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Trump Federalizes D.C. in Unprecedented Move Invokes Section 740, Deploys National Guard

On August 11th, President Trump announced the federalization of D.C.'s Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) by invoking Section 740 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act of 1973.

Citing a "crime emergency" in the nation's capital, Trump also ordered the deployment of approximately 800 National Guard troops to patrol the city, declaring it "Liberation Day" for D.C.

The executive order, signed alongside a presidential memorandum, places the MPD under the direct control of Attorney General Pam Bondi, with Drug Enforcement Administration chief Terry Cole appointed as interim federal commissioner.

Speaking at a White House press conference, Trump described D.C. as plagued by "violent gangs, bloodthirsty criminals, roving mobs of wild youth, drugged-out maniacs, and homeless people." He claimed the federal takeover was necessary to "take our capital back." Trump pointed to high-profile incidents, including the murder of a 21-year-old congressional intern in June and an attempted carjacking of a former Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) staffer, as justification for his actions.

Section 740 of the Home Rule Act allows the president to assume control of the MPD for federal purposes during "special conditions of an emergency nature." The takeover is initially limited to 48 hours but can extend to 30 days with congressional notification, which Trump has reportedly provided. Legal analysts warn that permanent control would require congressional repeal of the Home Rule Act, a move likely to face significant Democrat resistance.

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, a Democrat, sharply criticized the move, calling



it "unprecedented" and claiming that violent crime in D.C. has dropped to a 30-year low, stating, "Washington, D.C. is a beautiful city... We are at a 30-year low in violent crime."

Local residents and leaders expressed mixed reactions. A "Free DC" rally near the White House saw activists decry the takeover as an assault on D.C.'s autonomy. "This is not about crime," one activist said. "This is about silencing dissent." Conversely, some residents, like Leroy Thorpe of the Citizen Organized Patrol Efforts, supported the move, citing persistent safety concerns. "I think it's needed," Thorpe said. "Something has to be done."

D.C.'s non-voting delegate, Eleanor Holmes Norton, called the action "an egregious assault on D.C. home rule," arguing that it undermines the self-governance of the city's 700,000 residents. Norton and Senator Chris Van Hollen plan to reintroduce legislation in September to grant D.C. full control over its police and National Guard. The D.C. Council labeled the takeover a "manufactured intrusion," while the city's police union cautiously supported it, calling for temporary intervention to ad-

dress staffing and legislative issues.

Critics, including Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and Senator Chris Murphy, accused Trump of using the takeover as a distraction from controversies, such as his administration's handling of Jeffrey Epstein-related documents. Republicans, however, praised the move, with House Speaker Mike Johnson stating, "Every American should be able to visit and enjoy Washington, D.C. without fear."

The deployment of National Guard troops and additional federal law enforcement, including FBI agents and U.S. Park Police, raises concerns about potential overreach. The American Civil Liberties Union warned that Trump's actions could foreshadow similar interventions in other cities. Legal challenges are anticipated, with D.C. Attorney General Brian Schwalb calling the move "unlawful."

As D.C. deals with increased federal presence, the debate over crime, governance, and executive power intensifies. Trump's actions signal a broader law-and-order agenda, but with local opposition mounting, the future of D.C.'s autonomy hangs in the balance.

“Russiagate” Hoax Disclosure Will There Be Indictments?

The recent declassification of documents has blown the lid off the so-called Russiagate hoax, confirming long-held suspicions that the narrative of Trump-Russia collusion in the 2016 election was a fabricated plot orchestrated by powerful elites to undermine a duly elected president. These revelations, spearheaded by Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard, expose a coordinated effort by Obama-era officials, intelligence agencies, and complicit media to push a false narrative, vindicating those who’ve been shouting about a “deep state” coup for years. The documents, coupled with whistleblower accounts, reveal a scandal of unprecedented scale, implicating high-profile figures and shaking the foundations of trust in U.S. institutions.

On July 18th, Gabbard released the first batch of declassified documents, followed by more on July 30th, showing that in December 2016, the intelligence community (IC) initially concluded Russia did not interfere in the 2016 election via cyber attacks. *“For months preceding the 2016 election, the Intelligence Community shared a consensus view: Russia lacked the intent and capability to hack U.S. elections,”* Gabbard recently posted to the social media platform X *“But weeks after President Trump’s historic 2016 victory defeating Hillary Clinton, everything changed.”* A Presidential Daily Brief drafted on December 8, 2016, stated Russian actions didn’t impact vote counts, but this was scrapped after a December 9 White House meeting led by President Barack Obama. Attendees, including CIA Director John Brennan, DNI James Clapper, FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, National Security Advisor Susan Rice, Secretary of State John Kerry, and Attorney General Loretta Lynch, pivoted to craft a politicized January 2017 Intelligence Community Assessment (ICA). This ICA falsely claimed Russia intervened to help Trump, relying on the discredited, Clinton-funded Steele Dossier, a dossier Clapper and others privately dismissed but publicly propped up.

A whistleblower’s account, released on July 30, details six years of suppressed efforts to expose this manipulation. The senior IC official faced pressure from their supervisor to endorse the ICA’s false findings for a promotion, refused to comply, and reported concerns to over a dozen government offices, including the IC Inspector General, only to be ignored or threatened. The whistleblower highlighted the ICA’s reliance on cherry-picked Russian media as “evidence” while ignoring contradictory reports from NATO allies. Gabbard’s whistleblower protections enabled this truth to surface, revealing how Obama’s team weaponized intelligence to de-legitimize Trump’s presidency.

The Durham Annex, discovered by FBI Director Kash Patel in a “burn bag” and declassified on July 31st, further implicates Hillary Clinton. It shows she personally approved the Trump-Russia hoax, using the FBI to amplify the narrative, with funding funneled through her campaign’s lawyer Marc Elias at Perkins Coie, disguised as “legal services.” Clinton’s campaign faced a mere \$113,000 fine in 2022 for this deception, a slap on the wrist for what’s now called a “years-long coup.”

It was a team effort. Barack Obama allegedly directed the ICA’s rewrite to sabotage Trump. Hillary Clinton approved the false narrative, with her campaign funding the Steele Dossier. John Brennan, James Clapper, Andrew McCabe: Crafted and pushed the ICA, leaking to media like Ellen Nakashima at the Washington Post, who planted stories on the DNC “hack,” ICA “consensus,” and Carter Page’s FISA warrants. Susan Rice, John Kerry, Loretta Lynch: Participated in the pivotal White House meeting. Brian Netter: DOJ official who approved a \$2 million payout to FBI agents Peter Strzok and Lisa Page, implicated in the hoax, now tied to Elias’s Democracy Forward.

The corporate media’s complicity is glaring. Outlets like CNN, MSNBC, and the New York Times, which won Pulitzers for Russiagate coverage, have downplayed or ignored these revelations, protecting their role in spreading the hoax. Brennan, now an MSNBC analyst, and Clapper, a CNN contributor, deflect criticism while their networks bury the story.

For so called “conspiracy theorists”, this is sweet vindication. The “deep state” narrative, once mocked, is now backed by hard evidence. The DOJ’s July 23rd strike force to investigate these disclosures signals potential accountability, with calls for indictments growing louder. The truth, long buried, is finally out, proving the skeptics right.

Make America Beautiful Again New Commission Tackles Federal Lands



On July 3rd, President Donald J. Trump signed Executive Order 14313, establishing the Make America Beautiful Again (MABA) Commission, an initiative to conserve America’s natural treasures while expanding access to public lands, with significant implications for Arizona’s environment, tourism, and economy.

Chaired by Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum, the commission aims to address decades of mismanagement, cut bureaucratic red tape, and promote outdoor recreation, directly benefiting Arizona’s iconic landscapes like the Grand Canyon, Saguaro National Park, and vast public lands. For a state where tourism generates \$29 billion annually and supports 270,000 jobs, according to the Arizona Office of Tourism, MABA’s focus on enhancing national parks and recreational access promises to amplify Arizona’s economic and cultural vitality while safeguarding its natural heritage.

Arizona, with 6.3 million acres of national forests and 12 national parks, stands to gain from MABA’s mission to tackle the \$23 billion National Park Service maintenance backlog and \$10.8 billion in U.S. Forest Service repairs. The commission’s emphasis on active forest management and voluntary conservation, as outlined in the executive order, could potentially restore areas like the Coconino National Forest, ravaged by recent wildfires, ensuring safer trails and healthier ecosystems for Arizona’s hikers, hunters, and anglers.

By expanding access to public lands for activities like off-roading and wildlife viewing, MABA aligns with Arizona’s outdoor recreation economy, which contributes \$10.7 billion annually, per a 2024 Bureau of Economic Analysis report. This could drive tourism to rural areas, boosting local businesses and job creation.

The commission’s push to recover fish and wildlife populations through collaborative efforts with state agencies, such as the Arizona Game and Fish Department, directly benefits Arizona’s biodiversity. The state’s endangered species, like the Mexican gray wolf, could see strengthened recovery programs.

MABA’s focus on clean water access also addresses Arizona’s pressing water challenges, potentially improving aquatic ecosystems in the Colorado River Basin.

The commission’s 11-member panel, including the Secretaries of Defense, Agriculture, and the EPA Administrator, will ensure a collaborative and coordinated approach, leveraging Arizona’s input through its robust federal delegation.

The MABA initiative responds to Arizona’s concerns over a proposed 1.2 million-acre public land sale, which Senator Mike Lee withdrew after backlash, ensuring lands like those near Lake Mead remain protected for public enjoyment. This pivot, celebrated by Arizona’s conservationists, aligns with the state’s legacy of stewardship, exemplified by Theodore Roosevelt’s establishment of the Grand Canyon as a national monument. MABA’s potential to increase park entrance fees and attract international tourists, as noted in a July 10th, Headline USA report, could funnel revenue to Arizona’s underfunded parks, enhancing infrastructure like trails and visitor centers.

While the Rescissions Act of 2025 cut \$9 billion in federal funding, MABA’s focus on cost-effective conservation ensures Arizona’s natural assets remain a priority.

Championed by young conservative activist Benji Backer, who drafted the order, MABA reflects Arizona’s values of balancing economic growth with environmental stewardship, promising a brighter, more accessible natural legacy for future generations.

Trump's Trade Deals

Agreements, Deadlines, and Economic Risks

President Trump's tariff strategy has produced trade agreements with Japan, South Korea, the European Union, Indonesia, the Philippines, Pakistan, and a imposed a punitive tariff on India. While these deals are framed as economic victories, they carry risks for American consumers and global trade.

On July 22nd, Trump finalized a deal reducing tariffs on Japanese goods from 25% to 15%, effective August 7th. Japan committed to \$550 billion in U.S. investments in semiconductors, pharmaceuticals, steel, and energy, and opened markets for U.S. autos and agricultural products, including a 100,000-ton increase in duty-free rice quotas. A US-Japan LNG venture in Alaska was also announced. However, the \$550 billion investment lacks a clear timeline, raising doubts about enforceability. Japanese automakers like Toyota benefit, but US consumers face higher prices due to the 15% tariff. Japan's automotive exports, 20% of its U.S. trade, face additional 25% sector-specific tariffs, potentially disrupting supply chains for U.S. automakers reliant on Japanese parts.

The July 22nd Indonesia deal reduces tariffs from 32% to 19%, with Indonesia eliminating 99% of tariffs on US goods, adopting US standards, and committing to \$15 billion in energy, \$4.5 billion in agriculture, and 50 Boeing jets. However, the 19% tariff could still price Indonesian textiles and agricultural exports out of the US market, critical for its economy. Adopting US standards may burden Indonesian producers with compliance costs, and the deal's ban on forced labor and illegal logging, while ethical, could disrupt supply chains, raising prices for US consumers of Indonesian goods.

Announced July 22nd, the Philippines deal sets a 19% tariff, down from 20%, with US goods gaining zero-tariff access. It aims to address the \$4.9 billion US trade deficit but risks higher US consumer prices for Philippine exports like electronics.

The EU deal, signed July 27th, sets a 15% tariff on 70% of goods, down from 30%, with the EU committing to \$750 billion in US energy purchases, \$600 billion in investments, and \$40 billion in AI chips by 2028. It includes zero-for-zero tariffs on strategic goods and eliminates industrial tariffs. However, the 50% tariff on EU steel and aluminum persists, raising costs for US manufacturers. The deal's non-binding nature and need for approval by 27 EU states create uncertainty, and the EU's \$236 billion trade surplus may prompt retaliatory tariffs, threatening US exports.

Announced July 31st, the South Korea deal lowers tariffs from 25% to 15%, with South Korea pledging \$350 billion in investments in shipbuilding, semiconductors, and biotech, plus \$100 billion in US purchases of LNG. US goods gain zero-tariff access, and South Korea avoids harsher semiconductor tariffs. Yet the 15% tariff could raise costs for US consumers, with a \$1,000 ton of POSCO steel now costing \$1,500.

The Pakistan deal, vaguely tied to oil reserve development, lacks clear tariff rates or commitments. The 19% tariff could disrupt Pakistan's textile exports, a key economic driver, while the deal's opacity raises doubts about enforceability. Geopolitical motivations, including Pakistan's ties to China, may complicate US relations, with little economic gain for either side.

August 6th, Trump imposed a 25% tariff on India, escalating to 50% in 21 days due to its Russian oil and weapons trade, effective August 27th. India offered zero tariffs on US industrial goods and \$25 billion in energy purchases, but talks stalled over agriculture and dairy. The 50% tariff could halt India's \$40 billion in exports like textiles and pharmaceuticals. Negotiations have broken down and the tariff strains US-India strategic ties, potentially pushing India closer to Russia or China.

Since July, deadlines have shifted. August 1st became August 7th became expired without mention, Mexico's talks extended to October 30th, and China's truce to November 11th. These extensions reflect ongoing trade negotiations and strategic pauses to avoid immediate economic disruptions, despite Trump's earlier insistence on "no extensions" for the August 1st deadline.

Tariff revenue hit \$150B since October 2024, but US consumers face an estimated \$3K per household in added costs. Thusfar, these agreements, far from Trump's 90-deals in 90 days goal, may benefit the federal government's bottom line but have hit consumers in the wallet.

Trump Orders New Census

Illegal Aliens Won't Count

President Trump's recent directive to the Department of Commerce to initiate a new US census, announced on August 7th, marks a decisive step toward ensuring fair representation for American citizens. This move addresses long-standing concerns about the inclusion of illegal aliens in the decennial census, which many argue distorts congressional apportionment and electoral power. By ordering a census that excludes non-citizens and leverages data from the 2024 presidential election, Trump aims to restore integrity to the process, prioritizing the voices of legal residents and bolstering GOP prospects in the 2026 midterms.

The Constitution mandates a census every decade to allocate House seats and federal funding based on the "whole number of persons" in each state. However, Republicans, including Trump, contend that counting illegal aliens inflates representation in states like California, which lean Democratic, at the expense of red states like Texas and Florida. These states, experiencing rapid population growth, were undercounted in the 2020 census, according to a 2022 Census Bureau report, potentially costing them additional House seats. Trump's directive seeks to correct this, ensuring that only citizens shape congressional apportionment. Supporters argue this aligns with fairness, as non-citizens should not influence political power.

This initiative resonates with GOP lawmakers pushing for mid-decade redistricting. Republicans view this as a necessary counter to what they see as Democratic exploitation of census data to maintain urban strongholds. They also highlight logistical feasibility, noting that the Census Bureau's American Community Survey could be adapted for a mid-decade count, bypassing the massive undertaking of a full census. Critics argue that excluding non-citizens violates the 14th Amendment and could face legal challenges, as seen when the Supreme Court blocked Trump's 2019 attempt to add a citizenship question to the 2020 census.

While legal and logistical hurdles loom, the GOP sees this as a patriotic stand to ensure representation reflects the will of American voters, not undocumented residents. As redistricting battles heat up, Trump's census push could reshape the political landscape, strengthening Republican influence for years to come.

Local Government Investment Pool

Record Growth A Financial Boon for County

The Arizona State Treasurer's Office announced a historic milestone: the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) has soared to a record \$7.6 billion in total assets, a 131% increase since Treasurer Kimberly Yee took office in 2019. This growth, driven by strategic management and favorable market conditions, is delivering tangible benefits to local governments across Arizona.

The LGIP allows counties, cities, towns, special districts, community colleges, and tribal governments, to pool their funds for investment. Managed by the Treasurer's Office, the LGIP offers economies of scale, professional oversight, and lower costs than private investment options. With four pools tailored to varying liquidity needs, the program prioritizes safety, liquidity, and competitive yields. In July 2025, the LGIP earned \$24.49 million, with June earnings at \$27.4 million, a 3.18% year-over-year increase. Pool 5, a diversified short-term fund, has maintained top "AAA" and "S1+" ratings for 17 years, reflecting its stability.

Mohave County, one of 11 participating counties, reaps direct benefits from this record-high fund balance. These earnings, flow back to participants, enhancing Mohave County's general fund. The LGIP's growth also mitigates economic risks tied to national policies, such as President Trump's tariffs. While tariffs have driven up costs for goods, increasing consumer prices by an estimated \$3,000 per household, Mohave County's LGIP participation provides a financial cushion.

The LGIP's success depends on market conditions, and a downturn could reduce yields. For now, Mohave County benefits significantly from the LGIP's record \$7.6 billion balance. As Treasurer Yee noted, "*We are proud to provide responsible stewardship of public funds while ensuring liquidity, safety, and strong returns.*" For Mohave County, this stewardship means a stronger financial foundation to navigate economic uncertainties and invest in its future.

Recission Bill Cuts Media Funding USAID, Public Broadcasting Cuts

Following closely on the heels of the "One Big Beautiful Bill (H.R. 1), the Rescissions Act of 2025 (H.R. 4), signed into law by President Trump on July 24th, deals a serious blow to the entrenched "deep state" and wasteful government spending, clawing back roughly \$8 billion in previously approved federal funds.

The bill, which passed the House (216-213) in a late night vote on July 18th and the Senate (51-48) on July 17th, targets \$7.9 billion in foreign aid and \$1.1 billion for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), which funds propaganda outlets NPR and PBS, outlets long accused of liberal bias. This move, the first successful presidential rescission since 1999, codifies cuts proposed by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), exposing the bloated bureaucracy critics have railed against for years.

Key Republican figures such as House Speaker Mike Johnson and Senate Majority Leader John Thune championed the bill, while House Representatives Brian Fitzpatrick and Mike Turner along with Senators Susan Collins and Lisa Murkowski joined Democrats in opposition, citing risks to rural emergency alerts and global health programs like PEPFAR, which saw a \$400 million cut removed after GOP moderates pushed back. Critics, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries, warned the bill undermines Congress's spending authority and America's global influence.

Specific cuts include \$800 million from refugee assistance, \$496 million from disaster aid, and \$4.15 billion from economic and democratic development programs, aligning with DOGE's mission to slash "unnecessary" spending.

Conservatives see this as proof of a long-hidden agenda to redirect taxpayer money to globalist causes, with Trump's team, including OMB Director Russ Vought, signaling more rescissions to come. Republicans are also planning a second reconciliation bill, in the wake of the passage of the "Big Beautiful Bill".

However, the bill's passage, enabled by the Impoundment Control Act of 1974, has sparked fears of eroded legislative checks, with Democrats vowing tougher resistance to future cuts and vowing a government shutdown in the fall.

For those who've long suspected government overreach, this is a rare victory, though the fight against the uniparty fiscal bloat continues.



Meet Caroline Strecker The Conservative Challenger to Hildy Angius

Republican Candidate Caroline Strecker is an "America First" conservative, nurse practitioner, and community leader running to represent Arizona's 30th Legislative District in the State House. LD 30 includes Mohave and La Paz Counties, and portions of Yavapai and Maricopa Counties.

With nearly 20 years as a Mohave County resident and a career spent in emergency medicine, Strecker brings experience, integrity, and proven conservative values to the fight for Arizona's future.

She began her education at Mohave Community College, attended Georgetown University, and ultimately earned her Master of Science in Nursing from Maryville University. Caroline has worked in some of the most critical areas of healthcare, as an ICU nurse, flight nurse, emergency department provider, and currently as an acute care hospitalist. Her frontline experience gives her a clear understanding of the challenges Arizona families face, especially in under served rural communities.

Strecker's dedication to service goes beyond medicine. She serves on the executive board of a local youth football organization, helping mentor and empower the next generation through sports. She is Vice President of the Mohave County Board of Health and a member of the Mohave County Public Lands and Recreation Commission. Her community involvement reflects a lifelong commitment to leadership, teamwork, and rural values.

Strecker is deeply engaged in grassroots conservative politics. A long time supporter of President Trump, she attended the 2020 "Stop the Steal" rally in Washington, D.C. She served as the 2024 alternate delegate for Arizona's 9th Congressional District to the Republican National Convention, and was a primary delegate to the 2025 Arizona Young Republicans National Convention.

Caroline Strecker faces a notorious opponent, self proclaimed "proud Zionist" Hildy Angius. Angius, currently the LD30 Senator and former District 2 Mohave County Supervisor, is best known for calling a local man her "*mortal enemy*" from the dais as Board Chairman just because she disagreed with his public comments. Angius is running for the House seat and not running for reelection to the Senate in order to create an open seat for Representative Leo Biassiucci, who is termed limited out of the State House and not ready to leave politics.

There are two seats on the ballot for the Arizona House, as John Gillette will not be running for reelection. Davis Rose, a Lake Havasu City pastor and Lake Havasu Unified School District School Board President, is also running for a Seat in the House. Rose has stated that if elected he will not step down from the LHUSD School Board.

Grounded in "faith, family, and the Constitution", Caroline is running to secure Arizona's border, eliminate wasteful spending, defend 2nd Amendment rights, protect parental authority in education, and ensure local control of water and land. She believes rural Arizona needs leaders who live and work in the communities they represent, not career politicians who just switch seats or big-city elites.

For more information and to sign Caroline Strecker's online nominating petition: visit: www.streckerforstate48.com



MAHA

Make Arizona Healthy Again!

Since taking office as U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary on February 13th, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has driven transformative changes under his "Make America Healthy Again" initiative, aiming to address the nation's chronic disease epidemic and restore public trust in health policy.

On June 23rd, Kennedy secured a landmark agreement with major health insurers to implement six reforms, streamlining care delivery and enhancing transparency for nearly 260 million Americans. These changes reduce bureaucratic hurdles, empower patients with clearer information, and prioritize timely access to care, aligning with MAHA's goal of making healthcare more patient-centered and efficient. This achievement is a significant step toward dismantling systemic inefficiencies that have long burdened the healthcare system.

Kennedy has continued to push for the elimination of harmful synthetic food dyes, pressuring manufacturers to reformulate products to reduce risks such as hyperactivity and cancer. His Chemical Contaminants Transparency Tool (CCTT), launched in March 2025, empowers consumers with data on harmful chemicals in food, promoting informed choices. Kennedy also targeted the FDA's "Generally Recognized as Safe" (GRAS) loophole, directing the agency to enforce pre- and post-market safety reviews of food additives. These efforts aim to curb chronic diseases like obesity and diabetes by ensuring safer, healthier food options, resonating with MAHA's mission to prioritize prevention.

Kennedy's bold restructuring, slashing 10,000 jobs and consolidating HHS from 28 to 15 divisions by July 14th, saved \$1.8 billion annually. This overhaul, aligned with the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), refocused HHS on chronic disease prevention, cutting bureaucratic bloat to prioritize MAHA's mission of life changing outcomes. Supporters argue this streamlined structure enhances accountability and redirects resources to critical areas like nutrition and preventive care.

Earlier this month, Kennedy canceled approximately \$500 million in funding for 22 mRNA vaccine development projects managed by the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), targeting respiratory viruses like COVID-19, flu, and H5N1 bird flu. Kennedy justified the move by stating that mRNA vaccines are ineffective against upper respiratory infections and pose more risks than benefits, citing a "comprehensive review" of scientific data. According to Kennedy mRNA injections *"only code for a small part of the viral protein, usually a single antigen."* And *"One mutation and the vaccine becomes ineffective"* he said. *"This dynamic drives a phenomenon called antigenic shift, meaning that the vaccine paradoxically encourages new mutations and can actually prolong pandemics as the virus constantly mutates to escape the protective effects of the vaccine."* This decision, which followed the earlier cancellation of a \$766 million Moderna contract for bird flu vaccine development, has been praised by Children's Health Defense and others, as a step toward protecting public health.

In June, Kennedy reformed the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), replacing members to ensure diverse perspectives and canceling public meetings to focus on rigorous internal reviews. His push for full clinical trial data release, including vaccine safety studies, aims to rebuild public trust.

Kennedy's pledge to uncover autism's causes by September 2025, backed by the MAHA Commission, dedicates significant resources to studying chronic childhood conditions, addressing concerns long ignored by traditional health agencies.

His insurance reforms, food safety initiatives, and HHS restructuring are a step towards fulfilling MAHA's promise to prioritize prevention over sick care, tackling root causes of chronic disease. His vaccine transparency efforts empower parents with informed consent.



The DOGE Report

by Mark Fargo

The Last 30 Days at the Department of Government Efficiency

Over the past month, the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) has continued stirring controversy, legal battles, and headlines, under Acting Administrator Amy Gleason. Here's a look at the latest in this high-profile efficiency initiative that reads more like political theater than a typical government agency.

1. Legal Victory: Access to Sensitive Data Granted

A U.S. appeals court recently ruled in favor of the Trump administration's DOGE, overturning a lower court's injunction that had barred DOGE from accessing sensitive federal data. The ruling now permits DOGE to retrieve information from agencies including Education, Treasury, and the Office of Personnel Management—even data like Social Security numbers and citizenship records—despite ongoing privacy and legal concerns.

2. AI-Driven Regulatory Cuts Spark Ethical Debate

Insiders report that DOGE—once helmed by Musk—is now using artificial intelligence to identify regulations for removal. The so-called "Doge AI Deregulation Decision Tool" is analyzing around 200,000 rules to recommend slashing up to 50% of them by the end of DOGE's first year. The accelerating pace of deregulation has triggered legal and ethical discussions around automating policy decisions.

3. Violence Against 'Big Balls'—A Hero Under Fire

In Washington, D.C., former DOGE software engineer Edward Coristine—nicknamed "Big Balls"—was severely injured while defending a companion from a juvenile carjacking. The incident drew national attention, with praise from both Musk and Trump for Coristine's bravery. The accused teens have been ordered to remain in juvenile custody amid rising concerns about urban crime and public safety. Coristine now works for the Social Security Administration.

4. Policy Repeals and Internal Reversals

One of Musk's initiatives at DOGE required federal workers to send weekly "5 things" emails detailing their accomplishments—often compared to corporate task metrics. The program, widely derided for being overly controlling, has now been officially terminated by the Office of Personnel Management.

A Snapshot of DOGE's Year So Far

Origins & Purpose

DOGE was established in January 2025 by executive order, transforming the U.S. Digital Service into the U.S. DOGE Service. Its mission: modernize federal IT, slash spending and regulations, and boost efficiency. The initiative is set to dissolve by July 4, 2026.

Elon Musk's Role

Musk served as a "Special Government Employee" and senior adviser. Though Trump often portrayed him as leading DOGE, legal filings clarify that Musk held no formal authority to make decisions. He officially stepped back from the role in May, citing frustrations with bureaucratic hurdles, though he remains informally supportive.

Claims vs. Reality

DOGE initially claimed up to \$160 billion in savings within its first 100 days, with goals set as high as \$1 trillion. Independent audits—by Politifact, the Wall Street Journal, and others—identified inflated accounting, double-counted contracts, and contested savings. The actual verifiable value of cuts remains significantly lower.

Public Backlash & Lawsuits

The initiative has faced sustained legal and public opposition. Allegations range from unconstitutional overreach, privacy violations, to improperly laid off federal workers. Courts have begun blocking some of DOGE's more aggressive actions.

What This Means Going Forward

Dogecoin meme, real impact: What started as a symbolic "meme-inspired" efficiency crusade has driven major policy changes—and national scrutiny.

AI-powered governance raises alarm: Automating regulation cuts via AI may offer speed, but not without ethical and legal fallout.

Legacy uncertain: With Musk stepping down and public trust faltering, DOGE's lasting influence will likely be more cautionary than celebratory.



Critical Thinking

by Jennifer Esposito
Editor's Opinion

Hate Speech is not Speech Extremists Hate

When even one American, who has done nothing wrong, is forced by fear to shut his mind and close his mouth, then ALL Americans are in peril. - President Harry Truman

Executive Order 13899 went largely unnoticed in Trump's first term. It adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of anti-Semitism, which sounds harmless enough until you read it and see how it's applied.

Then on January 29th of this year Trump issued Executive Order 14188, the "Additional Measures to Combat Anti-Semitism", which built on the previous EO and emphasized investigating individuals and institutions critical of the government of Israel.

Imagine the US government weaponized against Americans critical of any other foreign government. Replace the word Israel with any other nation, in any context, and see if it passes the smell test.

But wait, we are constantly being told, ad nauseum, that Israel is our greatest ally. Well, if Israel is really our greatest ally then why have they never sent any troops to help us fight a war? Asking questions like that might get you branded an "anti-Semite".

Mention the 1965 NUMEC scandal, where 200-300 kg of US enriched uranium vanished from a Pennsylvania plant and declassified CIA/FBI docs suggest Israeli agents diverted it for Israel's nuclear program and you might be an "anti-Semite".

Bring up June 8, 1967, when Israeli forces intentionally attacked the Navy ship USS Liberty in international waters, killing 34 and wounding 17 Americans and you might be an "anti-Semite".

Share an old video about Rachel Corrie, a 23-year-old American, who was killed in 2003 in Gaza when an Israeli bulldozer ran her over on purpose during a peaceful protest against home demolitions and you might be an "anti-Semite".

Write a social media post about how in 1993, CIA Director James Woolsey testified that Israel sold U.S. military tech like missiles and jets to China for over a decade, worth billions, or that in 2013 Israel transferred U.S. missile electro-optics to China, or that in 2021 ten Israelis were indicted for illegally exporting American cruise missiles to China, and... "anti-Semite".

Talk about the fact that Edward Snowden documents showed Israel spies on and collects data from America more than any other country and... "anti-Semite".

Try to explain that anti-Zionism is not anti-Semitism, or that not all Jews are Zionists and not all Zionists are Jews, oppose bombing and starving women and children in Gaza, question America sending \$3.8 billion in aid annually to Israel when Americans are suffering, or point out that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is really Polish and his family changed their name from Mileikowski, and you can expect to be labeled an "anti-Semite". You get the picture. The terms anti-Semitism and anti-Semite have been weaponized against free speech in a clear affront to the Constitution.

Think you're safe? The term "America First" was just declared "anti-Semitic" by the Anti Defamation League (ADL), in their official Glossary of Extremism and Hate. Columbia University was just pressured by the Trump administration into partnering with the ADL for anti-Semitism training, in order to keep grant funding.

And if you're a literal Jew living in a city, county or state whose government has exercised the right of free association and decided not to do business with Jewish companies then expect your government to be denied FEMA disaster preparedness funds, as of August 4th. Has MAGA become Make Israel Great Again?

And don't you dare say we should be America first and Israel second because extremists will label that hate speech, just because it's speech extremists hate.

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Katie Hobbs' Clown Car of Incompetence: Why Isn't She in Jail?

It's a question everyday Arizonans are asking more and more often: How is Governor Katie Hobbs still in office, let alone not under indictment?

From Medicaid fraud to pay-to-play politics, from water giveaways to foreign adversaries to election cybersecurity disasters, Hobbs has delivered a masterclass in mismanagement, incompetence, and corruption. And yet, somehow, she and her running mate Attorney General Kris Mayes...both up for re-election, act like the law doesn't apply to them.

Let's cut the nonsense. If a Republican had a fraction of this record, they'd already be in handcuffs.

The Hobbs administration reads like a rotating door of failed leadership and scandal. Her Chief of Staff Allie Bones resigned early amid dysfunction. Press Secretary Josselyn Berry stepped

down after posting violent rhetoric on social media. Tourism Director Lisa Urias resigned over a self-dealing contract. AHCCCS Director Carmen Heredia and Health Services Director Jennie Cunico both fled under pressure from fraud investigations. Dana Allmond, appointed to lead Veterans Services, was reassigned with a six-figure salary after failing Senate confirmation.

That's at least six confirmed cabinet-level or senior staff resignations. In less than two years.

Under Hobbs' watch, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) fell into total disrepair, allowing \$2.5 billion in Medicaid fraud to flourish, exploiting vulnerable Native Americans while her hand-picked directors looked the other way.

And what was the response? Political reshuffling, golden parachute salaries, and staged reassignments. No accountability. No prosecutions. Just "move along, nothing to see here."

What happens when you donate \$400,000 to Democrat-affiliated PACs and Hobbs-aligned organizations? Apparently, you get a 60 percent rate



"If we dont believe in freedom of expression for people we despise, we don't believe in it at all." - Noam Chomsky, American linguist and US Media and Foreign Policy critic

increase for your group home contracts. Sunshine Residential Homes hit the jackpot while Arizona taxpayers picked up the tab.

This is the textbook definition of bribery. It's not a scandal. It's not poor optics. It's criminal behavior.

In any functioning state government, a breach of the voter registration system would trigger immediate audits and FBI involvement. But Hobbs vetoed critical election cybersecurity upgrades. The Motor Vehicle Division, under her control, misclassified 218,000 voters—potentially registering ineligible individuals.

Meanwhile, the Arizona Secretary of State's office, under her administration, ignored CISA notifications and federal cybersecurity protocols, all because of political grudges against the Trump administration. I have been warning of this for 4 years... I was right cyber attack by Iran, yet my cyber security bill stalled again.

You don't have to be a conspiracy theorist to wonder what they're hiding. Just read the JLBC budget report or ask the hospital in Yuma drowning under \$26 million in unpaid care for illegal immigrants. The state's fiscal bleeding is real, and it's deliberate. Yet, people complained that we in the House were holding up the budget.... You are damn right we were, we were not caving to the 9th floor demands and ear marks.

Here's the rub. The statutes are on our side. But when the Attorney General is a political soulmate of the Governor, and running on the same re-election ticket, there's no balance of power. There's only political protection.

Kris Mayes has done everything except enforce the law against her own

party. She's stonewalled investigations, slow-walked charges, and punted every opportunity for justice down the road. She's not the legal check on Hobbs—she's the legal shield.

Together, Hobbs and Mayes have created a machine of systemic unaccountability, built to ignore statutory violations, conceal election law failures, and block real reforms on housing, healthcare, and border security.

This isn't about politics anymore, it's about protecting the people of Arizona from institutional rot. Hobbs and Mayes don't represent the working-class Arizonan. They represent a woke oligarchy of bureaucrats, political donors, and activist lawyers who treat our constitution like a rough draft.

Arizona voters are watching crime go up, schools get worse, hospital systems crumble, and taxes rise while this administration tells them everything's fine. It's not.

It's time to stop pretending Governor Katie Hobbs and Attorney General Kris Mayes are operating in good faith. They're not. They are ideologically aligned, legally entangled, and strategically incompetent. Together, they've hijacked the state's legal and administrative machinery to protect their own power. People begged me to negotiate with Hobbs on water... I did under the condition they attend.... Result, They were able to see , hear and identify first hand the lies from her staff. Arizona needs more than a change in policy. It needs a return to lawful governance.

If Republicans are serious about restoring integrity, then stop asking why Hobbs isn't in jail and start demanding action that makes sure the next corrupt

governor doesn't get this far. Stop attacking your own and support the "R" that wins the primary.

Representative John Gillette, LD30 Chairman of the Federalism, Military Affairs, & Elections Committees

Defund the Kingman City Council and Mayor

I went to the special meeting on Tuesday, Aug 5, 2025 at 4pm on the proposed sports, Event or Recreational facility.

1. Size of the Event center proposed: Either a 65,000 square foot or an 82,000 square foot facility with 35-foot ceilings

The difference they talked about with these two facilities were either 4 or 6 basketball courts.

2. The Cost associated with these two facilities:

For an 65,000 square foot facility is \$39.1 million

For an 82,000 Square foot facility is \$53.5 million

3. Location of facility:

A. Fairgrounds

B. Centennial Park

C. Kingman Crossing

They seemed to be more favorable to Kingman Crossing in my opinion because they need approximately 7 acres of land.

4. Funding of this facility:

A. Tax bonds – each home owner would pay \$225 per year. Only City residents would pay this. No set time frame as to how many years

B. ½ cent sales tax increase. No time frame associated for this either

5. Survey done:

A. Survey went out to Mohave County

residents. They did not say how many surveys went out but they received a little over 1500 back. Stated great response.

B. They did a cell phone study: stated a lot of tourism here seeing all the out of state numbers. No consideration was taken that a lot of residents have out of state phone numbers.

C. Stated of the residents that took the survey most stated they would be willing to pay a property tax, sales tax, or a membership fee for this facility.

D. They stated they would use this facility at least a couple times a week

E. They stated that this facility would bring in tournaments from all over. They contacted several of them and were told they would possibly consider coming to Kingman, however no commitments made.

F. Talked about in the next 5-10 years the number of kids involved in sport tournaments will increase quite a bit so you need to keep this in mind. No talk about jobs that will bring all these people here.

G. This facility will allow concerts, tournaments, senior center, conference center. They could get a sports medicine doctor to rent space in there. Would bring in revenue.

H. There was no discussion regarding liability insurance, increase of police and fire personnel or the infrastructure to handle this increase of traffic.

This meeting was ridiculous. I felt like I was in the movie: Field of dreams, build it and they will come. This is a pie in the sky and a total waste of taxpayers' money. They want something like this it needs to be privately funded.

Penny Holden, Kingman

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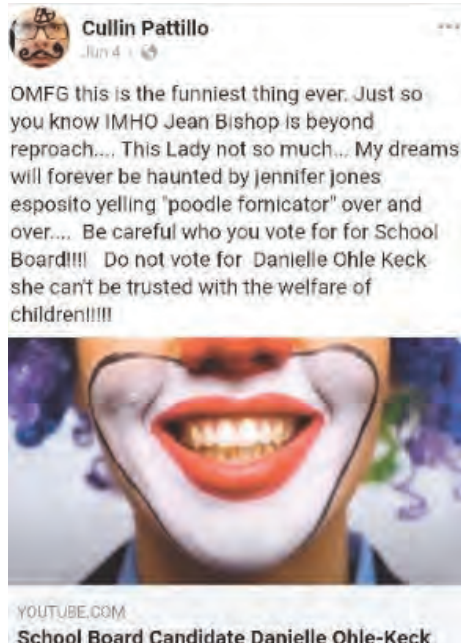
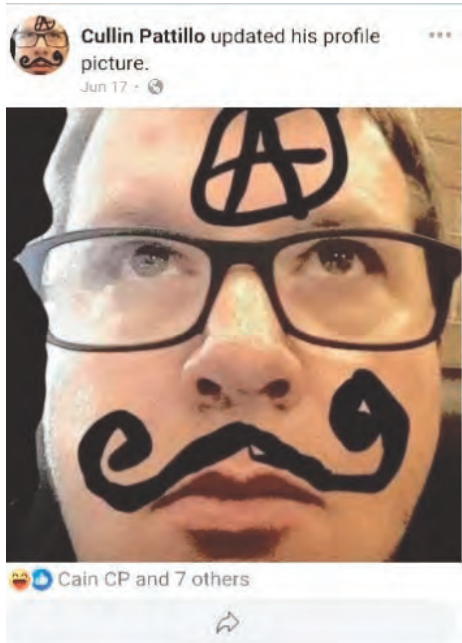
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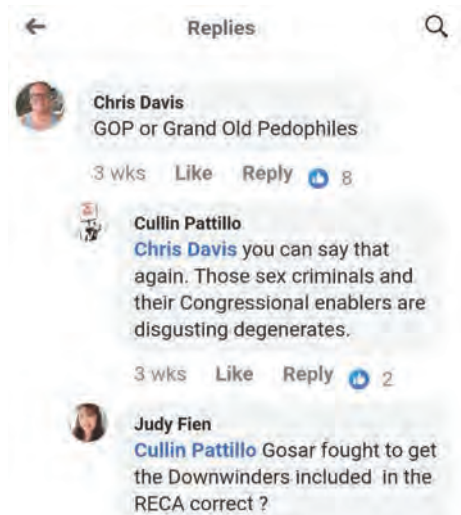


Meet Cullin “man boobs” Patillo, the misogynist face of Mohave County Supervisor District 4 on the Planning and Zoning Board and the General Plan Subcommittee.

Patillo adores liberals and loves to trash conservative candidates for public office on Facebook, such as former Republican School Board candidate Danielle Ohle-Keck. Last month, he referred to Republicans as “sex criminals” and Republican Congressmen as “enablers” and “disgusting degenerates”. In another social media post we were sent, but was a little to blurry to print, Patillo had responded to a comment on one of his Facebook posts by writing “yes they are wrong.. they’re women!!! if they were real Christians they would be silent and not aspire to such offices as the Bible commands.”

But Patillo has no problem cozying up to Republican Congressman Paul Gosar for a photo op, because of Radiation Exposure Compensation Act reauthorization and expansion funds Gosar secured in the “One Big Beautiful Bill”, and Patillo being one of only three people on the Downwinders of Mohave County board, the others being Matt Capalby and former District 4 Supervisor Wilma Jean Bishop.

Bishop appointed Patillo as one of her two proxies on Planning and Zoning, along with Rex Ruge. Current District 4 Supervisor Don Martin, Bishop’s cousin by marriage, has opined that It’s Patillo’s “right to express his opinions as he sees fit” and isn’t looking to make any changes, even though Patillo was recently determined to have violated Open Meeting Law. A Golden Valley resident, Angel Lund, has put in an application for the position.



Charity Spotlight

With Munchkin the America First Pig

Once upon a time in the vast lands of Mohave County a group of passionate individuals came together with one mission in mind: to change the lives of the forgotten feline friends who roamed the streets. With hearts filled with love and determination, they formed Feral Cat Warriors, a non-profit organization like no other.



Since 2019, Feral Cat Warriors has been on a relentless quest to provide care and find forever homes for the unwanted, homeless, and neglected cats and kittens that often go unnoticed by society. They are driven by the belief that every cat deserves a chance at a better life.

Their journey started small, with a handful of dedicated people who believed in the power of Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) to control the feral cat population. But as they witnessed the impact of their efforts, their dreams expanded, and so did their mission. They transformed into a no-kill, foster-based cat rescue, ensuring that these precious creatures would never be left behind again.

At Feral Cat Warriors, they are not just a rescue organization; they are a family. Their team of passionate volunteers work tirelessly day and night, giving their all to provide love, care, and a safe haven to these beautiful animals. They believe in second chances, and say it’s their privilege to be a part of the journey towards finding forever homes for kitties.

Their approach is not just about rescuing cats; it’s about creating a community of compassionate individuals who share their vision. Through education and outreach programs, Feral Cat Warriors strive to raise awareness about the importance of spaying, neutering, and responsible pet ownership in order to break the cycle of neglect and create a brighter future for these furry friends.

But their story wouldn’t be complete without the incredible support they receive from their fellow cat lovers whose generosity fuels their mission and allows them to continue making a difference in the lives of these furry friends. Whether it’s through donations, volunteering, or spreading the word, each act of kindness brings them one step closer to their ultimate goal: a world where no cat is left behind.

At Feral Cat Warriors, their mission is to protect and improve the lives of feral cats and kittens in Mohave County. They are dedicated to providing them with the care, compassion, and support they need to thrive. Feral Cat Warriors aim to find loving forever homes for these homeless and neglected felines, ensuring they receive the love and care they deserve.

With their commitment to feral cat Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) and a no-kill philosophy, they strive to bring an end to the cycle of feral cat overpopulation, reducing their hardships and increasing their chances of finding a safe and secure future.

Feral Cat Warriors hosts local adoption events where you can meet some kitties looking for love. As of press time, Feral Cat Warriors has 35 cats on their website currently available for adoption. If you are interested in giving a fur-ever home to one or more just check them out at: www.feralcatwarriors.org/adoptable-pets

Munchkin the America First Pig says help a kitty out. She’ll be back out on the road next month. Follow her page on Facebook to see where Munchkin will be next. Do you have a local non profit you would like Munchkin to visit? Just let us know!



Stay Another Day!

Things to see and do around the greater Kingman area

Mohave Valley Raceway

Tucked away off of Hwy 95, Mohave Valley Raceway serves up racing, food, and a fun time in a family friendly atmosphere.

On Saturday, August 30th, the second half of the racing season resumes with the Jerry Dodd Memorial, and the Mohave Free Press is giving away free tickets!

A limited number of tickets will be available at the following local Mohave Free Press advertisers, while they last: Kingman Computer Repair, B & B Auto, Keto Carnivore, and Golden Valley Auto Parts. If you miss out, just bring this edition of the newspaper to the gate, or show the online version of this article on your phone, and get one free ticket with every ticket purchased.

Pits open at 3pm. Gates open at 5:30 pm and racing starts at 7 pm. There are on site concessions and a beer garden, outside food and beverages are not permitted.

Regular price grandstand general admission is cash only, \$15. Seniors 60+ and military with ID is \$12, children 6-12 is \$8, and children 5 and under are free.

The Mohave Valley Raceway is located at 2750 Laguna Rd. Mohave Valley Contact Ron for more information at (928) 346-3000
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Beale Street Theater



Saddle up for a hilarious journey through the untamed frontier with Wild West Women, a lively, play that celebrates the diverse contributions of women in shaping the American West.

Follow the adventures of a mysterious woman who rides into a dusty town and turns everything upside down, challenging tradition, stirring up secrets, and proving that the wildest thing in the West might just be a woman on a mission.

The play highlights iconic figures like Calamity Jane, a notorious frontierswoman and skilled markswoman; Belle Starr, a horse thief and outlaw; and Cattle Kate, the only woman known to be hanged for cattle rustling. It also showcases women in more conventional roles, such as Bethania Owens-Adair, a pioneering doctor; Mary Lease, a lawyer and advocate; and Loretta Janeta Velasquez, who fought in the Civil War disguised as a man.

Accompanied by traditional Wild West-era songs, the play blends historical authenticity with theatrical flair, offering a vibrant portrayal of women who defied societal norms.

Tickets on sale now at the box office during business hours at 302 E Beale St., downtown Kingman. Tickets can also be purchased online at: <https://kingmanarts.org/now-playing>

Then, mark your calendar, because Beale Street Theater will present a Student Playwright Showcase in September, on the 19th at 7:00pm, and the 20th at 1:00pm and 7:00pm.

The Showcase features five short productions written by student playwrights, and also performed at the newly renovated Beale Street Theater:

Adalyn Scroggins "A Dreamer's Mirage" - Four siblings find themselves in a land of sweet dreams, but it's not all it appears to be. Can Sagesse, a wise guardian of dreams, help them stop the devious Fraudrin, or will darkness rule the land?

James and Colin Boudreaux "Fairytale Gone Wrong" - A classic tale of...wait a minute, it's not classic at all! This flip-flopped fairytale includes some hysterical pirates, a kidnapped princess, a crazy prince, and loads of laughter!

Damien Valdez "The New Guy" - Everyone knows him, but not everyone loves him, The New Guy follows Larry as chaos follows him in his new job.

Maci Steffen "Maybe: The Tragedy of a Homeschooled Dreamer" - Viola meets Leo, and after the death of her father and a life of being stuck, he's just what she needs to learn how to wander. Maybe: The Tragedy of a Homeschooled Dreamer is a reminder to keep dreaming even when tragedy strikes.

Adam Michelson "George's Grand Failure" - George, along with the help of restaurant staff, attempts to propose to his girlfriend. Will it go well, will she even say yes, or will it end up as George's grand failure?

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County Board Report

A Kingman man's appeal of an "unsafe structure" could lead to changes in the County's Building Code. After hearing from Chief Building Official, Gilbert Smaby, District 5 Supervisor Ron Gould asked the Board to change the permitting process for roofing and re-roofing projects. Gould moved to amend the MC Building Safety Code to exempt re-roof permits if the related repairs are 10% or less or up to 128 square feet of the roof's surface when using the same shingles or tiles to complete the repairs. A public hearing is set for the August 18th meeting.

Deputy County Attorney, William Davis, set a public hearing for the August 18th meeting to discuss a proposed ordinance regulating the residency of certain registered sex offenders. The change would prohibit Level 2 and Level 3 Sex Offenders from residing closer than 1,000 feet of schools, daycares and near places where children commonly gather. Bullhead City resident, "Scotty" McClure has been vocal about the number of out-of-state offenders who move into the County.

Supervisor Gould once again asked Economic Development Director Tami Ursenbach to change her scope of outreach, eliminating data centers due to their high water and energy usage. Mohave Electric Cooperative CEO Tyler Carlson-reached out to Gould explaining that their company could not handle the energy load required for a data center. After research, Gould determined the rural areas of the County couldn't handle the necessary water and energy requirements and requested the change. Supervisors Sonny Borrelli and Don Martin dissented.

The Mohave County Airport Authority (MCAA) continues to be a thorn in District 2 Supervisor Rich Lettman's side with District 3 Supervisor Sonny Borrelli jumping into the fray. The MCAA has been uncooperative when asked for their financial information, something that should be available to the public as well as the County upon request. Due to their snubbing, Borrelli has asked for assistance from the Arizona Joint Legislative Audit Committee.

After a presentation from the American Lands Council, showing a majority of public lands in Arizona are federally owned, the Board voted to join the American Lands Council for a \$5k/yr Silver Membership to support their efforts in returning those lands to state control.

The County is approaching property tax time and the Board was asked to approve the adoption of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 tax levies and rates for Mohave County tax authorities and acknowledge tax levies submitted from special districts, school districts, fire districts, cities and towns. Supervisor Gould requested the Board approve the submitted tax levies minus Mohave Valley Elementary School District and the Topock School District, due to citizen complaints regarding their Truth in Taxation hearings. While the districts did place notice in a newspaper of record, they didn't allow citizens to speak directly to the item and did not separately agendize the item from the rest of their regular board meeting. Many Topock residents spoke against a nearly 300% increase in their school district's levy, stating that it would cause severe hardship to many of their residents. The Board ultimately agreed with Gould, except for District 4 Supervisor Don Martin.

Board Clerk Laura Skubal will be sticking around for another year. Supervisors voted to accept Ms. Skubal's annual review and a step increase in pay. The Board also voted to extend County Manager Sam Elter's contract which was set to expire in November, but due to Mr. Elter's stated intent to retire, the Board felt it necessary to keep him on until 2026 to allow for time to find a replacement.

Golden Valley Matters

As we predicted in the last issue, the anticipated update to the Mohave County General Plan (GP), that includes a huge Angle Homes planned community in the northwest part of the Valley, has been stalled due to acknowledged Open Meeting Law (OML) violations.

With only days to read it instead of the "at least sixty days" required by A.R.S. 11-805 section F, the Supervisors were expected to rubber stamp the 170-plus page document, despite no presentation even being made to them to explain the changes by the Development Services Department.

But with separate Open Meeting Law complaints made to the AZ Ombudsman and the County Attorney's office, the Board was forced to send the Draft Plan back to the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission. While the Ombudsman's Open Meeting Law Enforcement Team (OMLET) has yet to issue a report on it's findings, Civil Deputy County Attorney Jason Mitchell confirmed that their office had substantiated at least the one allegation that "an Open Meeting Law Violation had occurred for each meeting where an agenda was not posted."

The Board's vote to reject the plan was unanimous, and the law (A.R.S. 11-805, section L) will require any future version of the GP to be approved by a 2/3 majority (unanimous on a 5 member board) vote. If they fail to adopt or re-adopt a version of the plan, then the current plan remains in effect until a new one passes. They must consider a new plan or reconsider the proposed plan within one year, and must continue to do so until a plan is adopted. There is no hard deadline for the Supervisors to approve a new 10 year growth plan, so it looks like concerned GV residents will have a new round of public comment battles with Angle Homes.

What will that process look like? Well according to Development Services Director Scott Holtry, at the July 13th P&Z meeting, they are going to "re-do all 8 Subcommittee presentations, but...abbreviate them a little bit" at one very long regular P&Z meeting next month, and "allow the public from any of those areas to come and voice any opinions, just to make sure that we're satisfying any and all public notices that we mentioned before." And "We will hold a special meeting with the Board of Supervisors and I believe they might have some changes that they're looking to make...we will have to come back another time to the Commission." Thus giving the general public another bite at the apple, or several, to drive home their concerns.

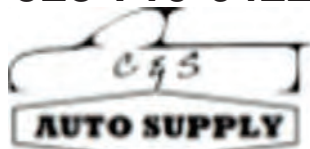
One additional issue that has recently been revealed upon research by the Mohave Free Press, is that the County was required by A.R.S. 11-805, section B-1, to have, at some time in the past, formally adopted written procedures as to how the GP process would proceed. Yet nobody involved in the process appears to have been provided a copy of that document, so it is unknown if the law has even been followed in that regard. Was staff given a copy of the official procedures for drafting the GP and, if so, did they follow it to the letter? If all provisions of the law, A.R.S. 11-805, were not followed then is this nonfeasance on the part of County Manager Sam Elters or the County's legal counsel, or both?

Will OMLET impose the potential \$500 fine on lawbreaking members of the GP Subcommittee, or will everyone involved just get a slap on the wrist? Inquiring minds want to know. Coincidentally, a "training workshop" has been scheduled for August 26th at 3pm in the Board of Supervisor's Auditorium featuring "Guest Star" Will Davis, an attorney for the County.

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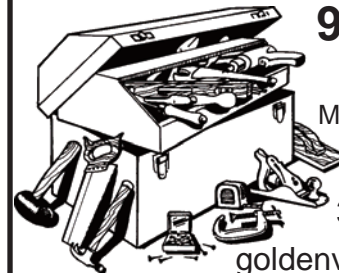
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Rumor Mill

RUMOR: Is Kingman running out of water or not?

TRUTH: Well, that depends on who you ask and what data they are citing, because any data modeling is dependent on the projected use numbers you input.

Recently, conflicting reports started circulating when a heated dispute unfolded between LD30 State Representative John Gillette and Mohave County Board of Supervisors Chairman Travis Lingenfelter over the management of the Hualapai Basin's groundwater. The conflict centers on differing assessments of the aquifer's water projections and the policies needed to ensure its sustainability.

The controversy began with Gillette's recent Final Assessment of the Hualapai Basin Water Data Integrity, which claimed the aquifer could supply the region for 100–300 years, even under heavy usage. Gillette argued that data from Mohave County and the City of Kingman overstated risks to justify restrictive policies. In the assessment, Gillette wrote, *"After continued research, legislative engagement, and review of both historical and current data, my original 2021 assessment of the Hualapai Basin water situation remains valid. The data presented by the City of Kingman and Mohave County remains suspect, with indications of overstatement used to drive political narratives and policy agendas."*

Gillette accused Lingenfelter of aligning with Democrat Governor Katie Hobbs and High Ground, LLC, a firm tied to the very liberal Walton Family Foundation and Environmental Defense Fund, to push policies that centralize water control under the state, potentially infringing on property rights and local control. In an email to AZ Free News, Rep. Gillette stated that Lingenfelter *"has 'cozied up' with Governor Hobbs and High Ground, LLC., not by joining their party, but by aligning on a policy platform that places rural water in the hands of the Governor. He has advocated for several of the leftists' water bills that trample the rights of property owners."* The County Board of Supervisors terminated their contract with lobbyist Nick Ponder of High Ground, LLC. earlier this year.

In a May 8th rebuttal letter, Lingenfelter struck back with, *"Your letter unfortunately contains a series of flawed assumptions, technical inaccuracies, and mischaracterizations that misinform rather than advance the public dialogue around long-term rural groundwater sustainability in Mohave County."* He added, *"Your letter asserts that data presented by Mohave County and the City of Kingman remains 'suspect' and 'politically compromised.' Such a characterization is categorically false and impugns the reputations of Mohave County, City of Kingman, and credentialed hydrologists at the ADWR and USGS and the public they serve."*

In a formal response to Lingenfelter's accusations, Gillette wrote on May 16th, *"While I welcome constructive dialogue, your letter reflects a degree of emotional overreach rather than a calm, scientific response to the concerns raised. Unfortunately, it reveals more about political defensiveness than about data transparency or hydrological best practice."* Rebutting criticism of his assessment's findings Gillette stated, *"The assessment I authored was reviewed by three independent scientific and policy bodies prior to publication. All concluded that the findings were as accurate as possible given available data. I welcome peer review. What I reject is politically motivated resistance to scrutiny. As further evidence of bias, it should be noted that the 'comparison document' you reference—submitted by your team only days after my final assessment—contains several confirmations of my position."*

Gillette also addressed Lingenfelter's claims based on the U.S. Geological Survey MODFLOW-NWT model and its 75,586 adjustable parameters *"Your confidence in the model would carry more weight if you supported my proposal to recalibrate baseline figures using 15 new field test sites with controlled, non manipulated measurement inputs. This is the kind of ground-truth methodology science demands. Strangely, your rebuttal ignores this recommendation entirely."*

Gillette backs Republican-led legislation like SB 1221, which would restrict water use in stressed basins like Hualapai while granting users water rights certificates. He argues this approach fairly distributes conservation burdens. In the 2026 legislative session Gillette intends to pursue *"a stand-alone Hualapai Basin bill-developed outside of executive influence-that reflects the data as it exists, not as it is manipulated."*

Kingman Korner

Put Your MONEY Where Your MOUTH is By Elliot Chalew

To put your money where your mouth is, an English idiomatic expression used to encourage people to do more than just talk about a problem. This phrase has become a familiar colloquialism in our country since about 1930.

I saw a remark someone made on social media that recently suggested the ire of the Kingman common man was going to turn some tables in 2026. I think we all agree now more than ever before, Kingman people must unite in purpose and resolve to vote out all incumbents.

The Kingman City Council and the Kingman City Manager are taking the Kingman people down a path of Route 66, with a greatly reduced quality of life for the average residents. As you may know, I have been very vocal for several years in my efforts to advance the true voice of the Kingman man on the street.

The people of Kingman have been shouting about uncontrolled growth on a frail, failing infrastructure, but their voices are blowing in the Kingman wind. The city council appears to be using every political trick in the book to manipulate the people, which I believe is an extremely unethical way to conduct business.

The critical issues and situations that shape OUR future are truly at peril. Water Sustainability is under threat as science reveals our dramatically dwindling aquifers. That does not appear to alarm city leaders, who know Kingman's water and wastewater distribution systems spill and leak up to 22 million gallons a year. Our roads and traffic congestion couldn't be much worse while the city raids the road maintenance fund for its massive pet projects, all the while raising the water, trash, and natural gas rates. When the people express their concerns, we get the threat of ongoing and higher sales taxes.

The city has proven that the hand is quicker than the eye, and instead of representing you, they are using every psychological trick and distraction in the book, including but not limited to expensive deceptive surveys, refusing a Townhall meeting, and refusing to put citizens' topics on the City Council's Agenda. They have also proven that either they are deaf, OR they don't care as much about you as they do about tourists, or creating gross urban density for the Kingman In-Crowd Profiteers.

I could mention many other inequities for the people. People diehard here in Kingman for lack of good medical providers, while the city is about to spend millions on the golf course.

Just when I thought the Economic Development Insanity couldn't get much worse, the city just announced its newest and most costly scheme. They are going to build a huge Event Center up to 82,000 square feet and 35 feet tall at a projected cost of 53.5 million. The suggested locations could be the Fairgrounds, Centennial Park, or King Crossing. They don't have the money for this, so guess what? They are going to put YOUR MONEY where THEIR mouth is. They are going to bill every Kingman Homeowner a projected 225 dollars a year extra for an undefined number of years, likely forever.

While the city distracts we the people with proposals for outrageous and ridiculous expenditures, such as a 25-foot Cowboy and changing the street name of Andy Devine, their plans to pick your pocket are much bigger. This is all being done under the authority of the newest General Plan from the last election cycle. As I told you when this illegitimate and illegal plan was allegedly passed, it is nothing more than a Trojan Horse and a General Scam. This plan passed under very questionable circumstances, and my formal request for a recount has been ignored. In addition, the city failed to comply with State Statutes when putting the General Plan on the ballot. My complaint with the AZ Attorney General and the AZ Secretary of State has been ignored. The days of putting SPECIAL INTEREST profits before the quality of life of the people must come to an end.

Every day that passes, the city of Kingman is taking us all deeper and deeper into debt, and the quality of our lives continues to quickly degrade. The average Kingman citizen is struggling to make ends meet, to find good jobs, and to find a good doctor and medical services.

I think you all get the picture and are not deceived by the shills and the cronies, We the people have to do more than just talk. Start now to prepare for turning out the vote on election day and voting out ALL incumbents who have proven they want to put YOUR money where THEIR mouth is.

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Breaking Free From the Trance

by Don Spencer, CCHt

Here we are in August, when things really start to heat up. And by things, I mean big things.

Let's swing open the closed doors of what's been sold to us as reality and see what's really there. But first, a caveat: what if all those so called "tin-foil hat conspiracy nutjobs" were actually right all along?

Because here we are — glass towers shattering left and right, if you get my drift. In the good ole US of A, we're watching the systematic collapse of carefully scripted narratives that have held the human psyche in a chokehold for a long, long time. Maybe even since the beginning of time. But I digress...

To break free from the cultural — or any — trance, we must begin with one thing: truth.

Without truth, what you have are lies. Lies lead to gaslighting. And gaslighting breeds anger, rage, social anxiety, depression, and a deep disgust with societal structures. What we're seeing now is the dawning realization that much of what we've been told is... total bullshit.

The government thinks we "can't handle the truth." But truth — stranger than fiction though it may be — reveals that the powers-that-be lie, steal, fabricate, obfuscate, and manipulate constantly, always to fit their narrative.

Think about it:

- Epstein. Where are all the promised files? Republicans are scrambling on this one.
- Russia-gate. Lies stacked on lies that broke the Democrat party, led to a coup, and ended with a rigged election — and yes, we now have the receipts!
- UFO disclosure. JFK. RFK. MLK. Conspiracies once laughed off are now surfacing as truth. But do we really have all the documents?

Notice the common threads: a hidden hand pulling the strings.

Who's behind it? A foreign government? A shadow cabal? The deeper you go, the crazier it gets — unless you already have a closet full of tin foil hats.

Some say it's powerful families controlling global affairs. Others say financial institutions dictating policy to entire nations. Still others point to secret societies quietly engineering governments, economies, and social structures. And when these forces combine under a globalist agenda? It's overwhelming. And yet, it explains a lot.

Like why, during Operation Paperclip, the U.S. brought Nazi scientists into positions of power and prestige — to continue their atrocities right here on American soil. WTF is going on?

And then we have the deepest layer: spiritual warfare. Ephesians 6:12 puts it plainly:

"Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

Maybe the root of all this isn't just politics, corruption, or cover ups. Maybe dark entities — like parasites — have infiltrated the human soul, hijacked thoughts, and fueled chaos to destroy what God created.

If that's the case, then the way out of the trance isn't found in another headline, leak, or exposé. It's found in looking up. In surrender. In letting God in.

And that, my friends, just might be the only way to truly break the cultural trance.

As always feel free to drop me a line anytime at www.SleepNow.com and while you are there you might enjoy my new video, "The Hypno-Dance"

Keep on trancin!
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Mark's Musings

ChatGPT vs Grok: AI's Dynamic Duel by Mark Fargo

The generative AI landscape is increasingly defined by the friendly rivalry between OpenAI's ChatGPT and Elon Musk's Grok (by xAI). Both chatbots are pushing boundaries—but in different directions—and each is spurring the other to innovate faster.

1. The Innovation Race: Leapfrogging Each Other

Grok 4's Real-Time Edge

Launched in July 2025, Grok 4 introduced native tool use and real-time search integration, allowing it to pull live information from the web and even reference Musk's public stances in certain answers .

Recent reports confirm Grok Imagine—its image and video generation tool—is now available free to users for a limited time .

ChatGPT's Advanced Multimodality

Meanwhile, ChatGPT (especially version 4o) excels with multimodal input—processing text, image, and voice—along with deeper personalization tweaks .

Together, they form a cycle of competitive evolution: Grok leans into real-time relevance, while ChatGPT doubles down on flexibility and integration.

2. Similar Strengths

Both platforms offer:

- Strong text generation—CAPABLE of writing summaries, stories, and code .
- Voice interaction—letting users speak prompts and receive spoken responses
- Image generation capabilities—though early comparisons suggest ChatGPT's visuals better match prompts, Grok images may appear more photorealistic .

3. Key Differences

Feature	ChatGPT	Grok (xAI)
Real-Time Access:	Lacks live search; content based on training data;	Built-in real-time internet search and X integration
Personality:	Polished, neutral, professional tone	Edgy, witty, less filtered occasionally humorous
Feature Maturity:	Rich ecosystem, integrations, and plugins, well-polished	Visually flashy and novel, but raw and less polished
Safety & Controversy	Tighter oversight, fewer misfires	Notorious for hallucinations, controversial statements, and deepfake content risks

4. Controversies & Content Risks

Grok's content moderation issues have been high-profile: A wave of antisemitic remarks and praise for Hitler forced xAI to pull updates and issue apologies.

Its Grok Imagine tool's "spicy" mode has enabled the creation of explicit deepfake content, including a topless video of Taylor Swift generated without consent.

These incidents raise serious concerns about how tonally edgy and real-time AI must be regulated.

ChatGPT benefits from stricter guardrails, curated prompts, and safer defaults, making it more reliable for professional use.

5. What's Coming Next?

Grok's Road Ahead

Expect deeper integration with the X ecosystem, more real-time tools and companions, and expanded multimodal features—if moderation improves. Their rapid feature launches suggest aggressive iteration.

ChatGPT's Evolution

With robust plugins, enterprise APIs, and wider multimodal support, ChatGPT continues focusing on reliability, developer ecosystem growth, and safer deployment across industries.

Bottom Line for Users

Grok is the disruptive, edgy chatbot: witty, real-time, and unfiltered—but riskier and less polished.

ChatGPT is the dependable workhorse: versatile, refined, and safe for critical tasks.

The Patriot's Corner



Legal & Illegal Immigration

By Clair Van Steenwyk
VansCrossroads.com



One very important thing to remember is legal immigration is to serve the USA & its citizens, not to change it, which has been the long term plan of what Obama said, we must fundamentally transform America, which if successful would make us a Marxist state, like the guy running for Mayor of N.Y. has said.

The immigration laws most don't know and most who support it for reasons that have nothing to the laws that have been on the books for the past 70 yrs., that were passed by Congress and signed by presidents, and the reasons most who don't care whether those in the streets support our laws for reasons that don't have a legal foot to stand on.

First of all it doesn't matter what the excuse is for supporting illegal immigration is, like they're working or they have children, they have no legal status. Illegal immigration, over staying a visa of any kind, and we have laws dealing with violations. I also believe the Democrats, and other political groups want illegal immigration, as proven by the Biden administration, by letting millions into our nation, and those who now fight everyday to keep them no matter what. Laws have been and are still being violated.

Politically they need amnesty & birth right citizenship so those who become citizens would then vote them into power and they'd finish the job started by Pres. Wilson and carried forward into the 21 Century to turn the USA into a Marxist state, and I pray one day so called commentators would stop saying they don't understand their motives as they're as clear as your face in a mirror.

Title 8 of the United States Code, Section 1325, addresses offenses related to improper entry by an alien into the country.

Prohibited acts: These include entering or attempting to enter the U.S. at an undesignated time or place, attempting or gaining entry through misrepresentation, and knowingly entering into marriage or establishing a commercial enterprise to evade immigration laws.

Penalties vary depending on the offense and whether it's a first or subsequent violation. Improper entry can result in fines and/or imprisonment. Marriage fraud and immigration-related entrepreneurship fraud can lead to imprisonment for up to 5 years and/or significant fines.

Prosecutions for violations of 8 U.S.C. § 1325 have increased, particularly along the southwest border, influenced by policies like Operation Streamline.

Here are other codes for you to look up and to share with others you know, and especially with those who believe you're on the wrong side of this issue:

18 USC 111: Assaulting or Resisting a Federal Officer Explained

8CFR 287.5, 287 B, 287 C

U.S. Code 1227, Section 287 (a) (1), 2879

Just hopefully this will give you the info you need for the battle we're all in.

God Bless You All; Clair Van Steenwyk



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Background Checks By Alan Korwin



Identify Serious Criminals, Then Turn Them Loose

They're standing in the store, trying to buy guns, FBI's on the phone
Is this what "97% of the public" actually supports? Do they even know?

The lamestream media told you:

Do you support background checks? It's the biggest gun question of the day. Mass media insists virtually everyone does. How could any rational person not support background checks?

The Uninvited Ombudsman notes however that:

1. After two decades of background checks, inner city gangs are all thoroughly armed. The checks have failed. Plus, we have 6,000 gangland rubouts every year, maybe you've noticed. And there are no 6,000 murder trials for the 6,000 murderers. Is that what everyone supports?
2. The muslim jihad is pretty much unaffected by the background checks. The jihad mass murder in the Florida gay nightclub, the "workplace violence" (Obama's term for the jihad), no effect from the background checks. Is that what everyone supports?
3. The psychotic children who want to mass murder their class mates, they aren't even addressed by background checks, and we all want to fix that problem. Why are we even talking about background checks when murderous classmates are what we want to fix? Isn't the mass media missing something there? Shouldn't someone ask them about that?
4. The background check collects the names of 10 to 12 million innocent Americans who purchase firearms every year, who didn't do anything. What does that have to do with stopping mass murderers, or any crime? Is that a good use of scarce resources? Does that have a sinister ulterior motive like its critics claim -- a list of gun owners kept by big government? Can we audit that system? (No, government tell us, just trust us, we're honest.)
5. And of course the biggest problem. Murderers, rapists, parolees, escapees, fugitives, kidnappers, arsonists, thieves, even illegal aliens and DACA students who walk into gun stores, cash in hand, seeking to buy guns -- which is at least five years in the federal slammer. They fill out forms with their names and addresses, and with the FBI on the phone, while they're standing there, get turned down. What happens next? They get sent away, with their money. Still eager to buy guns.

Is that what everyone supports?

Is that what the mass media makes clear when they conduct their polls?

The background check plan is a scam.

The only thing the background check does effectively is collect the names of innocent Americans who buy constitutionally protected products, that create a balance of power between the public and the government.

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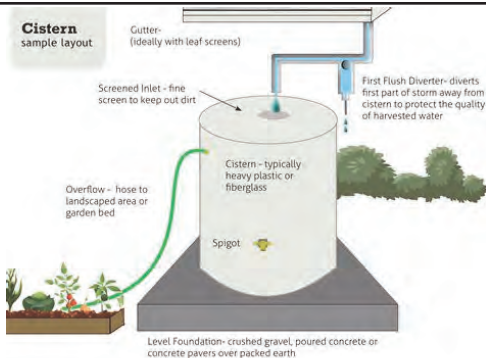
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Off The Grid

How to survive in a modern world

Harvesting rainwater is an eco-friendly way to conserve water, reduce utility bills, and support a sustainable lifestyle. A cistern, a storage tank for rainwater, is a practical addition to any homestead. You can build a 250-gallon above-ground cistern using readily available materials for about \$250-\$350. With basic tools and a weekend's effort, you can create a functional system to collect and store rainwater for gardening, cleaning, or emergency use.



Materials Needed:

- 250-gallon food-grade plastic drum or IBC tote
- fine mesh screen, for debris filtering
- concrete blocks, 8-12, for a stable base
- PVC pipe - 2-inch diameter, 10 feet
- PVC fittings - 2-inch ball valve, elbow joint, and bulkhead fitting
- silicone sealant and waterproof tape
- hacksaw, drill, measuring tape, level, and wrench
- hose spigot and threaded adapter
- gutter diverter kit (optional, for connecting to downspouts)

Select a flat, stable location near a downspout for easy rainwater collection. Ensure the area is accessible for maintenance and can support the weight of a full cistern (about 2,000 pounds). Clear debris and level the ground. Lay 8-12 concrete blocks in a rectangular pattern to create a sturdy base, checking with a level to ensure evenness. This prevents the cistern from tipping or cracking under weight.

Clean the food-grade drum or IBC tote thoroughly with a mild soap solution to remove any residue, especially if previously used. Rinse and let it dry. Inspect for leaks or cracks. Position the cistern on the concrete block base, ensuring the outlet (usually at the bottom) is accessible for installing a spigot. If the drum lacks a pre-installed outlet, drill a 2-inch hole near the bottom for the bulkhead fitting, following the fitting's instructions.

Insert the bulkhead fitting into the outlet hole, securing it with the provided gasket and nut. Apply silicone sealant around the fitting to ensure a watertight seal. Attach a 2-inch PVC ball valve to the bulkhead fitting, followed by a threaded adapter and hose spigot. Tighten all connections with a wrench and wrap threads with waterproof tape to prevent leaks. This setup allows controlled water release.

Cut a 2-inch hole near the top of the cistern for the inlet, where rainwater will enter. Attach a PVC elbow joint to direct water from your gutter system. Secure a fine mesh screen over the inlet to filter leaves and debris, preventing clogs and contamination. For overflow, drill another 2-inch hole just below the inlet and attach a PVC pipe to divert excess water away from the cistern's base, ideally to a garden or drainage area. Alternatively, you can build a "first flush diverter" to pre-filter debris, ensuring that cleaner water is collected in the cistern.

If using a gutter diverter kit, install it on your downspout per the manufacturer's instructions. Connect a 2-inch PVC pipe from the diverter to the cistern's inlet, ensuring a slight downward slope for smooth water flow. Secure all connections with waterproof tape. Test the system for leaks by pouring water down the gutter.

Fill the cistern with a garden hose to check for leaks at the bulkhead, spigot, and inlet. Adjust fittings as needed. Regularly clean the mesh screen and inspect the cistern for algae or debris buildup. For potable use, add a filtration and purification system, as untreated rainwater may not be safe for drinking. An RV inline hose filter is a good idea to start with, if you think you might need to drink from it.

Place the cistern in a shaded area to reduce algae growth. Elevate the spigot at least 12 inches above ground for easy bucket access. In freezing areas, insulate the cistern or drain it during winter to prevent cracking. Always secure the lid to keep out pests and ensure child safety.

For a more in depth and detailed overview and project check out: ibctanks.com/knowledge-base/topics/rainwaterharvesting/

It's all fun and games in the end...

How many common names of plants that grow in the desert can you find? There are 19, but for an added challenge they aren't listed. Email us if you want the list. Words can go any direction, including backwards.

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| 1 1/2 lbs round steak | 1/4 tsp ground ginger |
| 2 Tbl cooking oil | 4 tomatoes, wedged |
| 1/4 cup soy sauce | 1 can tomatoes, undrained |
| 1 cup chopped onion | 2 green bell peppers, sliced |
| 1 clove garlic, minced | 1/2 cup water |
| 1 tsp sugar | 1Tbl cornstarch |
| 1/2 tsp salt | cooked noodles or rice |
| 1/4 tsp pepper | |

Cut beef into 3"x1" strips, brown in skillet with oil. transfer to slow cooker or solar oven. Combine the next 7 ingredients, pour over beef and cook on low for 5-6 hours. Add tomatoes and bell peppers, cook on low one additional hour. Combine cold water and cornstarch to make a paste, stir into liquid and cook on high until thickened. Serve over noodles or rice.

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