noted that the super expensive new fence being built around the airport (cost somewhere in the vicinity of \$450k!!! is being paid by the Ought Six Ranch. So no tax payer dollars are being used.

Day congratulated Paul Vogelsong (Day’s apponent) for his win in the race for Day’s commissioner slot.

In New Business, the seven lots the BOCC wants to give (no charge) to the Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments (*a non-profit grant machine in Cañon City*) was the next topic. A representative of UAACOG was there and gave a brief presentation on how UAACOG will be building houses on them for local low-income folks. He said that to qualify applicants must work in Custer County and be within the Federal income qualification guide. He noted that the program is a “sweat equity” deal where the recipients must help build the house. Canda asked how veterans would be treated as applicants. The vote to give the lots to UAACOG passed with Day and Epp voting yes and Canda voting

no. Canda voted no as there are now water taps available for those lots and thus they are somewhat valuable. He’d rather sell the lots to the public and generate some income for the county to help reduce our tax cost. (*We agree. Who will be next around here to get special financial breaks? Small government is good government.*)

In Staff Reports, our accounting consultant, Lisa Hemann of Redland’s Accounting gave the monthly report. She said she had been looking for G/L “red flags, recommended some journal entries, reconciled some fund balances, worked on payroll reports and

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife Hold Meetings Over Controversial Gray Wolf Releases



Photo from WA Dept. Fish and Wildlife

by Tom Joyce,
The Center Square

(The Center Square) – Parks and Wildlife have started planning for the next round of gray wolf releases despite outcry over the plan’s bloated budget and adverse effects on Colorado’s agriculture industry.

The next meeting, scheduled for Thursday and Friday, [was] in Lamar in Southeastern Colorado. It [is] the next in a series of public discussions about the plan.

CPW Director Jeff Davis, Northwest Regional Manager Travis Black, Area Wildlife Managers, and Wolf Program staff met last week in Rifle with county commissioners and county staff from areas where the state wants to release wolves next year.

The meeting included county representatives from Rio Blanco

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Voters Polished Some Republican Bright Spots in Otherwise Blue Colorado

by Sherrie Peif, Complete
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DENVER — While some of the outcomes from Colorado’s 2024 election were more obvious, such as Kamala Harris winning the state by 12 points, voters also gave some lesser known surprises.

Complete Colorado looked at some of what we thought were some of the more interesting outcomes, which include bucking an ever-growing blue trend in favor of Republicans, and a few spoiler candidates.

- In Pueblo, sitting county commissioner Epimenio “Eppie” Griego ran as an unaffiliated, potentially played spoiler for Republican candidate Steven Rodriguez by taking nearly 18,000 votes in a race that was ultimately decided by under 2,000 votes. Democrat Miles Lucero won the race with only a plurality of just over 42 percent to his GOP opponent’s slightly more than 40 percent.
- Libertarian Senate District 12 (El Paso County) candidate John Angle won 2,755 votes in a race where Republican Stan VanderWerf lost to Democrat Marc Snyder by just 1,030 votes.
- Pueblo elected its first ever female and Republican to the office of district attorney for the 10th Judicial District. “Together, we have shattered glass ceilings and set a powerful example for

Colorado,” said Kala Beauvais, a fifth-generation Puebloan in a statement after her election.

- Pueblo voters also ousted incumbent Democrat Daneya Esgar, a former state legislator, as their county commissioner in favor of newcomer Republican Paula McPheeters, giving Republicans a 2-1 edge on that previously Democrat majority board.
- In Huerfano County voters strengthened Republican control of their county commission to 3-0, as Democrat incumbent Arica Andreatta lost her re-election bid to Republican Jim Chamberlain by just 33 votes.
- Also, Huerfano voters flipped every other county office to Republicans. Interestingly, the Huerfano GOP was the first county party to call for the resignation of Colorado Republican Party Chairman Dave Williams.
- Weld County’s House District 50, which had about an 8 percentage point Democrat advantage until the redistricting two years ago, had not seen a Republican in that seat since 2004. Although redistricting narrowed the advantage, Democrats still had a 4 percentage point advantage in 2024.

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Exodus 14:14 ESV

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Our Opinion...



U.S.A. DODGES HAIL OF "BULLETS" One Man's Quest to Save Our Country

Op Ed by Fred Hernandez

The majority of true Americans are collectively personified in the image of one patriotic man called Trump. He is seen in this imaginary scenario as a combat fighter landing on occupied enemy territory. He made his first beachhead in 2016, fought gallantly and achieved some strategic victories. The overwhelming counteroffensive by the deeply entrenched enemy and their underhanded actions, not acceptable by the conventional rules of engagement, led to his questionable and debatable defeat in 2020.

A true warrior concerned for his beloved country he rejected the idea to simply fade away. He immediately continued his crusade despite great opposition which kept raising unconstitutional and obnoxious obstacles in his path of returning to the battleground. Continuously harassed, he was under threat not only during his first term but even more so after it.

Then, in 2024 he launched his untiring counter attack. Landing once more on the beachhead he

had originally established and building on some past victories, he kept charging at the pill box manned by communists and woke ideologues. Dodging bursts of fire (as in lawfare) and including actual gunfire he got to his objective and lobbed a lethal, massive explosion that decimated the opposition and successfully saved America from a potentially crippling future.

The results of the Election of 2024 was the massive blast heard around the world that decimated the enemies of freedom, justice and decency. Trump won the presidency, he won the popular vote, the electoral vote, the Senate, the House and, most importantly, he won the mandate of the majority of Americans who are the loyal citizens of this country. The world's largest jury, the American people, came back with their near unanimous verdict that Trump is not guilty of anything but being a true patriot, a lover of his country and the chosen leader for this time in U.S. history. We The People spoke clearly and loudly.

There can be no confusion as to the wishes of America: We want

new leadership that can effectively change the direction of the country. We want God back and while the left hates it, religion still resonates with the American people. One candidate was for God and the other was for no god. The outcome was clear. The idea of no god was out. We want families to be more important than politics and we believe the government does not know what is best for families. We shun a society that permits everything no matter how bizarre, immoral, stupid and unacceptable. We recognized that typical deep state politicians preached unity and democracy while sowing division and tyranny and we absolutely shun them.

We want a government that promotes the common good of law abiding, tax paying, country and constitution loving citizens. We do not want the state dominating our lives and especially with super minority idiotic woke ideas.

Trump's America dodged a withering hail of abuse and insanity by rotten officials. It's a new day. It's a God given second chance we hope will be utilized to do His will

on earth as it is in Heaven. That means we hope and pray an end to the corrupted legal system, no more "lawfare", fear mongering, assassination attempts. No more anti-American policies like open, unprotected borders, no more trafficking of women and children, no more weird unconstitutional ideas like court packing, no more support for those weirdos who promote transgenderism and child mutilation No more politicians with insane ideas of putting tampons in boys' restrooms. No more men in women's sports. No more "leaders" who because of their weakness, made possible the unheard of instances when spy balloons flew over our country. No more potential enemies buying tracts of land in close proximity to U.S. military bases. No more sham "pandemics" designed to enrich certain special interest groups and transfer world control to power-hungry individuals. No more politicians who, along with their family members, amass wealth at the expense of our country's security.

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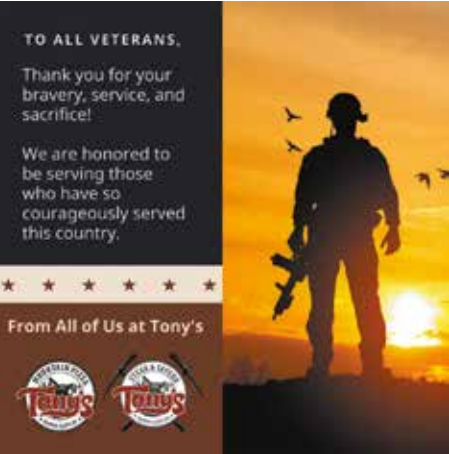
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Tony's Mountain Pizza Thanked Our Veterans

(Editor/GG: An outstanding effort by Johnny and the whole crew of Tony's last November 14th. Deep thanks from all of us.)

Below are the Facebook posts for the event.

Tony's Mountain Pizza



Reminder that our postponed Veterans Day is TODAY! We are excited to serve our veterans for free! Choose between our lasagna special or a hamburger from the tavern!

For the rest of our customers we have the lasagna special today for \$15.99. That's a hearty portion of lasagna, 2 garlic knots and a petite salad!

Looking forward to seeing you!

Tony's Mountain Pizza is feeling grateful.
November 10 at 8:12 PM

Everyone at Tony's Mountain Pizza & Tony's Steak & Tavern, want to extend our deepest gratitude to all the brave men and women who have served our country. Your dedication, sacrifice, and strength inspire us every day.

Since we are closed this Veterans Day, on Thursday November 14th, as a small

token of our appreciation, we invite all veterans to join us for a free meal. Veterans, come in and choose from a hearty lasagna meal or a hamburger & fries on the house as our way of saying "Thank you for your service."

When: Thursday, November 14th

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A Thank You After the Event:

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11th District DA's Office Issues Statement of Cooperation

Press Release

Cañon City, CO –

On November 5, 2024, the Eleventh Judicial District Attorney's Office received requests for investigation alleging violations of CRS 1-13-708.

The requests for investigation detail allegations concerning the Secretary of State website's publication of BIOS (basic input/output system) passwords for approximately 200 election machines statewide. Based on information available, it appears

the publication of the BIOS passwords originated in the Secretary of State's Denver-based office. All four counties in the Eleventh Judicial District are affected.

The release of the voting machine passwords is being investigated by the State of Colorado Attorney General and the Denver District Attorney's Office. The Eleventh Judicial District Attorney's Office will fully cooperate with these and any other agencies to further the investigation and provide additional resources as necessary. Results of the investigation will be announced upon its completion.

Wet Mountain Valley Community Chorale Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 8th

Season's greetings, everyone!

Yes, it is that festive time of year again and the Wet Mountain Valley Community Chorale welcomes you to join us for a concert performance of "Lessons and Carols".

This year's event is being held at the First Baptist Church in Westcliffe on **Sunday, December 8th, with performances at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.** We are so pleased to be led once again by our wonderful Sarah Peachey, director, and amazing Cheryl Pinnella, accompanist.

The WMVCC is a non-profit organization and the concert is free to attend. Free will donations to support the chorale will be happily accepted. All funds are used to support the expenses of the chorale, including providing child care so that young parents are able to participate. We so appreciate your generous past support of us, our love of music, and our desire to add to the joy of the Christmas season as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. We look forward to seeing you all there, friends and neighbors!

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Wildfires and Custer County

Dear George,

Recent data and wildfire trends indicate a worrisome increase in wildfire frequency over the next century, significantly increasing in just the next few years - at a projected rate 2 ½ - 3 times that of our current lived experience.

Nearly 68% of Custer County is at a moderate to high risk of wildfire; a looming state and national insurance availability and affordability crisis is on the horizon, and most of us are either already considerably under-insured, or perhaps learning we've become uninsurable. Colorado is working towards their own version of a FAIR plan - insurance of last resort, as home insurance markets become increasingly volatile.

Legislation to implement state-wide minimum building codes was passed in 2023, (Senate Bill 23-166) and

will require code adoption in 2025, to be enforced by January 1, 2026.

There is no foreseeable future without more smoke and wildfire, and we must learn to live with both. Like a building, a neighborhood is only as strong as its weakest link. Vulnerable homes serve as fuel for fire, intensifying its strength and *increasing the risk to other nearby buildings.*

We have chosen to live in fire dependent landscapes where we need mitigation to occur at both the parcel level *and* at the community level.

The core capabilities of Emergency Management programs include Prevention, Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Recovery, and all are heavily reliant on grants. The county, municipalities and special districts all widely utilize grant funding in their programs as well. A successful wildfire mitigation program can build capacity and create demand for contractor services, not diminish it.

What's been lacking here is accountability and political will. In counties with meaningful risk reduction programs, elected officials have assigned some level of accountability to a department or departments and likely provide direction through delegation, empowering personnel to move their communities towards wildfire resilience through actions that prevent, protect against, and mitigate the threat of catastrophic wildfire in their communities.

Visit www.fireadaptedco.org as well as the Fire Adapted Colorado Network YouTube channel, where you can view the most recent videos on insurance, minimum building codes and interrupting fire pathways through mitigation, along with resources to mitigate your homes from fire and smoke.

Cindy Howard
Custer County

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- However, Republican Ryan Gonzalez won the seat by 563 votes.
 - Republicans also flipped Congressional District 8 seats in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the State Board of Education, with Republican Gabe Evans defeating incumbent Yadira Caraveo and Republican Yazmin Navarro defeating Democrat Rhonda Solis. Republicans now hold all three seats in the toss up CD 8, as Republican Mark VanDriel won the CU Regent seat in 2020.
- Other examples of a change in voter preference might be seen in the outcome of several ballot measures that went in unexpected directions.
1. Voters rejected the statewide efforts to ban mountain lion, lynx and bobcat hunting with 55 percent of voters against the measure.
 2. Voters rejected efforts to convert Colorado Primaries to an open jungle style primary and the general election into Ranked Choice Voting with the top four winners from the primary advancing to the general.
 3. In Denver, voters said no way to a ban on slaughterhouses that was aimed at just one business, Superior Farms, the nation's largest lamb processing plant.
 4. In both Denver and Adams County, voters shot down tax increases aimed at subsidized housing.
- Please see: <https://pagetwo.completecolorado.com/2024/11/16/voters-bright-spots-republicans-blue-colorado/>

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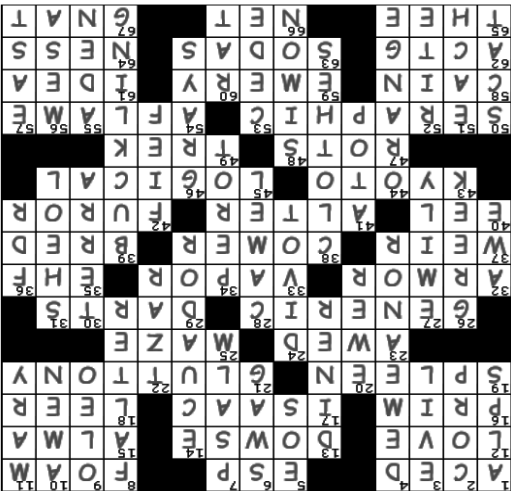
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Custer Senior Center Menu

Monday, November 25
#13 Beef Barley Soup
WW Crackers
Sesame Broccoli
Apricot Pineapple Compote
WW Bread, Apple

Tuesday, November 26
#77 Roast Turkey w/Gravy
Cornbread Stuffing
Cauliflower/Broccoli
Cranberry Mold, Pumpkin Bar
Trail Mix WW Dinner Roll

Thursday, November 28
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Served Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays at noon. 612 Main St. , Silver Cliff Townhall (lower level)
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Please call (719) 783-9508 before 9:30 a.m. for reservations
A \$3 suggested donation per meal is appreciated, but not required. All menus subject to change.

Recurring Events

Mondays
10 a.m. Pickle Ball Silver Cliff Mem.Park (SCMP)
More info: lizbrannen@gmail.com
6 -7:30 p.m. Men’s Bible Meeting (The Bible and X) w/
Scott Munger. at First Baptist Church.
6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (CLSD) 12 Step study, at St.
Luke’s, 3rd & Rosita, Westcliffe. Martha at 719-371-1853.

1st Monday of the Month
5 p.m. Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting
(year-round) at Cliffe Lanes
2nd and 4th Monday
6 – 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
Community United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
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Tuesdays
12 noon – 1 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (CLDS)
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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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Wednesdays
8-9 a.m. Veterans Coffee Social, Veterans and Caregivers
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9:30 – 11 a.m. Line Dancers meet at United Methodist
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9:45-11:30 a.m. The Posse Ladies Bible Study “Names
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6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (CLSD) Big Book Study at
St. Luke’s, 3rd & Rosita, Westcliffe. Martha at
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6 p.m. Prayer Group Meeting. First Baptist Church
of Westcliffe. Call 719-783-2498.

First Thursday of the Month
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Comfort Quilters, FBC (log bldg next to the
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2nd Thursday of the Month
6 p.m. Custer County Republican Central Committee
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3rd Thursday of the Month
2 p.m. Round Mt Water District Meeting.

Fridays
10 a.m. Pickle Ball Silver Cliff Memorial Park
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1 - 4 p.m.- Mah Jongg at the Senior Center
6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Open Discussion, St.
Luke’s, 3rd & Rosita. Call Martha 719-371- 1853

2nd Friday of the Month
8 am- Westcliffe Band of Brothers & Sisters Men’s
Prayer Breakfast, at the Senior Center followed by
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Saturdays
10 a.m. Wet Mountain Al-Anon Family Group meets at
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3rd Saturday of Month
8 a.m. Valley Bible Fellowship Men’s Breakfast Open to
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1 p.m. VFW meeting at Cliff Lanes Conference Room,
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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.





Bookends

November 2024 Library News

West Custer County Library

New Support Groups, Book Reviews

Winter has arrived in the county, and we’re planning ahead! Look for two new support groups to start in January of 2025.

First, a grief support group will meet on the fourth Friday of the month at 10 a.m. led by Robin Olson of the Upper Arkansas Area on Aging (first meeting January 24th).

And secondly, a monthly Dementia/Alzheimer support group for care-takers will meet the third Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. (first meeting January 21st), led by the Upper Arkansas Area on Aging. Both support groups will meet in the Library Community Room.

These regular gatherings are free and no registration is needed. Note: If you would like to attend the Dementia/Alzheimer support group and need care for your loved one during the meeting time, contact the UAAA at (719) 539-3341 for information about Caregiver Respite Services. You may qualify for up to 8 hours of services per month.

Shorter daylight hours mean a comfy chair and more reading time! Here are

some staff picks and recommendations from the library staff:

Genna recommends *"The Unclaimed: Abandonment and Hope in the City of Angels"* by Prickett and Timmermans. This poignant investigation looks at the impact of social isolation, eroding family ties, and our cultural trend toward disconnection -- and the rising numbers of unclaimed dead in America. Who are the 150,000 Americans dying annually whose bodies are never claimed? By highlighting individual stories, Prickett and Timmermans bring an acute sensitivity to a bleak narrative. A haunting and profoundly meaningful read.

Cathy loved *"Red Sky Mourning"* by Jack Carr, a retired Navy Seal turned author, and the sixth book in his James Reece series. His novels are filled with action, intrigue, spies, and worldwide locations. Highly recommended!

Doreen has been sleuthing with author Ann Cleaves while reading *"The Dark Wives"*. In the north of England, DI Vera Stanhope and her team labor to uncover the connection between a teen missing from a children’s care

home and a pair of murders. Number 11 in the Vera Stanhope series does not disappoint!

If you’re a nonfiction fan, check out *"Secrets of the Octopus"* by Sy Montgomery, says Janet. Besides being a fascinating look at a very intelligent (and alien) creature, the accompanying photos by *National Geographic* photographers are absolutely stunning. For a hilarious, fast-paced, and enlightening view of how smart these creatures are, watch Crunch Labs’ YouTube video *"Octopus vs. Maze"*.

Lesley recommends *"The Message"* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Coates, in his usual brave manner, confronts his own assumptions in three bold essays that challenge his readers to confront reality despite the stories we tell ourselves.

And Mindy has been enjoying Emily *"Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries"* by Heather Fawcett, in which a cur-mudgeonly professor journeys to the far north to study faerie folklore and discovers dark fae magic, friendship, and love in the start of a heartwarming new fantasy series.

Stop by the library for more great reading recommendations!

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Emergency Agencies B-Ball Game – Fundraiser

The emergency responders of Custer County will hold a fundraiser basketball game on **Saturday, December 7, 2024, at 1 p.m** in the East Gym of the Custer County School. The basketball game will be the emergency agencies facing each other in a fun community entertainment event to raise donation funds to assist the Fernandez family in their time of need after losing Andrew Fernandez in a tragic car accident. Mr. Fernandez was an outstanding Paramedic in Custer County and dedicated his life to helping others. This event will be free to the community and donations will be welcome. All the emergency agencies hope to see the community come together and enjoy some entertainment.

Events

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December 5, 2 to 5 p.m. & December 6-7, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair** to benefit the West Custer County Library, At Hope Lutheran Lange Hall, 312 South 3rd Street Westcliffe.

Friday, December 6, 6 p.m.
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December 7, 4:30 p.m.
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Local Mountain News & Notices

New School Board Director Appointed

by Sentinel Staff

Custer County School District 1 filled the open school board director position following interviews on Monday, November 18th.

The new director, Cameron Fore, will serve out the term held by Jordan Benson. Cameron is an Information systems careerist and has served on other boards before moving to Westcliffe with his family several years ago. Cameron is also a volunteer member of the Custer County Sheriff's Posse.

Current board members are Reggie Foster - President, Brad Davis - Vice President, Jennifer Kreigh - Secretary/Treasurer, Linda Brown -Director and Cameron Fore - Director.

Three out of five serving members on the board were selected by the board as replacements for individuals who have resigned for various unrelated reasons over the last year.

Welcome aboard, Cameron! Thank you for your willingness to serve.

KIDS

November 22, 2024

Railroads Create Time Zones

On November 18, 1883, at exactly noon, American and Canadian railroads begin using four continental time zones to end the confusion of dealing with thousands of local times. I always wondered when and how the time zones were started.



So, how did they tell time in the 1800s? The United States did not have a time standard. Each town would set their time according to the sun, they would set their clocks for noon when the sun was right overhead. Therein lies the problem. Each town would be a few minutes off depending on where they were situated. As long as people didn't leave town it didn't matter. But for those who traveled long distances it created quite a problem. Such was the problem for the railroads. The railroads needed reliable timetables. Since railroads allowed faster travel sometimes people would arrive at their destination before they left. "Fifty-six standards of time are now employed by the various railroads of the country in preparing their schedules of running times," reported the front page of the *New York Times* on April 19, 1883.

In the early 1870s, several professors suggested standard time zones. It was suggested that there be two time zones. One set at noon in Washington, D.C. and one in New Orleans. This did not really help the Western part of the United States. Eventually it evolved into four "time belts" set to straddle the 75th, 90th, 105th, and 115th meridians. In the spring of 1883, the leaders of the nation's railroads sent representatives to a meeting of what was called General Railroad Time Convention. On April 11, 1883, in St. Louis, Missouri, railroad officials agreed to create five time zones in North America: Provincial, Eastern, Central, Mountain and Pacific. On October 11, 1883, the General Railroad Time Convention met again in Chicago. There it was formally decided that the new standard of time would take effect on Sunday, November 18, 1883.

Newspapers published numerous articles explaining to the public how the process would work. Jewelers in many towns offered to set watches to the new time standard. There were a few glitches. In Louisville, Kentucky, banks adapted to the time changes, but other businesses did not, causing confusion. By the 1890s standard time and time zones were accepted as ordinary.

Today, we struggle with daylight savings time. Hopefully soon they will solve this problem also.

by Audrey Slater. Sources: <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/railroads-create-the-first-time-zones>, <https://www.thoughtco.com/why-we-have-time-zones-1773953>, <https://www.history.com/news/when-did-the-united-states-start-using-time-zones>, <https://www.bts.gov/explore-topics-and-geography/geography/geospatial-portal/history-time-zones-and-daylight-saving>, Photo Credit: <https://www.bts.gov/explore-topics-and-geography/geography/geospatial-portal/history-time-zones-and-daylight-saving>

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According to Napoleon Hill, "Great achievement is usually born of great sacrifice and is never the result of selfishness." We have seen that great achievement in the recent election, and we all know that great sacrifice was made by America's warrior who now belongs to the pages of history as one truly unforgettable American hero. Even those who may still despise him know deep in their hearts that the measure of this man's love for his country is to love it without measure as he gave of himself totally to those who humiliated him, attacked him viciously with outrageous lies, slurs and insults, denied him his God given rights, threatened him with imprisonment and even shot and injured him. Yes, he literally bled for his country and continues to be under threat of violence. Yet he proceeds as he did in his first term when he served the country for four years and did not even collect a salary for all his successful work at the time when, because of him,

there were no wars of any consequence, the only global threat at that time was due to radical terrorists who were put down in record time.

The U.S. economy was strong because we were energy independent, tariffs were in place to protect our manufacturers and supply chains, the border was more secure and communities throughout the country were at peace, crime was down and the country functioned like a normal democracy as it should, as it was meant to be. With America in its right place of leadership, the world benefitted as well and Uncle Sam was given the due respect it deserved. This man, Donald J. Trump, after all his sacrifices and his demonstration of great love for his country and its people, deserves his success and because of it the American nation will be the beneficiaries of his VICTORY....TRUMP WON! GOD BLESS AMERICA, LAND OF THE FREE, HOME OF THE BRAVE and home of a PRESIDENT who fights for his country!

"You see Piglet, once the Gangsters have killed & robbed their way to power and have kept control for long enough, they then become the 'Establishment' and give themselves titles."



High Mountain Hay Fever Children's Health Fund Committee Announces 2025 Grant Cycle

Press Release

The HMHF Children's Health Fund awards funding to local agencies and nonprofits on a yearly basis for programs addressing physical and mental, social, recreational, and educational health needs of the children and youth of Custer County.

The Children's Fund administers a local grant funding process that will begin January 1, 2025. Two informational meetings have been scheduled at the Library Community Room: December 3rd at 5:30 p.m. and January 7th at 5:30 p.m. A brief overview of the Fund and grant process

will be given, with time for questions from the community.

Grant applications are available at wmvcf.org under the Funds column. Application submissions will be accepted from January 1, 2025 – February 15, 2025. Attendance at the informational meetings is highly recommended by both the Children's Health Fund Committee and the Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation.

For questions or further information, contact Kathy Taylor; ktaylorpt@hotmail.com or 719-783-0757.

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reviewed some policy proposals. Canda asked her about the old audit findings that have not been fixed. She responded that some of the work she is doing is related to them. Epp chimed in and said Hemann can put a document together listing all the old audit issues and their status. .

Accounts Payable for September was next. The Commissions approved the \$274k amount.

Next on the hot seat was Custer County Sheriff Rich Smith's proposed Ordinance 24-01 which will allow him to purchase a portable license reading, vehicle speed detection machine that will automatically generate speeding tickets that would be mailed to the speedsters. Smith says he needs this in certain, designated places due to manpower restrictions and the difficulty in stopping speeders in those locations. It passed. (See the Sheriff's Office's Press Release on the new unit in this issue.)

Resolution 24-20, moving \$202k from the General Fund to the Self Insurance Fund. It appears the \$202k somehow magically appeared from the State of Colorado due to the overpayment of taxes.

Sheriff Smith was then up again for the ok to sign a contract with a firm that gives "behavior services" to people who are going to jail or got out of jail (like alcohol counseling). It costs \$10k a year and the Commissioners gave the green light for it.

Vernon Roth, our county Information and Technology Director, came to the Board with four separate county department policies. *(Vernon volunteered many months ago to help with the Finance Department disasters and saved the day. He has put in hundreds of hours of work on fixing the accounting system issues and other Finance problems. Without Vernon, we would have been out of business. You see this man, buy him a drink.)*

Vernon said the county departments need policies to make things work and there weren't too many of them or they were outdated. He said he had four policies for the BOCC to approve with more to come. The four proposed are:

1. Policy for acceptance of cash and monetary donations.
2. A policy for the Finance Department Scheduling/Timeline items that must be done during the year.
3. A policy for the budget process.
4. A policy for the Fund Balances and Reconciliation Process.

Vernon briefly reviewed the major items in the policies. He said this was a first step in creating a "County Policy Handbook". *(Which should have been done years ago.)* The Commissioners approved all the policies.

And that was it. Another day in Happy Valley.

New Speed Enforcement Ordinance in Custer County

How it Works

Press Release
Custer County Sheriff's Office

—October 16, 2024

Last week the Custer County Commissioners passed County Ordinance 24-01 regarding Automated Vehicle Identification Systems (AVI). This is based on a Colorado State Statute 42-4-110.5 (2).

The Sheriff's Office plans on implementing this ordinance using a handheld LIDAR (light detection and ranging camera). A deputy can use the handheld camera to measure the speed of a vehicle. If the vehicle is speeding, the deputy can issue a traffic ticket. A traffic ticket for speeding 10-19 mph over the limit is \$184.50 and 4 points on your driver's license. A traffic ticket for speeding 20-24 mph over the limit is \$265.50 and 6 points on your driver's license. Most insurance companies will also increase your premium based on a traffic ticket conviction.

However, the deputy can also now use the handheld LIDAR camera in AVI mode. In AVI mode the LIDAR will measure the speed of the violator and record a photo of the license plate. Our LIDAR vendor will electronically receive these images. The LIDAR vendor will mail a ticket to the registered owner of the vehicle. The deputy doesn't actually stop the vehicle on the side of the road. The price of the mail in ticket is \$40 or \$80 in a school zone. There are no points for the mail in ticket and your insurance company is not notified. A person who received a mail in ticket in error can dispute the ticket in a phone hearing.

The State Statute and the County Ordinance require us to use the system for 30 days in warning mode only. We will start this warning period today 11/18/2024.

The areas, called corridors, that we plan to use the LIDAR on are based on 3 years of car crash data as well as citizen complaints. You will see signs going up on Copper Gulch Road, Oak Creek Grade, and Rosita Rd. You will also see signs in the School Zone. The highway enforcement will be on Highway 69 south of Westcliffe especially in the area just north of the airport. This is one of the most crash prone areas. Several of the serious crashes involved semi trucks, and there isn't a good shoulder that's big enough for semi trucks to stop for traffic tickets. We will also have an enforcement area north of Westcliffe on Highway 69, along Highway 96, and finally on Highway 165.

The funds raised by these tickets will NOT go to the Sheriff's Office or positively or negatively impact our budget. The funds will go to the County general fund. Sheriff Smith asked the commissioners to use the funds collected to fund county road safety improvements in Custer County. The vendor charges for processing the recorded video, identifying the owner of the vehicle and printing and mailing fees. Other agencies using the system have noticed that the number of vehicles speeding decrease in the first thirty days. Out-of-county visitors will be encouraged to drive safely by simply seeing the signs, even when a deputy is not working with the camera in that area.





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Tuesday, January 7th @ 5:30 pm

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<https://www.wmvcf.org/funds/childrens-health-fund/>



The High Mountain Hay Fever Children's Health Fund, established in 2015, is designated for children's programs addressing physical and mental health, as well as social, recreational, and educational health needs of the children and youth of Custer County.



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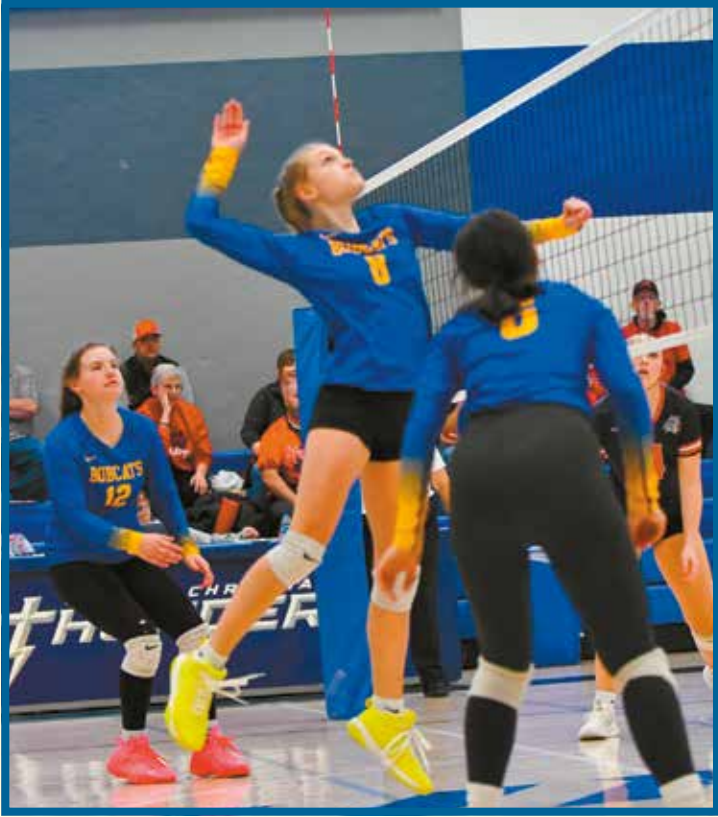
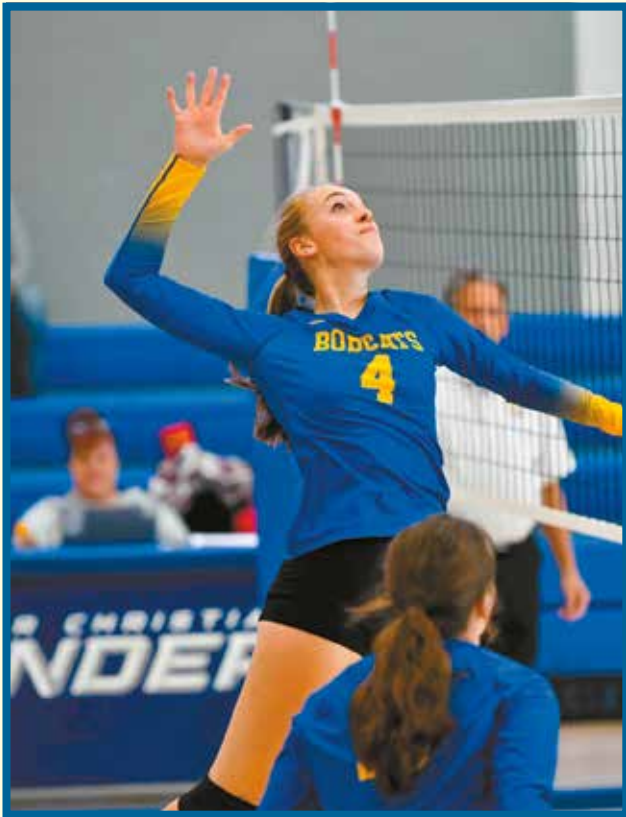
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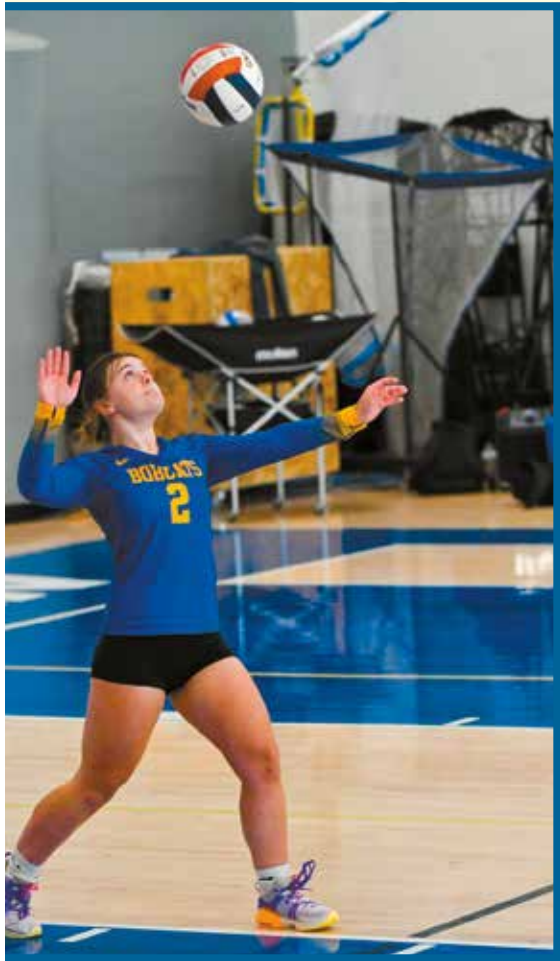
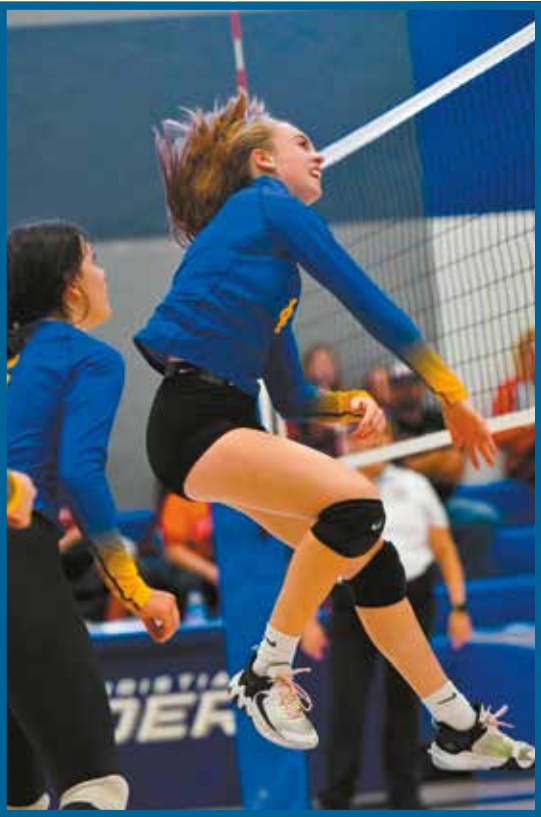
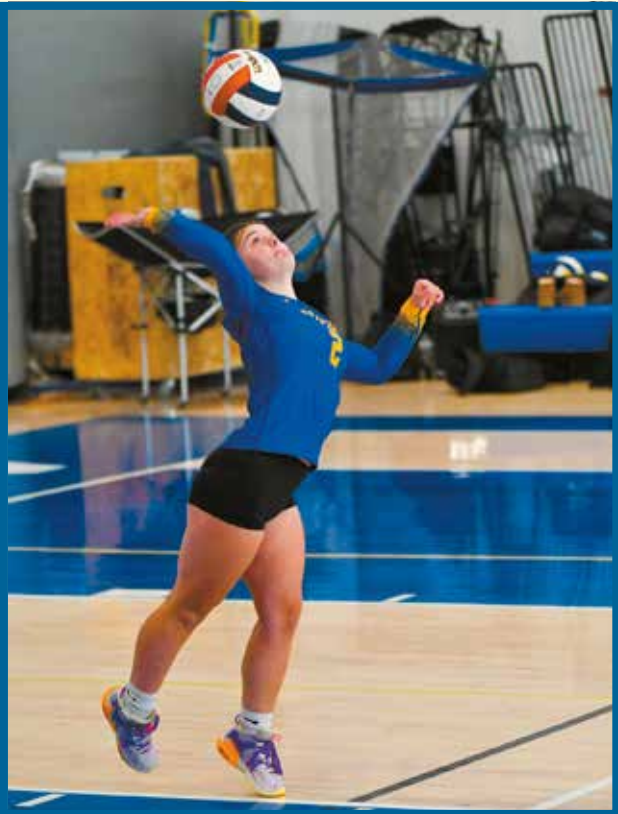
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Christmas Benefit Concert for Lighthouse Pregnancy Center December 6th

Press Release:

Hillside Events is excited to announce a special Christmas concert benefiting the Lighthouse Pregnancy and Family Resources Center on Friday, December 6, 6 p.m. at the historic Hillside Hall in beautiful Hillside, CO, featuring the Valley's own Sons & Brothers!

The Lighthouse Pregnancy Center exists to help families through material, emotional and spiritual support. They uphold the value of life from conception on and they strive to serve our community with love, humility and wisdom as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. The pregnancy center is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and relies on donations from the community to continue the essential work they do in providing support for women, children and men in Custer County. Examples of the services Lighthouse

Pregnancy Center provides include pregnancy testing, on-site ultrasounds, baby food, clothing, diapers, accessories/equipment, scholarships for high school students and many more. The center also plans to bring nurses services and new programs/groups for parents and families very soon! Pregnancy centers like the Lighthouse are an indispensable asset to communities all over the country and we hope you join us in supporting their amazing work!

Sons & Brothers are Mike, Aaron, and Joe Wolking, along with Rob Paulin on drums and guitar. The boys have been delighting audiences with their unique blend of American musical styles for more than 25 years. Now the band is focusing on bringing the Gospel message to people through music and stories. In addition to the Sons & Brothers, the 2024 Christmas concert will also



feature special guests, so don't miss out on the musical magic that is sure to ensue!

Drinks and light refreshments will be provided. Admission is free; however, due to very limited seating, tickets are required for entry. We strongly recommend

reserving your tickets in advance. To request tickets, please call 719-207-3289, 719-371-7711, or email lighthousehelp1@gmail.com. You can also visit www.townofhillside.com or www.sonsandbrothers.com for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!

Local GOP Encouraged by More Colorado State Wins

Facebook Post:

Custer County GOP Group
Lisa Frank

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(Vote For 1)

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DEM	Steph Vigil	20,633
		41,273

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REP	Dan Woog	28,417
DEM	Jillaire McMillan	28,294
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Feds Indict Mobolade Supporters for Bogus KKK Hate Crime Plotted To Help Him Win Election

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

Supporters of Colorado Springs Mayor Yemi Mobolade staged a cross-burning hate crime during the election runoff last year to help the Nigerian native win and then planned to collect political favors for their KKK plot, an indictment reveals.

The three perpetrators of the hate crime hoax were indicted by a federal grand jury for staging a burning cross in front of a campaign sign defaced with a racial slur, the U.S. Attorney's office announced this week.



Screenshot

Afterwards, they spread disinformation about the fake threat to the media in the hopes of casting Mobolade's white opponent, former Secretary of State Wayne Williams, as a racist.

From CBS News Colorado: *"The goal, according to the indictment, was to spread disinformation that there was a vile group of racists who were strongly opposed to the Black mayor candidate and they were trying to intimidate him."*

Law enforcement says the instigator of the fraud was Derrick Bernard Jr., a black man who communicated with Mobolade that a plot was in place to help him win:

"I know it's crunch time sir but look . . . I spoke with some of my friends in other places and theirs [sic] a plot amidst . . . I'm mobilizing my squadron in defense and for the final push. Black ops style big brother. The klan cannot be allowed to run this city again."

At around 7:30 p.m. the evening before they staged the hate

crime, Bernard texted Mobolade "I guarantee the finish."

After the election, Bernard wrote in a text to the mayor, "we got you through it all brother."

Hinting at payback, Bernard added: "Another time though, we'll handle business."

The indictment says Bernard also spoke with Mobolade on the phone for five minutes about three days after the election.

The *Denver Post* has the statement from Williams:

This event illustrates how far some will go to spread election disinformation," Williams said. "Too often, such actions are used as a pretext for violence. Hopefully, this indictment will deter others and help set us on a course toward returning to civil discourse."

The *Post* goes on to report:

On the day Mobolade won the election, Bernard texted Blackcloud and encouraged her to apply for jobs with the city of Colorado Springs, saying, "I

want favors quicker than later," the indictment alleges.

In his statement to the media, the mayor says he interacted with Bernard as a local media personality.

There appears to be zero curiosity among the local media as to how Bernard would claim political favors without revealing to Mobolade what he had done for the campaign to help him win.

With all the teasing beforehand in text messages as to what he was up to, surely Bernard bragged about his deed to the mayor afterwards? And the mayor never bothered to ask him what he was talking about?

We are skeptical.

Also charged in the fake crime are Ashely Blackcloud, who along with Bernard is in custody. The third suspect Deanna West is still a fugitive.

Bernard was already in jail, having been convicted on November 7th for first degree murder and is serving a life sentence.

All three were associated with a nonprofit called Family Flavors the Slide WBN that claims to be a broadcasting network and multimedia company. It appears to be a podcast with social media pages.

Here's Mobolade's full statement:

"That incident during my campaign led to a very traumatic time for my family, my campaign team, and our community. My knowledge and interaction with Bernard was as a local media personality, and I was not aware at the time that he was suspected of this crime. I appreciate local and federal law enforcement's work in pursuing justice and sending a message that we will not tolerate such reprehensible behavior."

The crime occurred on April 23, 2023. The indictment was announced November 12th.

Please see: <https://coloradopeakpolitics.com/2024/11/14/feds-indict-mobolade-supporters-for-bogus-kkk-hate-crime-to-help-him-win-election/>

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Griswold Aide Admits They Tried to Keep Password Leak a Secret from Election Clerks

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

A leaked recording reveals the deputy secretary of state telling election clerks they didn't plan to inform them of the online password security breach because it would cause a media frenzy of bad publicity.

We're not sure which is more shocking. That Jena Griswold's deputy actually admitted it, or that Kyle Clark of 9News has the recording and is reporting it.

Kyle Clark
@KyleClark

NEW: An audio recording reveals Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold (D) and her team didn't tell county clerks that her office had inadvertently leaked voting machine passwords because they feared a

media frenzy. "It's b****s**t," a Democratic clerk replied. #copolitics



Watch on X
9:49 PM · Nov 14, 2024

Griswold and her team kept that secret for five days before the state Republican Party blew the whistle that hundreds of passwords needed to access voting equipment once inside county election offices had been leaked online.

The recording of Griswold's deputy state secretary, Chris Beall, telling clerks about the security breach reveals the complete lack of transparency and profession-

alism in how Griswold's office dealt with the crisis.

When Beall told Democrat Adams County Clerk Josh Zygielbaum he appreciated how upset he was, the clerk responded for all Coloradans when he quipped: "I'm not upset Chris, I'm pi****d off!"

"And it's really hard not answering media questions the way I actually want to," Zygielbaum added.

The passwords were only changed after the security breach was made public and Griswold was forced to respond.

Adding insult to injury, she now insists there was never any danger because passwords were changed, and because passwords could only be used once access was gained to the county clerks' offices, which she had no intention of informing.

Clark reports the conversation between Beall and county clerks statewide occurred after Griswold had already talked to the media first.

Beall told the clerks: "Okay, I will tell you all I can do is be as transparent as I possibly can. We were not going to tell counties because we could not tell counties without it becoming the media storm it has become."

Zygielbaum: "That's b****s**t Chris."

Just FYI, that is the complete and total opposite of transparency — keeping secrets, and then when forced to confess, claim transparency.

Meanwhile, Polis says he is content to let Griswold conduct her own "outside investigation" of what went wrong, with a backup investigation by the Democrat

Party's favorite District Attorney, Beth McCann.

When asked by *Colorado Public Radio* if he had confidence in Griswold, Polis responded:

"Do I think that somehow Jena Griswold went in and posted passwords? No, of course I don't believe that. I don't think anybody's alleged that."

In other words, there will be no outside investigation of what the H*** is going on under Griswold's rule, because transparency.

The Colorado GOP now says it posted the audio yesterday on its website, and it's even more shocking than what Clark reported.

Please see: <https://colorado-peakpolitics.com/2024/11/15/griswolds-aide-admits-they-tried-keep-password-leak-a-secret-from-election-clerks/>



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Colorado State News

Ranchers Lean on CPW for Delay On More Gray Wolf Releases

by Derek Draplin,
The Center Square contributor

(The Center Square) – A group representing Western Slope ranchers this week continued its efforts to get Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) to delay more wolf introductions and presented a citizens petition to require a new rule for management.

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission did not take any action on the petition, brought by the Middle Park Stockgrowers Association and other groups, due to procedural requirements.

Middle Park Stockgrowers Association President Tim Ritschard presented the petition at Thursday's commission meeting, citing ongoing wolf depredations.

Colorado reintroduced 10 wolves



One of five gray wolves released on Monday, Dec. 18, 2023, in Grand County, Colorado.

Image courtesy of Colorado Parks and Wildlife

into the state last December, as required by law after Colorado voters narrowly passed Proposition 114 in 2020.

"The commission has the authority to delay further introductions. You were not required to introduce wolves at a certain pace, you

were only required to introduce wolves by December 31st 2023," Ritschard told the commission. "You have done that. Now your mandate is to adaptively manage wolves. This means that you should be willing to change your approach to address issues as they arise."

There have been 24 depredations in three counties since reintroduction, Ritschard noted.

CPW is considering locations for new wolf releases in Eagle, Pitkin, or Garfield counties. Rio Blanco County was removed from consideration due to a lack of release sites and proximity to livestock, CPW officials said in the meeting. The state it plans on sourcing from British Columbia.

According to Ritschard, CPW should hold off on the next wolf introduction until it has established a range riding program, carcass management program, and has conducted site vulnerability assessments. The citizen's petition would require each as part of the rule change.

The petition is also backed by the Colorado Farm Bureau, the

Colorado Cattlemen's Association, and several other livestock groups across the state.

The petition cannot be an action item on the commission's agenda until CPW makes a formal recommendation, according to CPW officials. CPW is still in the review process and did not give a timeline for when it would have a recommendation.

CPW Director Jeff Davis told the commissioners that the agency typically works with the attorney general's office to review citizen petitions, then makes a recommendation to the commission, which would then review the recommendation.

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County, Garfield County, Eagle County, and Pitkin County.

"As we move forward with the Colorado Wolf Restoration and Management Plan, which is mandated by law, we are committed to having conversations with local elected officials and communities near possible release areas," CPW Director Jeff Davis said in a news release from the department.

The program, which takes gray wolves from states west of Colorado and drops them into state-owned land, has been criticized by the state's ranchers and others concerned with the ballooning cost.

Voters narrowly approved the ballot measure in 2020, with much of the support coming from counties that wouldn't be subject to reintroductions. Proposition 114 passed by a 51-49% margin.

The initial cost of the ballot mea-

sure turned out to be a significant underestimation, with a price tag of \$5 million to date far surpassing the \$800,000 estimation given to voters, according to Colorado Counties Inc.

Three of the reintroduced wolves died, and six others had to be re-captured due to attacks on livestock. Many are calling for a pause on the project. All but one county's officials signed a letter asking CDW to pause the program.

"Such a delay would uphold CPW's mandate to continue wolf reintroduction efforts while providing adequate time to ensure future efforts do not create disproportionate harm," the officials wrote in October.

As CPW announced in August, it will release wolves into the northern release zone. The state plans to release the wolves onto state-owned land with appropriate landscapes to support them while acknowledging that these animals won't stay in one spot once released.

The range that wolves will travel has led to cattle ranchers fending off packs from their herds.

"I am extremely concerned about more wolves being brought into Colorado and what that will do to my family's ranching operation," said rancher Caitlyn Taussig. "Wolf introduction has not gone well, and no one is currently benefiting from it, including us ranchers, our livestock, and even the wolves themselves."

Taussig said the program has caused problems since the reintroduction vote narrowly passed in 2020.

"Challenges have arisen no one has foreseen and there are no good answers. We need more tools before more wolves arrive. I really hope the commission listens tomorrow and understands how important this is for us," she said.

During the December 2023 wolf releases, CPW saw that many wolves made substantial movements in the months after their

release, as expected. The state will not make final release cite decisions until the operation is underway.

Some variables that will impact those decisions include weather, animal welfare, staff safety, and day-of-operation logistics, among other things.

"The stakes at tomorrow's hearing couldn't be higher. We're in the final hour and can't afford to fail," said Tim Ritschard, Rancher in Colorado and President of Middle Park Stockgrowers. "CPW has an opportunity to do the right thing for ranchers, our livestock, and millions of Coloradans who benefit from our state's agricultural economy. Permitting the next batch of wolves to arrive as currently scheduled, before we're fully prepared with all the resources we need, would be a grave mistake. As long as ranchers' voices are honestly heard, I am confident that our request for a delay will succeed."

As last week's meeting concluded, the county commissioners had

the chance to ask CPW questions and to share feedback from their respective communities.

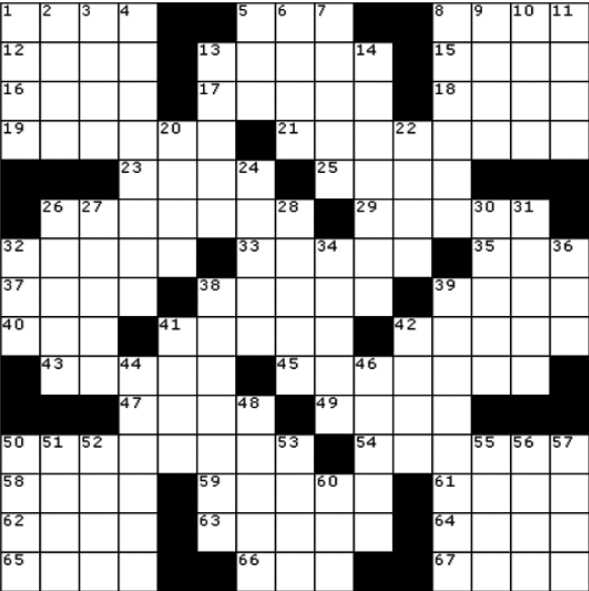
"We recognize that this is a challenging situation, and all involved are listening to their constituents," Davis said in the release. "We wanted to create an opportunity for officials to have their questions answered and to understand how we can assist our local partners in informing their communities."

CPW plans to have training sessions in Eagle and Gunnison counties in December.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) manages 43 state parks and over 350 wildlife areas covering about 900,000 acres. It also manages "fishing and hunting, wildlife watching, camping, motorized and non-motorized trails, boating and outdoor education," the release said.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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- 5 Clairvoyance
- 8 Froth
- 12 ___ your neighbor
- 13 Use a divining rod
- 15 ___ mater
- 16 Prissy
- 17 Jacob's father
- 18 Stare
- 19 Internal organ
- 21 A life of excess
- 23 Reverent
- 25 Labyrinth
- 26 unbranded
- 29 Dashes
- 32 Protective covering
- 33 Gas
- 35 Extremely high frequency (abbr.)

- 37 River dam

- 38 Promising beginner
- 39 Ill ___
- 40 Conger
- 41 Change
- 42 Craze
- 43 Japanese city
- 45 Rational
- 47 Decays
- 49 Star ___
- 50 Angel like
- 54 Burning
- 58 First son of Adam and Eve
- 59 Nail filing board
- 61 Thought
- 62 Acting (abbr.)
- 63 Fizzy drinks
- 64 Loch ___ monster
- 65 KJV pronoun
- 66 Mesh

- 67 Annoying insect

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- 2 Corporation (abbr.)
- 3 Wicked
- 4 Deportment
- 5 Goddess
- 6 Booty
- 7 Hymn of praise
- 8 Waver
- 9 Tub spread
- 10 Last word of a prayer
- 11 Wife of Joseph
- 13 Restaurant
- 14 Peru neighbor
- 20 Pitcher
- 22 Despot
- 24 A piece of turf
- 26 Biblical word for Gentile
- 27 Author Dickinson
- 28 Hard to pass through a needle?

- 30 cotta (clay)
 - 31 OT abode of the dead
 - 32 Veneration
 - 34 Ross ___, philanthropist
 - 36 Popular president's initials
 - 38 Attire
 - 39 ___ under pressure
 - 41 Above
 - 42 Territory held in fee
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Anger, Accountability and the Word of God

Celebrities, politicians, news media and many people in American society are having a serious meltdown after Donald Trump’s presidential win. They are boiling over with fear and anger and are telling those who voted for Trump they are racists, bigots, fascists and worse. Some are threatening to leave the country. Others are encouraging women to withhold sex if their men voted Trump. Still others are demanding that family members isolate themselves from loved ones who voted for Trump. Even many who call themselves Christians have distanced themselves from family members who voted for Trump. This is the result of over a decade of media bombardment fomenting hate toward anything Trump. What gives?

The 24/7 news and entertainment cycle filled with extreme leftist talking heads has become a superhighway for fomenting anger. Many have written and said they have family members who are ballistic over the election. Herein, we as followers of Christ have a responsibility to respond appropriately. Christ has called us to overcome evil with good; to be the light of the world. We cannot do this if we return anger for anger. These poor undiscerning people have allowed the voices of disinformation and hate to skew their understanding and comprehension of the world, even their own loved ones. Maybe they were fearful or angry to begin with over something that they perceived were injustices that occurred to them. The negativity has fed their fear and anger. It’s not an excuse for their behavior, but perhaps, an explanation.

The constant barrage of negativity, gaslighting and fear mongering they have repeatedly heard has provided them what they think is an appropriate vehicle to express their anger. Their personal insecurities and fear have led to anger, and in many cases, hate. Even though they are family members and close friends, they feel justified with a moral high ground to attack those who disagree with them. Reasoning with this type of mental condition can be frustrating and difficult. Over the years, their inner anger has been attached to the vehicle that has normalized feminism, sexual liberation, hedonism, homosexuality, abortion as women’s health and so on. They have been programmed to think and react to these stimuli, creating an angry victimization. This ideological subversion has robbed them of their common sense.

They have been convinced that the projected anger and danger they feel is real. To reverse this process, there must be a concerted effort to educate and explain the real danger. This cannot be done by returning hate for hate. Standing in love with the foundation of Christ is the answer. Christ is the only one who can resolve this inner personal fear turned anger that has been trained and aimed against those who disagree with them. Those who follow Christ must be intentional not to preach but to convince with the Word of God against this satanic deception. Demonstrate 1 John 4:18, “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.” It is a delicate balance between educating and holding accountability. It starts with our own inner circle.

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Mountain Miracle: One of Maryland’s Poorest Elementary Schools Excels Thanks to “Our Community”

by Tyler Durden, ZeroHedge.com

A remarkable education success story in Western Maryland plays out in the heart of Trump’s coal country—where “Trump Digs Coal” signs lined the roads during this past election cycle. It’s a heartwarming story of how **community, family, tradition-alism and conservative values come together** and foster the proper learning environment that allows children at **one of Maryland’s poorest elementary schools** to achieve **massive education outperformance** compared with hundreds of other schools in the state.

Investigative journalist *Chris Papst of Fox45 News’ Project Baltimore* visited Crellin Elementary School, Maryland’s westernmost school, just about a mile from West Virginia. It’s a **Title 1 school**, meaning it has a massive concentration of impoverished students. Of the more than 1,400 public schools in the entire state, 464 are considered Title 1.

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A public school w/ bee hives, an amphitheater built from coal, hemlock forest, apple orchard, greenhouse, vegetable garden, goats, sheep, chickens, wetlands & a trout stream.

It’s Maryland’s only high-poverty 5-Star school.

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One of one: How Maryland’s only five-star high-poverty school finds success

Every school has challenges in educating children, both inside and outside the classroom. But it’s how each school handles those challenges that sets them apart

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Of those 464 schools, **Crellin is the only one earning a five-star educational excellence rating** from the Maryland State Department of Education.

Even though the children come from some of the poorest households in the state and possibly the nation, the **educational miracle at Crellin is very simple: community.**

“We took the walls down to the school and **open it up to the community. So, the community is part of our school,**” Principal Dana McCauley told Papst.

Papst’s report continues:

Principal Dana McCauley knows her school, Crellin Elementary, in Garrett County is unique. She knows Crellin is Maryland’s westernmost school, just about a mile from West Virginia. She also knows it’s likely the only one in the state where elementary students walk chickens at recess.

“The kids have a stake in the school?” Asked Project Baltimore’s Chris Papst.

“Oh yes. Yeah. So, they’re responsible for there’s many chores that need done around here. Many chores,” explained McCauley.

“The kids do chores?” Replied Papst.

“They do chores. Yes,” replied McCauley. “There’s all the barn work that needs done. The stalls have to be cleaned, the animals need fed and watered every day. The eggs need collected.”

So, how does this translate to educational success? McCauley says the students feel like the school is “their place” and “they’re invested in it”.

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So, how did that happen? The story begins 23 years ago.

McCauley has been leading Crellin Elementary since 2001. Not just as its principal, but also as a teacher. And it was in that role that, 23 years ago, she made a life-changing discovery.

“I remember my first year here sitting in class watching some of the kids. And then going outside with them, going down to the stream and watching some of our squirreliest kids in the classroom thrive. I thought, there’s got to be something to this,” McCauley told Project Baltimore.

Soon after, McCauley learned Crellin sits on the polluted land of an abandoned coal mine where acid mine draining has colored the rocks orange. At first, to McCulley, that seemed like a big problem. But it was within the rocks that she had an idea.

“It’s good to not know what you don’t know. That makes sense? So, you’re not afraid of the obstacles because you’re not even aware of what they might be,” explained McCauley.

On a whim, McCauley gathered community support and petitioned Garrett County, which awarded the school ownership of a six-acre site of the mine to clean up. That was the moment Crellin’s unique story began.

“We took the walls down to the school and open it up to the community. So, the community is part of our school,” said McCauley.

Over the next few years, the students, staff, parents and neighbors worked to restore the land. Now, there’s thriving wetlands, a hemlock forest and trout stream, which is all made possible by a limestone retention pond the school built to naturally filter and clean the acid mine drainage.

Once the school had fully cleaned the six-acres, McCauley expanded her vision. Maryland does not have sanctioned agricultural programs for elementary schools. So, in 2013, McCauley started her own. Today, Crellin has an apple orchard, green-

house, vegetable garden and multiple barns with goats, sheep and – of course - chickens.

Parents, according to McCauley, built the hen house. And now it is maintained by the school community, which includes the students.

You see, where the students work is also where they learn. A classroom amphitheater is built from a giant pile of coal covered in dirt. Class is held in the greenhouse all winter long.

Crellin Elementary is a public school. But McCauley says no public education dollars were used for any of the school’s agricultural or coal mine reclamation projects. Over 23 years, McCauley has applied for dozens of local, state and federal agricultural and reclamation grants. She won most of them, collecting hundreds of thousands of dollars for the school and its many projects.

“It’s a lot of work,” McCauley told Project Baltimore.

Work that over two decades has culminated in Crellin’s five-star rating which makes this school one of one in Maryland.

“Is what you’re doing here. Could it be done at any school?” questioned Papst.

“I think it’d be different. Because this is unique to our community,” explained McCauley. “Because it’s not about the stream. It’s not about the stream. It’s about those who help make that all possible. That’s what it’s all about.”

The **education miracle in the mountains** of Maryland, at one of the state’s poorest elementary schools, shows that massive budgets aren’t necessary to improve test scores. Instead, community, family, tradition, hard work, and conservative values create an environment that money can’t always buy, uplifting these children spiritually and setting them up for success.

On the opposite side of the state, in the liberal hell-hole of Baltimore City, education budgets for the city are nearly \$2bln annually, yet test scores are some of the worst in the nation. Papst has led an investigation into a massive grade-switching scandal in the school system.

The **educational miracle** happening at Crellin should be examined by the folks on Trump’s transition team, some of whom will be lining the education department. Apparently, success can be achieved with local communities—not necessarily by throwing endless amounts of taxpayer funds at school systems hoping for test scores to rise.

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Trump Is Poised to Make MAGA the Country's Defining Political Movement

by Josh Hammer, *The Daily Signal*

When one considers Donald Trump’s Cabinet selections announced thus far, there are a few themes that emerge.

One discernible theme, which has been the subject of constant teeth-gnashing all week, is the unorthodox or perhaps outright surprising nature of some of the picks. Tulsi Gabbard, tapped as our next director of national intelligence, is not a career spy. Pete Hegseth, Trump’s inspired choice to be our next secretary of defense, is not a company man who steadily worked his way up through the Pentagon’s labyrinthine bureaucracy. Robert F. Kennedy Jr., tapped to lead the Department of Health and Human Services, is a famously iconoclastic figure. And if you had consummate “Florida man” Matt Gaetz on your bingo card as Trump’s pick for U.S. attorney general, then you’re quite a bit more prescient than I am.

But there is at least one other clearly discernible theme that emerges when one considers all those who Trump has picked to surround himself with: Many of these people are *young*.

Gabbard is 43. Hegseth 44. Gaetz is 42. Rep. Elise Stefanik, R-N.Y., Trump’s pick for ambassador to the United Nations, is 40. Lee Zeldin, Trump’s pick for Environmental Protection Agency administrator, is 44. Vivek Ramaswamy,

who will manage the newly announced Department of Government Efficiency alongside Elon Musk, is 39. Marco Rubio, Trump’s pick for secretary of state, isn’t exactly an old geezer at 53; ditto, his fellow Floridian Rep. Michael Waltz, Trump’s pick for national security adviser, who is 50. And lest we forget, Trump’s own running mate and soon-to-be vice president, JD Vance, just turned 40 a few months ago.

That is a *lot* of high-ranking young—or at least comparatively young—people. And there are still many top positions in the second Trump administration that remain unannounced, raising the distinct possibility of even more young blood getting tapped for powerful leadership positions.

What exactly is going on here?

Trump, it seems, is not merely interested this time around in draining the swamp once and for all. He will not be content with just finishing the unfinished work of truly making America great again. Rather, he has a greater goal in mind: He is trying to foster an intergenerational legacy and solidify MAGA as America’s dominant early-to-mid-21st-century political movement.

American history has often been defined by political movements that dominate not merely a singular eponymous presidency, but a broader epoch. There was the

protectionist “American System” of Henry Clay. There was Jacksonian populism. There was the era of the welfare state, epitomized by Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal and Lyndon Johnson’s Great Society. There was the laissez-faire “Washington consensus” of the late-20th-century Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton presidencies.

Now, Trump wants MAGA to be the defining political movement of our own era.

And why not? Trump has already secured the most racially, ethnically, and religiously diverse winning presidential coalition in modern Republican Party history. He has made historical inroads with Hispanic voters, black men, and voters under the age of 35—the very groups that formed the core of Barack Obama’s own twice-victorious presidential coalition.

He has managed to maintain an economic appeal to everyone from billionaire entrepreneurs like Musk to Sean O’Brien, the Teamsters president who gave a prime-time speech at this summer’s Republican National Convention. There are already numerous high-profile former Democrats, such as Gabbard and RFK Jr., who have been tapped for Cabinet-level posts.

Obama’s one-time “coalition of the ascendant” has, in fact, descended. It has crashed and burned, and the modern Democratic Party is nothing less than

vanquished. And what has risen in its stead? That would be the movement that delivered Republicans their first national popular vote win in two decades: MAGA.

The more pressing question is: What exactly will MAGA actually *be* in the years—and decades—ahead?

Above all, MAGA means nothing more than pragmatism—good old-fashioned common sense. It means an immigration policy that prioritizes cultural preservation and wage earners’ bank accounts—not corporate fat cats. It means a trade policy that prioritizes rejuvenating American manufacturing and reshoring—or at least “ally-shoring”—critical supply chains.

It means a greater push toward reforming America’s sclerotic labor system, perhaps even abandoning it outright for European-style sectoral bargaining. It means a foreign policy laser-focused on soberly securing America’s national interest—not romanticizing democracy promotion or the pursuit of liberal universalism.

Call it the commonsense coalition. But whatever you want to call MAGA, it’s young. It’s a generational, legacy-defining play for Trump, and it’s here to stay. And that is a very good thing for the future of these once-and-future-great United States.

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Study Confirms the Truth about Masks and Children

by Ian Miller,
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It’s late 2024, and masking has managed to remain a contentious issue. Years of misinformation from supposed “experts” like Anthony Fauci and Deborah Birx and organizations like the CDC have convinced millions of Very Smart People to believe that masks are an effective tool to reduce the transmission of respiratory viruses. This applies also to the flu, despite those same experts and organizations somehow neglecting to recommend masks for the decades of flu seasons pre-2020.

Forcing anyone to mask, given the substantial and robust evidence base showing conclusively that masks don’t work, was an indefensible policy decision. But specifically forcing children to mask was decidedly much, much worse.

And not just because it was a pointless exercise in pandemic theater, with zero evidence of efficacy.

But because it was actively causing harm too, as a new study shows.

New Study Confirms Harms of Masking Children

A new study co-authored by Tracy Beth Høeg delves into the side effects of masking, a subject completely ignored by experts and politicians desperate to exert control over individual behavior.

And in their discussion, it’s immediately obvious why their research and conclusions will

be completely ignored by the mainstream media.

“There is a lack of robust evidence of benefit from masking children to reduce transmission of SARS-CoV-2 or other respiratory viruses,” they explain. Couldn’t have said it better myself.

“The highest quality evidence available for masking children for COVID-19 or other viral respiratory infections has failed to find a beneficial impact against transmission. Mechanistic studies showing reduced viral transmission from use of face masks and respirators have not translated to real world effectiveness. Identified harms of masking include negative effects on communication and components of speech and language, ability to learn and comprehend, emotional and trust development, physical discomfort, and reduction in time and intensity of exercise.”

It’s a masterpiece. No notes.

As the Cochrane Library review explained, as the data shows, as decades of accumulated evidence confirmed: Masks Don’t Work. For anyone, but especially for children, who could not wear or use masks properly, even if they were shown to have worked. Which they did not.

Experts demanded and politicians mandated that they wear them anyway, based on speculation, hope, and mechanistic studies that were conclusively disproven. And the harms were remarkable.

“Negative effects on communication and components of speech and language.” “Ability to learn

and comprehend.” “Emotional and trust development, physical discomfort, and reduction in time and intensity of exercise.”

Just, you know, the basic building blocks of human development that children need to grow as well-adjusted, physically and mentally healthy teenagers and adults.

As Høeg and the other authors explain, this necessarily means that forcing children to mask fails any objective standard of harms and benefits.

“Effectiveness of child masking has not been demonstrated, while documented harms of masking in children are diverse and non-negligible and should prompt careful reflection. Recommendations for masking children fail basic harm-benefit analyses.”

Their next section is a complete dismantling of the CDC and the U.S. public health bureaucracy, how they handled Covid, and how poor an example this sets for future pandemics.

“In many locations in North America, children as young as two years of age were required to wear face masks daily for multiple consecutive hours, both indoors and outdoors, in school and childcare settings [1], [2]. This stood in stark contrast to European countries where masking was never recommended for children under the age of six and, in many countries, never under age twelve [3]. The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)’s child masking recommendations deviated substantially from inter-

national guidelines [3], [4], [5]. The CDC continues to recommend masks for children down to age two in certain settings [1], [6], and this is in the absence of strategies for exiting these restrictions. In the event of a future public health threat, clear and consistent communication from public health officials about the criteria that will be used to withdraw temporary public health recommendations while data are gathered could serve to ease public anxiety, lessen distrust, and facilitate a return to a more normal life wherein ineffective recommendations are promptly discarded.”

It’s a calm, thorough demolition of the incompetence and authoritarianism of the U.S. public health establishment.

They repeat that there is no evidence to support masking children and explain that there is no real-world evidence showing the effectiveness of child mask mandates, with zero randomized controlled trials conducted to determine whether masking kids would prevent the spread of Covid. It’s inexcusable to mandate a policy with no evidence, but even worse considering the demonstrable harms.

“Speech, language, and learning: Humans rely on visual information provided by a speaker’s face to decode speech. Seeing mouth movements and facial gestures accelerates recognition of words and enhances speech comprehension [12], [19], [20], [21]. The integration of audio and facial information is crucial to speech perception and development. Visually impaired children

often have delays in speech and language development [22], which may be due, at least in part, to reduced ability to perceive,” they write.

Masks prevent children from learning, from seeing mouth movements to facial gestures. They fundamentally detract from a child’s ability to develop speech and language. Among many other problems covered in the full study.

These harms were well-known before Covid. This isn’t new information, and it’s obvious common sense. So why did public health authorities ignore it, in favor of promoting evidence-free policies and mandates?

There are few reasonable explanations: panic, fear, or incompetence. Likely some combination of all three.

Forcing their absurd, fatalistic, hyper-safetyism on adults was and is one thing. Imposing it on children is another. And their refusal to admit they were wrong meant the growth and development of kids were most certainly harmed and stunted for years, while ensuring that there would be terrified, misinformed parents who would continue to force their kids to wear masks indefinitely.

When you consider those consequences, rationality fades, and a disturbing likelihood of malicious intent becomes a lot more realistic.

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

Magpul FDP-9 Update: The Folding PCC Is Finally Here!

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The Magpul FMG-9 concept first hit the scene in 2008 as a wild, futuristic idea: a folding, compact firearm that could transition from a “box” to a ready-to-fire personal defense weapon (PDW) in seconds. It wasn’t meant for production back then; it was just a cool concept to show off the potential for a discreet PDW. Fast forward to today, and Magpul has teamed up with Zev Technologies to bring the concept to life in the form of the Zev/Magpul FDP-9 and FDC-9. Let’s break down what makes this “Transformer” gun so intriguing for today’s gun owners.

What’s Under the Hood?

At the core of the Magpul FDP-9 and FDC-9 lies Zev’s OZ9 steel frame, originally found in their OZ9 pistols. Zev modified the frame, added a manual safety, and made some subtle changes to make the folding mechanism possible. The folding trigger and manual safety were necessary to make the FMG-9 concept a reality while keeping it safe and practical to use.

Deployment and Ease of Use

One of the highlights of the FDC-9 is its folding mechanism. With practice, deployment becomes quick and intuitive. The charging handle is ambidextrous, small but tough, and adds to the weapon’s sleek design. One quick pull and the gun snaps into action, ready to



Zev and Magpul are developing the Folding Defensive Pistol (FDP-9) and the Folding Defensive Carbine (FDC-9).

fire. The deployment takes a bit of practice to master, but the action is smooth once you get used to it. You’ll have your hand right where it needs to be, making it ideal for rapid deployment situations where every second counts.

Safety and Design

Because there’s no trigger safety, a manual safety is required. The safety is positioned to reduce snag points, though you may need to break your grip slightly to engage or disengage it. This isn’t unusual for longer firearms and doesn’t take away from the usability. Zev and Magpul made sure the safety is reliable yet unobtrusive—perfect for anyone who needs fast access without risking accidental discharge.

Performance at the Range

This isn’t just a close-range weapon; it has some reach, too.

The FDP-9’s 7-inch barrel can handle longer shots comfortably, allowing shooters to hit steel targets out to 200 yards. For most users, it will be a close-quarters tool, but its accuracy at range is a nice bonus. Whether you’re running irons or a red dot, the FDP-9 is versatile and ready for almost anything.

Who’s the FDP-9 For?

This firearm could appeal to various users. Executive protection teams and law enforcement are likely prime candidates due to the gun’s discrete nature and rapid deployability. The average person looking for a discreet, reliable PDW that can easily be stashed in a backpack or bag will also find it practical. It offers security without the need to “open carry” or broadcast that you’re armed, perfect for those who prefer discretion.

Despite the folding design, this isn’t just a gadget. The FDP-9 is a legitimate PCC (Pistol-Caliber Carbine) that’s fun and effective at the range. We’re looking at around 3.5 pounds in total weight. This makes it light enough to carry all day without getting tired but stable enough for accurate shooting. In short, the FDP-9 feels right at home in both tactical and recreational roles. Whether you’re hitting up a PCC match or planning some backcountry hikes, this firearm can do it all.

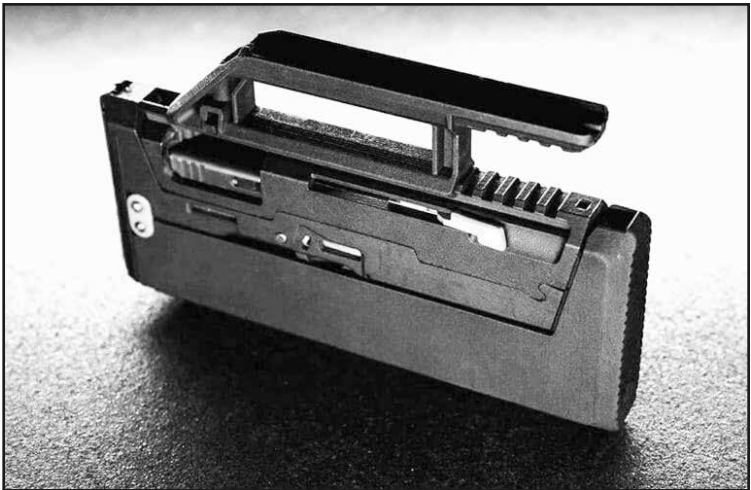
Price and Availability

For the package you’re getting, the FDP-9 sits at a respectable \$1,600 MSRP. It’s a niche firearm, no doubt, but one that fills a unique role in today’s market. Expect it to be available in Q1 of 2025. The collaboration between Magpul and Zev has brought something fresh, fun, and

functional to the market, and gun owners have been waiting for this concept to hit the shelves.

The Magpul FDP-9 and FDC-9 aren’t just about being cool—they’re about adding a new level of versatility and functionality to personal defense. It’s a tool that adapts to its user, whether they’re a professional who needs something reliable and discreet or just an enthusiast looking to add a unique piece to their collection. With Magpul and Zev’s commitment to expanding this platform, we could soon see an entire lineup of folding guns for a variety of purposes. For now, this firearm is a solid addition that combines utility with that unmistakable “wow” factor.

Please see: <https://www.ammoland.com/2024/11/magpul-fdp-9-update-the-folding-pcc-is-finally-here/>



Part of what makes the FMG 9 unique, is its ability to fold into a compact, portable package.

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Federal Judge Says Illinois Gun and Magazine Ban Violates The 2nd Amendment

by Cam Edwards,
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U.S. District Judge Stephen McGlynn gave gun owners the best kind of a Friday afternoon document dump: a 168-page ruling declaring the ban on so-called assault weapons and large capacity magazines imposed by Illinois lawmakers a violation of the Second Amendment.

I’ve not had time to read the opinion in its entirety, but here are the biggest takeaways.

In his decision, McGlynn called the AR-15 the “Rorschach test of America’s gun debate”; for some Americans it’s a dangerous and unusual “military style assault weapon” not substantially different than the select-fire rifles used by the U.S. military. For others, including McGlynn himself, the AR-15 and other semi-automatic firearms banned under the Protect Illinois Communities Act (PICA) are commonly owned and in common use for lawful purposes, and fall under the Second Amendment’s protections.

“... the Court holds that the Plaintiffs have met their burden to demonstrate that the AR-15 and other AR-style weapons are protected “Arms” within the definition advanced by the Seventh Circuit in *Friedman and Bevis*. Additionally, the Court holds that the various other “assault weapons” proscribed by PICA (including AK-type weapons, various semiautomatic shotguns, and what the Government calls “submachineguns”) are also “Arms,” as are the thirty-round large capacity magazines and various firearm attachments designated by PICA. To reiterate, all of these weapons, magazines, and attachments are bearable, not dangerous or unusual, and are in common use. Moreover, they are all possessed for lawful self-defense purposes, are either not predominately useful for military service or are dual-use items, and are not possessed for unlawful purposes.”

McGlynn, however, concluded that “.50 caliber ammunition and weapons restricted by PICA are not ‘Arms’ as they are not in

common use for self-defense” and therefore “Illinois can lawfully ban .50 caliber weapons and ammunition.” along with belt-fed weapons and grenade launchers.

Many Second Amendment advocates will certainly disagree with that portion of McGlynn’s decision, but that’s about the only fault they’re likely to find with his ruling. McGlynn described PICA as an “unconstitutional affront to the Second Amendment” that must be enjoined, declaring “the Government may not deprive law-abiding citizens of their guaranteed right to self-defense as a means of offense.”

“Sadly, there are those who seek to usher in a sort of post-Constitution era where the citizens’ individual rights are only as important as they are convenient to a ruling class. Seeking ancient laws that may partner well with a present-day infringement on a right proclaimed in the Bill of Rights without reading it in conjunction with the aforementioned history is nonsense. The Statute of Northampton cannot in the least

bit be used to vex the rights of Illinois citizens in the 21st century to keep and bear arms. The oft-quoted phrase that “no right is absolute” does not mean that fundamental rights precariously subsist subject to the whims, caprice, or appetite of government officials or judges.”

McGlynn granted a permanent injunction against “the provisions of PICA criminalizing the knowing possession of specific semi-automatic rifles, shotguns, magazines, and attachments,” as well as the registration requirements imposed by the law.

“As the prohibition of firearms is unconstitutional, so is the registration scheme for assault weapons, attachments, and large-capacity magazines. Therefore, the State of Illinois is ENJOINED from enforcing the firearm registration requirements and penalties associated with entering false information on the endorsement affidavit for non-exempt weapons, magazines, and attachments previously required to be registered.”

Unfortunately, McGlynn’s decision doesn’t mean that these items will be available to purchase in Illinois gun stores tomorrow. The judge stayed his decision for 30 days to allow Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul time to appeal to the Seventh Circuit, and the appellate court is almost certain to keep the law in place while the appeal is underway.

Still, McGlynn’s decision is solid and sound, and could very well have an impact on the Supreme Court. The justices will soon consider granting cert to a challenge to Maryland’s ban on so-called assault weapons, and McGlynn has given them 168 pages of good reason to accept the case and proclaim once and for all that these arms are protected by the Second Amendment, and the prohibitions on their purchase, manufacture, and possession cannot stand.

Please see: <https://bearingarms.com/camedwards/2024/11/08/federal-judge-says-illinois-gun-and-magazine-ban-violates-second-amendment-n1226847>

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

America! Celebrate the landslide Trump election win with a limited edition GLOCK 19 Gen 3 “Trump 2024 Mug Shot” 9mm Pistol for sale now at just \$569.99.

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Caliber 9mm



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Manufacturer Part Number UI1950203 MODMS
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Model: 19 Gen 3 Custom “Trump 2024 Mug Shot”
Caliber: 9mm Luger
Type: Semi-Auto Pistol
Action: Double Action

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Frame Material: Polymer
Capacity: 15 rounds
Barrel Length: 4.02"
Overall Length: 7.36"
Height: 5.04"
Width: 1.26"
Sights: Fixed Glock Sights
Safety: Safe Action
This pistol features a 15-round capacity, making it suitable for extended shooting sessions.
(Editor/GG: They can be bought at grabagun.com or you can order one from Custer County Supply gun shop on Main Street in Westcliffe. Extremely cool.)
Please see: <https://www.ammoland.com/2024/11/limited-glock19-gen3-trump-2024-mug-shot-9mm-pistol/>

How Much Americans Spend on Groceries in Each State

by Tyler Durden, ZeroHedge.com

Since August 2020, prices for “food at home” (groceries) have increased by 20% according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the steepest inflation seen since the 1970s.

On average, American households are paying about \$270 per week (\$1,080 a month) for groceries, according to Delish, which sourced their findings from the latest Census Bureau estimates.

But how does this change across the country? From the same source, Visual Capitalist’s Pallavi Rao maps the weekly grocery bill for an American household by each state. Figures are rounded.

Ranked: U.S. States and DC by Weekly Grocery Bills

Hawaii and Alaska, the two non-mainland states, have the highest grocery costs for an average American household: both topping \$300 a week, or about \$1,200 a month.

Shipping is the primary reason for driving up prices, and neither state produces enough food locally to offset the import costs.

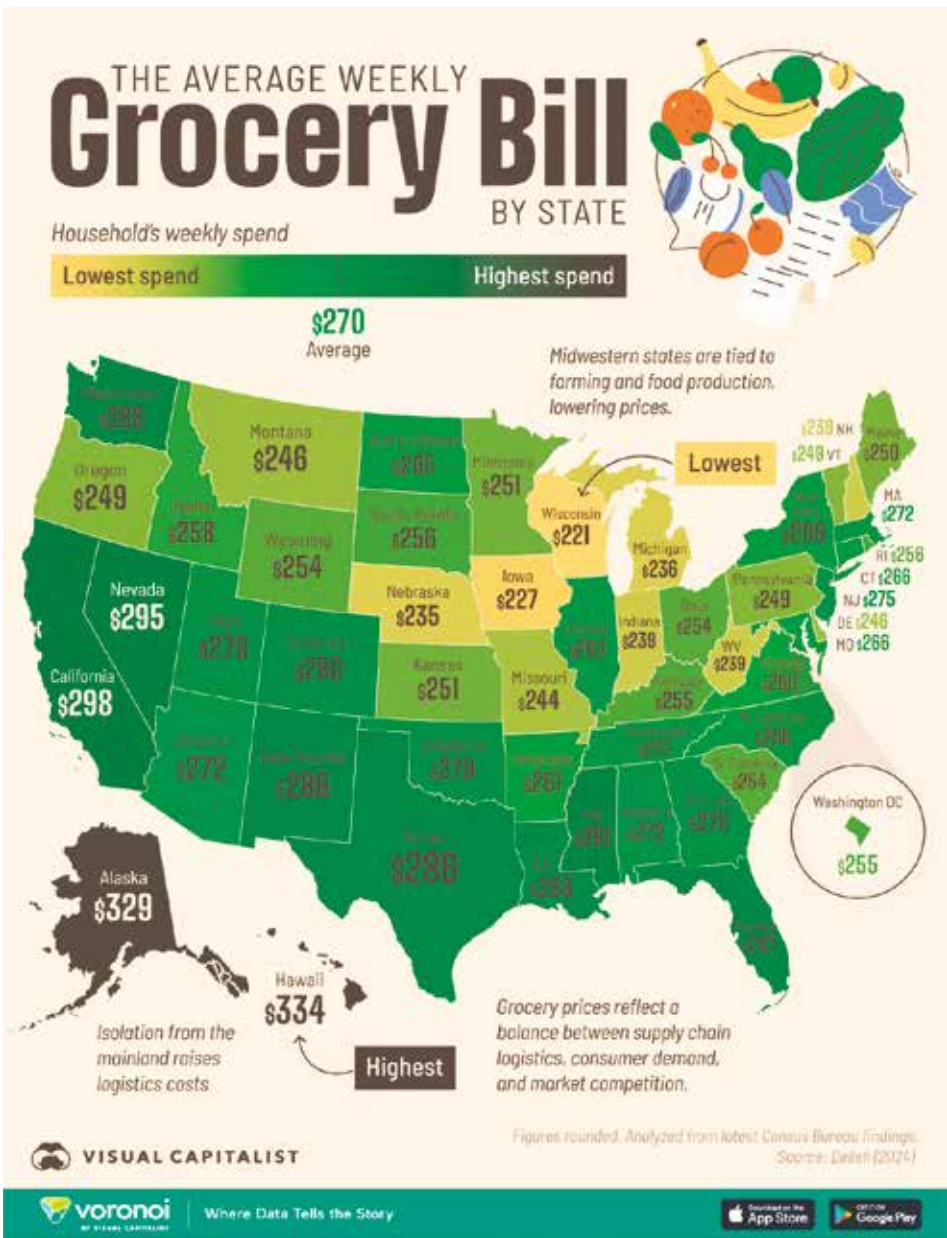
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5	Mississippi	MS \$291
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7	Florida	FL \$287
8	New Mexico	NM \$286
9	Texas	TX \$286
10	Louisiana	LA \$283
11	Colorado	CO \$280
12	Oklahoma	OK \$279
13	Georgia	GA \$278
14	Utah	UT \$278
15	New Jersey	NJ \$275
16	Alabama	AL \$272
17	Arizona	AZ \$272
18	Massachusetts	MA \$272

19	Tennessee	TN	\$270
20	Illinois	IL	\$269
21	Connecticut	CT	\$266
22	Maryland	MD	\$266
23	New York	NY	\$266
24	North Carolina	NC	\$266
25	North Dakota	ND	\$265
26	Arkansas	AR	\$261
27	Virginia	VA	\$260
28	Idaho	ID	\$258
29	Rhode Island	RI	\$256
30	South Dakota	SD	\$256
31	Kentucky	KY	\$255
32	Washington, D.C.	DC	\$255
33	Ohio	OH	\$254
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39	Oregon	OR	\$249
40	Pennsylvania	PA	\$249
41	Vermont	VT	\$249
42	Delaware	DE	\$246
43	Montana	MT	\$246
44	Missouri	MO	\$244
45	Indiana	IN	\$239
46	New Hampshire	NH	\$239
47	West Virginia	WV	\$239
48	Michigan	MI	\$236
49	Nebraska	NE	\$235
50	Iowa	IA	\$227
51	Wisconsin	WI	\$221
N/A	Nat'l Average		\$270

For what it’s worth, Alaskans pay very low taxes (no income, nor inheritance tax, and a very low sales tax) so the higher grocery bill may be far more affordable than other states with lower bills.

Meanwhile, the Midwest has some of the lowest grocery costs across the country. These state economies are often tied to farming and food production, helping keep grocery prices down.

There is some correlation between places (like California, Washington, and New York) with higher grocery prices,



and, well, higher prices generally—where \$100 doesn’t go as far as it does in the rest of the country.

However, in Mississippi, New Mexico and Arizona—where living costs are lower—food prices remain in the top half of the ranking. This indicates a greater financial strain for food despite lower overall living expenses.

Eating out hasn’t been spared inflation’s effect either.

Please see: <https://www.zerohedge.com/personal-finance/how-much-do-americans-spend-groceries-each-state>

Trump Is Poised to Make MAGA the Country's Defining Political Movement

by Josh Hammer, The Daily Signal

When one considers Donald Trump’s Cabinet selections announced thus far, there are a few themes that emerge.

One discernible theme, which has been the subject of constant teeth-gnashing all week, is the unorthodox or perhaps outright surprising nature of some of the picks. Tulsi Gabbard, tapped as our next director of national intelligence, is not a career spy. Pete Hegseth, Trump’s inspired choice to be our next secretary of defense, is not a company man who steadily worked his way up through the Pentagon’s labyrinthine bureaucracy. Robert F. Kennedy Jr., tapped to lead the Department of Health and Human Services, is a famously iconoclastic figure. And if you had consummate “Florida man” Matt Gaetz on your bingo card as Trump’s pick for U.S. attorney general, then you’re quite a bit more prescient than I am.

But there is at least one other clearly discernible theme that emerges when one considers all those who Trump has picked to surround himself with: Many of these people are *young*.

Gabbard is 43. Hegseth 44. Gaetz is 42. Rep. Elise Stefanik, R-N.Y., Trump’s pick for ambassador to the United Nations, is 40. Lee Zeldin, Trump’s pick for Environmental Protection Agency administrator, is 44. Vivek Ramaswamy,

who will manage the newly announced Department of Government Efficiency alongside Elon Musk, is 39. Marco Rubio, Trump’s pick for secretary of state, isn’t exactly an old geezer at 53; ditto, his fellow Floridian Rep. Michael Waltz, Trump’s pick for national security adviser, who is 50. And lest we forget, Trump’s own running mate and soon-to-be vice president, JD Vance, just turned 40 a few months ago.

That is a *lot* of high-ranking young—or at least comparatively young—people. And there are still many top positions in the second Trump administration that remain unannounced, raising the distinct possibility of even more young blood getting tapped for powerful leadership positions.

What exactly is going on here?

Trump, it seems, is not merely interested this time around in draining the swamp once and for all. He will not be content with just finishing the unfinished work of truly making America great again. Rather, he has a greater goal in mind: He is trying to foster an intergenerational legacy and solidify MAGA as America’s dominant early-to-mid-21st-century political movement.

American history has often been defined by political movements that dominate not merely a singular eponymous presidency, but a broader epoch. There was the

protectionist “American System” of Henry Clay. There was Jacksonian populism. There was the era of the welfare state, epitomized by Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal and Lyndon Johnson’s Great Society. There was the laissez-faire “Washington consensus” of the late-20th-century Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton presidencies.

Now, Trump wants MAGA to be the defining political movement of our own era.

And why not? Trump has already secured the most racially, ethnically, and religiously diverse winning presidential coalition in modern Republican Party history. He has made historical inroads with Hispanic voters, black men, and voters under the age of 35—the very groups that formed the core of Barack Obama’s own twice-victorious presidential coalition.

He has managed to maintain an economic appeal to everyone from billionaire entrepreneurs like Musk to Sean O’Brien, the Teamsters president who gave a prime-time speech at this summer’s Republican National Convention. There are already numerous high-profile former Democrats, such as Gabbard and RFK Jr., who have been tapped for Cabinet-level posts.

Obama’s one-time “coalition of the ascendant” has, in fact, descended. It has crashed and burned, and the modern Democratic Party is nothing less than

vanquished. And what has risen in its stead? That would be the movement that delivered Republicans their first national popular vote win in two decades: MAGA.

The more pressing question is: What exactly will MAGA actually *be* in the years—and decades—ahead?

Above all, MAGA means nothing more than pragmatism—good old-fashioned common sense. It means an immigration policy that prioritizes cultural preservation and wage earners’ bank accounts—not corporate fat cats. It means a trade policy that prioritizes rejuvenating American manufacturing and reshoring—or at least “ally-shoring”—critical supply chains.

It means a greater push toward reforming America’s sclerotic labor system, perhaps even abandoning it outright for European-style sectoral bargaining. It means a foreign policy laser-focused on soberly securing America’s national interest—not romanticizing democracy promotion or the pursuit of liberal universalism.

Call it the commonsense coalition. But whatever you want to call MAGA, it’s young. It’s a generational, legacy-defining play for Trump, and it’s here to stay. And that is a very good thing for the future of these once-and-future-great United States.

Please see: <https://www.dailysignal.com/2024/11/15/trump-set-make-maga-americas-defining-political-movement/>

California Bans Everything: 2024 Edition

by Daniel Greenfield.
FrontPageMag.com

California is where freedom goes to die. Its annual legislative orgies consist of politicians stealing billions of dollars for special interests and finding exotic new things to ban.

In 2024, California Democrats finally banned plastic bags to ensure that anyone who isn't shopping with a car or with a bag can't buy more than a handful of items in a supermarket.

They also made national news for trying to set the Constitution on fire by banning memes.

And just for the h*** of it, they also banned octopus farming.

Octopus farming was banned on the theory that the undersea creatures, unlike California voters, are "highly intelligent" and have "long-term memory." Also unlike California Democrats, octopi have "a high level of problem-solving ability" which means you couldn't go wrong with replacing Gov. Gavin Newsom with an octopus. Unlike Gov. Newsom, octopi are also "known for their ability to learn, use tools, and exhibit behaviors that suggest a level of consciousness."

So Dems are banning octopus farming to keep them from multiplying and learning to vote.

Most people had no idea that there was such a thing as octopus farming. Well there isn't now. Other things that don't exist

anymore in California are affordable houses, affordable gas and crime free cities. But California Dems are focused on the big 'octopus' issues facing the state.

And it's legal to steal items under \$950 in California, as long as one of them isn't an octopus.

60% of Californians believe the state is going in the wrong direction. Rather than try to fix that, the Democrat supermajority decided to pass the "California Racial Mascots Act" which outlaws calling any team the "Chiefs" (calling a team "Redskins" had already been banned under a previous 'mascots' bill passed by the hardworking California Democrat legislature.)

Poverty rates on California reservations are at 34%, but at least the state's American Indian population can take comfort in knowing that the Santa Fe High Chiefs will have to change their name to something less offensive. Perhaps the Santa Fe Octopus Farmers.

Speaking of schools, they're banned from notifying parents if the staffers have decided to transition their son John to 'Jane' and get him castrated as soon as he turns sixteen.

While California Democrats are happy to test out untested puberty blockers on little kids, they did express concerns for their fellow parasites by banning even more forms of rat poison.

Medieval rat-borne diseases like

typhus have already made a comeback in the City of Angels. In an episode of poetic justice, typhus spread to Los Angeles City Hall which is currently infested with both kinds of 'rats' because California voters are dumber than an octopus.

Dogs are also dying of rat-borne diseases, but the rats always come first to Democrats.

California's official policy is that the only lifeforms who can be subjected to poisons and medical experimentation are public school children. And in that spirit, schools have also been banned from removing graphic pornography from library shelves as long as it's LGBTQ graphic pornography. This has been inaccurately described as banning book bans rather than the more accurate mandating the exposure of children to graphic identity politics pornography.

Along with the rest of the banning spree the corrupt political supermajority also banned legacy admissions in colleges (it's still however okay to bypass the affirmative action ban passed by voters to accept unqualified students due to the exact shade of their skin), online sales of flavored tobacco and food dyes like the beloved Red 40. The basis for the ban is a mostly unsupported claim that food dyes cause autism. Even the FDA doesn't believe it's true.

Also California Democrats wisely banned Voter ID because honest elections would send them flying out of office faster than a

died octopus with a plastic bag applying to UCLA.

Few of the bans make much sense.

California banned "sell-by" dates on products because Democrats claimed that discouraging people from eating spoiled food caused food waste. But manufacturers and supermarkets have no vested interest in throwing out good food. Democrats were concerned that consumers reading "sell-by" dates on the food they already bought and had lying around for years might then throw it out. They could have one of their multitudinous government agencies put out a guide to what food is safe to eat, when to eat it and let people make their own decisions.

But Democrats have as much faith in the free will of the public as they do in a higher power.

California Democrats are desperately running out of things to ban, forcing them to legalize the things they previously banned and then ban them again in order to have something to do.

After legalizing drugs (and then fighting a drug war over untaxed drugs), California Democrats turned around and banned CBD 'medicinal products' leading to a lawsuit by Cheech and Chong. This will be followed by the legalization of the banned products and then by banning them again.

The good news however is that there are plenty of things still legal in California. Like crime.

Go ahead, commit as many crimes as you want. California is opening up its prisons and even as it bans plastic bags, octopus farming and voter ID, it's making sure that criminals can freely roam the streets and steal as much stuff as they want. (Preferably under \$950.)

Hamas supporters assaulting Jewish students on campus is also considered a victimless crime and about the only ones who have been arrested were the Jewish students who fought back.

Special interests stealing billions in tax dollars is not only legal, it's practically mandatory.

And while it might seem as if California is running out of things to ban, its cities have recently banned everything from smoking in your own home to breeding French bulldogs to installing gas stoves to slaughtering meat. LGBTQ activists in San Francisco are trying to save gay people from smoking by banning tobacco and localities are trying to ban single family homes.

The future is bright for banners and bans. Just not for California.

(Editor/GG: We are not far behind Cali right here in Colorado. Just look at our state legislature, our Secretary of State, our Attorney General, left wing freaks all of them.)

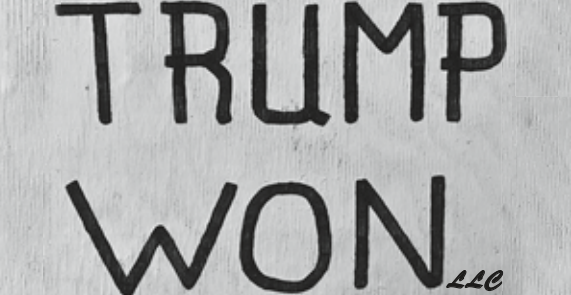
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