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Peace in Palestine

Historic Ceasefire Sealed with Hostage and Prisoner Exchange

In a landmark moment, the two-year war formally ended with a US brokered ceasefire. The agreement's first phase saw Hamas release all 20 remaining living Israeli hostages and four bodies, while Israel freed nearly 2,000 Palestinian prisoners, marking a significant step toward peace in the volatile region.

The ceasefire was accompanied by a partial Israeli withdrawal from Gaza's populated areas and a surge of humanitarian aid.

Under the deal, facilitated by Egypt and the International Committee of the Red Cross, Hamas handed over the remaining 20 hostages, abducted during the October 7, 2023 attacks, in two groups. In exchange, Israel released 1,968 Palestinian detainees, including 250 serving life sentences, 114 women, and 297 children. Palestinian leaders, while celebrating the prisoner release, raised concerns about over 8,000 detainees still held by Israel and reports of torture during captivity.

President Trump hailed the deal as the "dawn of a new Middle East", envisioning a "golden age" for the region. "This is the beginning of everlasting harmony for Israel and all the nations of what will soon be a great region. Bibi, the world's a big place and you're this one small speck. You don't want everyone hating you, we'll make sure they don't." said President Trump in his triumphant October 13th speech before the Israeli parliament, the Knesset. "We will love Israel more than ever before. Israel will live and thrive forever. I'm with you all the way." he told Israeli officials.

As celebrations unfold, both sides eye a fragile path to lasting peace. The agreement, signed in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, alongside President Abdel Fat-



tah el-Sissi, has sparked global optimism but faces challenges. Phase two requires full Israeli withdrawal and Hamas disarmament, as well as a \$53 billion rebuilding effort of which the U.S. and European Union are anticipated to contribute a combined total of around \$10–15 billion.

A multinational peacekeeping force, formally known as the International Stabilization Force (ISF), is set to oversee the ceasefire, facilitate reconstruction, and ensure long-term stability. The ISF will support a transitional Gaza International Transitional Authority (GITA) and a locally recruited Palestinian civilian police force, enabling a phased Israeli withdrawal from most of the territory. Deployment is expected to begin within 60 days of phase one completion, pending a UN Security Council resolution for its mandate, with initial focus on border security along the Gaza-Israel and Gaza-Egypt frontiers. Hurdles include Israeli insistence on veto power over deployments near borders, Hamas' resistance to "foreign guardianship," and UN funding strains from US

cuts. Experts warn that without swift implementation, the force risks becoming another stalled mission like UNIFIL in Lebanon. UN Secretary-General António Guterres urged "This must translate into protection for civilians and a permanent end to hostilities."

But peace comes with a price to US tax payers. According to a comprehensive report from Brown University's Costs of War Project (released October 6th), the US has provided at least \$21.7 billion in military aid to Israel over the two years since October 7th, 2023.

Despite the breakthrough, skepticism lingers due to past violations of peace agreements by both sides. Israel has repeatedly been criticized for expanding West Bank settlements and conducting airstrikes in Gaza, undermining agreements such as the 2014 ceasefire. Conversely, Hamas has violated deals by launching rockets, digging attack tunnels, and rearming during lulls, as seen after the 2021 ceasefire. These betrayals fuel distrust, casting a shadow over the current deal's long-term viability.

Comey Indicted

Ex-FBI Chief Faces Two Felony Charges

James Comey, the former FBI director whose tenure sparked controversies from the Clinton email saga to the Trump-Russia probe, was indicted on September 25th, on two felony counts of making false statements to Congress and obstructing a congressional proceeding.

The charges, stemming from his 2020 Senate testimony, mark the first time a current or former FBI Director has been criminally charged. Comey is facing up to five years per count if convicted.

No "perp walk", Comey quietly surrendered for arraignment on October 8th at a federal courthouse in Alexandria, VA. He entered a not-guilty plea through his attorney, former US Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald, and was released without bail. FBI brass floated a "showy" arrest with "beefy" agents in full tactical gear for maximum humiliation, but some FBI agents reportedly resisted orders for a high-profile arrest. One was suspended for refusing calling it "inappropriate" for a white-collar case.

Comey faces a trial set for January 5th of next year. The indictment, driven by US Attorney Lindsey Halligan, who was handpicked by Trump after he ousted her predecessor, alleges Comey misled senators about authorizing leaks during the Russia investigation or Clinton email probe.

The case has ignited a firestorm, with Democrats decrying it as a politically motivated vendetta. House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries called the prosecution "malicious" and a "grotesque abuse of power," warning of a broader Trump-led purge targeting other high profile Trump adversaries such as New York AG Letitia James. Trump supporters salivated at the thought. Legal analysts question the case's strength, citing its reliance on ambiguous testimony and proximity to the statute of limitations' expiration.

Trump, unapologetic, hailed the indictment on Truth Social, posting "JUSTICE IN AMERICA! One of the worst human beings this Country has ever been exposed to is James Comey." Supporters on social media celebrated the indictment, pointing out Comey's connection to the "Russia hoax" and January 6 persecutions, and recycling Comey's now infamous "8647" seashell photo which hinted at assassinating Trump.

Comey, in a brief video statement, declared his innocence and vowed to fight the charges. The case, already a lightning rod, threatens to deepen the nation's political divide as Trump's second term unfolds.



Kirk Assassination Update

Is the Official Story Unraveling?

One month after conservative firebrand Charlie Kirk was gunned down mid-speech at Utah Valley University, the official account of lone gunman Tyler Robinson driven by left-wing rage, faces mounting scrutiny from independent journalists and investigators. Led by Kirk's former colleague Candace Owens, a chorus of skeptics is unraveling the FBI's tidy timeline, pointing to suppressed footage, a possible second shooter, a potential female accomplice, and leaked texts that suggest a deeper conspiracy.

With polls showing 42% of Americans now doubting the government's version, the case has ignited a firestorm of public distrust, echoing the JFK assassination's enduring shadows.

Kirk, founder of Turning Point USA, fell to a sniper's bullet on September 10th, during a campus event titled "American Comeback". The FBI hailed it as a "lone wolf" act by a radicalized Discord user, closing the book amid bipartisan grief. But cracks surfaced almost immediately, amplified by Owens, Kirk's former colleague and self-proclaimed "investigator."

In a marathon of chart topping YouTube episodes, Owens has dissected the evidence with forensic zeal. "The feds like to play games" she declared on September 19th.

Eyewitnesses bolster the doubt. A UVU janitor's September 24th interview with Owens described spotting a "professional" gloved and hooded figure leaping roofs pre-shot, distinct from Robinson's physical profile. Three other custodians echoed this in affidavits Owens shared, clashing with the FBI's "isolated rooftop" claim.

Robinson's grandmother insists he was no gun-toting leftist, clashing with the profile. Discord denies hosting the incriminating chats.

On October 1st, Owens aired enhanced door-cam footage from a Provo alley near Utah Valley University, depicting a woman fleeing with a man (resembling Robinson) after ditching the rifle. She alleged the FBI suppressed it to frame Robinson as a solo actor, noting the 33-hour manhunt initially sought "a female accomplice." Video analyst Ryan Matta verified timestamps via metadata, aligning with eyewitness accounts of a "pair" vanishing into a service area. Utah Gov. Spencer Cox confirmed the initial search included a woman, but the FBI later dropped it, calling it a "misidentification."

Forensic voids compound the conspiracies. No ballistics match links the rifle to the bullet, despite Utah law mandating such tests. Gunshot residue results from Robinson's hands or clothes? Absent. DNA or prints on the weapon? Crickets. No exit wound that would be consistent with the alleged weapon, a Mauser 98 bolt-action rifle. No hospital staff statements, no public autopsy report (sealed under state confidentiality), no real investigation transparency.

Owens dissected Robinson's alleged confession texts to roommate Lance Twiggs, using AI linguistics to flag unnatural phrasing, "casually tossed" terms like "Zionist puppet" mismatched Robinson's Discord history. She claimed no campus photos or videos place Robinson at UVU, and his "suicidal" backstory is "fiction", verified by family statements denying mental health issues.

Owens' bombshells continued October 8th with leaked group-chat screenshots, verified by Turning Point USA, showing Kirk agonizing over lost Jewish donors. "Just lost another huge Jewish donor. \$2 million a year because we won't cancel Tucker" Kirk texted two days prior, referencing his hosting of Tucker Carlson. Kirk wrote: "No choice but to leave the pro-Israel cause... the behavior of these donors is insane. Bringing Candace back on tour soon." Owens alleges this rift with pro-Israel lobbies, pressured by figures like Bill Ackman, painted a target on Kirk's back. "He told three people off the record 'I think they're going to kill me'" she claimed.

While not overturning the case, these issues have pressured the FBI. Director Kash Patel credited "public scrutiny" for expanded probes.

As Owens has boldly declared on her podcast, "This narrative is a house of cards built on omissions and absurdities. Charlie deserves truth, not a cover-up." But the questions linger: Was this a leftist lone gunman, or a professional hit to muzzle a movement? The FBI owes the nation receipts, ballistics, geodata, unredacted logs.

Charlie Kirk's final words, "Prove me wrong", resound louder than ever.

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Geofencing Targets Christians

AZ Parishioners to Receive Propaganda

In a bold digital maneuver, Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has launched a multimillion-dollar propaganda push targeting Christians in the American Southwest, with Arizona churches squarely in its crosshairs. Publicly filed documents under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) reveal that a San Diego-based firm is using geofencing technology to beam pro-Israel ads directly to worshipers' smartphones during Sunday services, sparking debates over foreign influence in US houses of worship.

The campaign, dubbed the "largest Christian Church Geofencing Campaign in US history," is orchestrated by Show Faith by Works, LLC, a newly formed entity led by activist Chad Schnitger. Valued at \$3.26 million, with potential expansions to \$4.1 million, it aims to combat declining support for Israel due to the two year war on Gaza Filings submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice in late September explicitly list 38 Arizona congregations as prime targets. The Arizona-specific targets focus primarily on 38 congregations in the Phoenix metropolitan area, Tucson, and Prescott. While the campaign broadly encompasses "every major church" across Arizona and other states, the disclosed lists do not currently extend to Mohave County churches.

Geofencing works like an invisible net: Virtual boundaries are drawn around church parking lots and sanctuaries. When congregants' phones enter these zones during peak worship hours with location services enabled, targeted ads pop up. Messages blend biblical references with calls to stand with Israel, often framing all Palestinians as aligned with "extremist factions." The strategy extends to tracking attendees post-service for follow-up digital barrages, promising to reach nearly 4 million Christians across Arizona, California, Nevada, and Colorado. This type of marketing strategy is commonly used at concerts and other large events, you opt in when you purchase your ticket, and was recently employed at the TPUSA memorial for Charlie Kirk.

Critics decry the effort as manipulative overreach. "This isn't outreach; it's astroturfed propaganda," argued Dr. Lena Khalil, a media ethics professor at Arizona State University. "Geofencing exploits faith communities' trust, turning prayer time into ad space for a foreign power." "It's deeply unsettling," said Rev. Maria Gonzalez of Faith Community Church in Tucson, one of the listed sites. "We're here to preach the Gospel, not receive unsolicited foreign policy lectures via our cell phones. This feels like an invasion of sacred space." Gonzalez, whose non-denominational flock numbers 2,500 weekly, noted a surge in congregant concerns after the filings surfaced last week. Similar unease echoes from Phoenix's Christ Community Church, where Pastor Elias Rivera called it "a high-tech Trojan horse for geopolitical agendas."

The initiative's toolkit goes beyond bits and bytes. Show Faith by Works plans to mail "Pastoral Resource Packages" with video sermons and history lessons tailored for pulpits. It envisions recruiting influencers such as actors Chris Pratt and Mark Wahlberg, or evangelist Joel Osteen, for endorsements. A crown jewel: the "10/7 Experience," a mobile virtual reality trailer touring church lots with immersive recreations of the October 7, 2023, Hamas attacks, complete with props, wall-sized screens, and Israeli military footage. The exhibit, budgeted at up to \$835,000, aims to evoke empathy through "updated pro-Israel media."

Israel's Foreign Ministry defends the program as vital public diplomacy. In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, officials emphasized its focus on "fostering biblical solidarity" amid rising antisemitism. Yet, with US evangelical approval of Israel dipping below 50% in recent polls, the stakes are high. The campaign runs through December, but its digital footprint may linger.

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Family Haven Act

Secondary Residences Now Allowed On Site

In a move hailed by rural families and urban multi-generational households alike, House Bill 2708 was signed into law on September 25th, paving the way for homeowners to build or maintain additional residences on their properties without the bureaucratic red tape that once stood in the way. Dubbed the "Family Haven Act" by its sponsors, the legislation aims to address Arizona's housing issues by promoting accessory dwelling units (ADUs), such as backyard cottages, tiny homes, and garage conversions, while preserving property tax breaks for close-knit families.

The law, which takes effect January 1st, 2026, amends state statutes on property classification (A.R.S. §§ 42-12003 and 42-12053) to streamline approvals for secondary structures occupied by qualifying relatives. Previously, adding a second home often triggered reclassification as rental property, hiking taxes and inviting zoning headaches. Now, owners can house parents, adult children, or grandchildren in these units without losing the coveted primary residence status, which caps school-related property taxes at a 40% assessment ratio, saving thousands annually compared to the 18% ratio for rentals.

"Too many Arizonans are forced to choose between caring for aging loved ones and affording their own homes," said Rep. Quang Nguyen (R-Surprise), the bill's prime sponsor. "This isn't just about housing; it's about keeping families together in a state where costs are skyrocketing." Nguyen, whose district includes flood-prone rural areas, highlighted how the law could double as disaster relief, allowing quick builds for displaced relatives after events like the 2024 monsoon floods.

Under HB 2708, a secondary residence qualifies if occupied by the owner's natural or adopted child (or descendant), parent (or ancestor), or sibling. Owners must file a simple affidavit with their county assessor every two years, affirming the setup under penalty of perjury. Failure to respond prompts a 15-day grace period before reclassification to Class 4 (rental) status, with appeals available to the county board of supervisors. The Arizona Department of Revenue will roll out standardized criteria by mid-2026, including utility bills and vehicle registrations to verify primary use.

Supporters, including the Arizona Multihousing Association and AARP Arizona, praise the measure for tackling the state's housing shortage. "ADUs could add 50,000 affordable units statewide without sprawling into deserts," said housing advocate Maria Gonzalez of the Arizona Housing Coalition. Early adopters in Maricopa County, like retiree Elena Vasquez, are already planning granny flats. "My daughter and grandkids live with us now, but this gives us space without selling the farm," Vasquez said from her Queen Creek property.

Not everyone is cheering. Critics, led by the Arizona Farm Bureau, warn of unintended sprawl in agricultural zones. "What starts as a guest house could become a subdivision," said Bureau President Stefanie Smallhouse, citing potential water strain in drought-hit rural counties. Environmental groups like the Sierra Club echo concerns, claiming that relaxed zoning might erode green spaces. Meanwhile, some tax watchdogs fear abuse, with calls for stricter audits to prevent "family" loopholes for de facto rentals. The law builds on 2023 homestead tweaks that boosted equity protections to \$400,000 but allowed creditor liens on secondary homes. HB 2708 adds teeth: Assessors must notify owners biennially, and the state can audit for compliance, with penalties for false claims including back taxes plus interest.

At the October 6th Board of Supervisors meeting, Mohave County got out ahead of this statewide change and supervisors voted to align the County Code with the new law. Instead of one additional family residence on your lot, you can now have one attached accessory residence and one detached accessory residence - two detached accessory residences if your lot is 1 acre or larger. Setbacks have also been reduced, and the allowable size of the accessory dwelling has also changed. Contact Mohave County Development Services for more information at: (928) 757-0903. All standard building permits and inspections apply.

As Arizona grapples with median home prices topping \$450,000, the Family Haven Act signals a shift toward "gentle density." The potential to reduce the need for new homes could impact the local housing market. Implementation workshops kick off in November across Arizona, with full guidelines expected by year's end.

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Arizona Election Portal Hack Fontes' Cybersecurity Failures Exposed

A brazen cyberattack on Arizona's election website has thrust Secretary of State Adrian Fontes into the crosshairs of furious lawmakers and activists, who accuse him of presiding over a "massive cover-up" and neglecting basic safeguards that left the state's democratic processes vulnerable to foreign meddling. The breach, which saw hackers swap candidate photos with images of Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini, has not only disrupted critical pre-election operations but also eroded public trust in an office already strained by outdated technology and evasive leadership.



The intrusion struck on June 23rd, just days after U.S. military strikes on Iranian nuclear sites, a timing that reeks of retaliation from pro-Iranian actors, according to investigators. Hackers exploited a glaring flaw in the Candidate Portal, a public-facing system where politicians upload profiles and photos for the state's election results page. Using a seemingly innocuous image file laced with a Base64-encoded PowerShell script, the attackers commandeered the server, defacing profiles dating back years with politically charged propaganda. Live on the site, voters could see Khomeini's stern visage staring back instead of legitimate candidates, a digital desecration that unfolded mere weeks before a crucial special congressional primary election on July 15th.

Fontes' office detected the anomaly but took over a week to alert the public, issuing a terse July 1st statement that critics slammed as woefully inadequate. The portal was shuttered for seven days, forcing candidates to scramble with manual submissions and password resets amid a chaotic pre-election crunch. No voter data was compromised, thanks to network segmentation, but the episode laid bare the portal's "open window" vulnerabilities: an unpatched legacy system ripe for exploitation, with lax upload controls that invited disaster.

"This should never have happened," fumed State Sen. Jake Hoffman (R-LD15), who branded Fontes' response a "foreign cyberattack cover-up" and demanded a full accounting of affected systems, stolen data, and remedial steps. Turning Point Action COO Tyler Bowyer echoed the outrage, blasting the office for leaving "voters and candidates totally in the dark" and burying the scandal under vague assurances.

Adding insult to injury, Fontes has deflected scrutiny by pointing fingers elsewhere, including complaints about federal cybersecurity coordination. In a private briefing with lawmakers, he griped about "outdated systems" and sought a whopping \$10 million one-time infusion plus \$3.5 million annually to "modernize" infrastructure, a plea that smacks of too little too late after years of warnings ignored on his watch.

The fallout has rippled beyond Arizona's borders, with cybersecurity experts warning that such lapses could embolden adversaries like Iran, Russia, or China to probe deeper into U.S. elections. Fontes' team mobilized state resources—the National Guard, Arizona Department of Homeland Security, and a private firm—to contain the damage, and the FBI has since joined the fray. Yet, the office's initial sidestepping of fuller disclosure has only amplified suspicions of incompetence. Spokesman JP Martin insists the response was "decisive" and transparent via bipartisan briefings, but skeptics see it as damage control for a preventable fiasco.

As the investigation grinds on, the chorus for accountability grows deafening. Bipartisan lawmakers, candidates sidelined by the outage, and everyday voters deserve answers. How did a routine portal become a hacker's playground? What data, if any, slipped through the cracks? And why has Fontes prioritized finger-pointing over fortifying defenses? With midterms looming, Arizona can't afford another election embarrassment. Fontes must come clean, overhaul his cybersecurity house, and restore faith in the ballot box, or risk proving critics right: that under his stewardship, the state's vote is anything but secure.

COVID-19 Vaccine Dangers Governor Hobbs Ignores Actual Science

Governor Katie Hobbs announced plans last month to expand access to mRNA COVID-19 vaccines state-wide, touting it as a "public health triumph". The initiative aims to boost vaccination rates by offering free boosters at mobile clinics in rural areas and mandating shots for state employees. As debate intensifies, Hobbs' decision casts a shadow over informed consent in the Grand Canyon State.

As the dust settles on billions of mRNA doses administered, a growing body of peer-reviewed research paints a very troubling picture. Studies published in prestigious journals like The Lancet and The New England Journal of Medicine reveal risks that were downplayed or dismissed. With over 700 peer-reviewed papers documenting harms, the "safe and effective" narrative crumbles under scrutiny.

At the forefront of these revelations is the spike protein induced myocarditis epidemic, a condition where the heart muscle inflames, potentially leading to scarring, arrhythmias, and sudden death. A 2024 multicenter study in eClinicalMedicine tracked 324 young patients with COVID-19 vaccine-associated myocarditis finding myocardial injury in 41% via cardiac MRI, with late gadolinium enhancement (LGE), a marker of permanent damage, persisting in 60% at follow-up. Males under 30, especially after the second dose, bore the brunt, with odds ratios for LGE up to 3.28 times higher. This echoes a 2022 Lancet cohort analysis of U.S. claims data, reporting an incidence of 2.17 cases per 100,000 person-days in men aged 18–25 post-Moderna booster. A 2024 Nature Communications self-controlled case series in England showed mRNA boosters doubled the risk of hospitalization for myocarditis/pericarditis in those without prior SARS-CoV-2 infection, with rates spiking 450% in adolescents post-second dose. Spanish tertiary hospital data from 2024 corroborated this, noting vaccine-linked cases in 10 per 100,000 adolescents versus just 5 per 100,000 in unvaccinated peers, flipping the "rare" script when infection isn't a confounder. Autopsy reviews in PubMed (2024) linked fatal myocarditis directly to mRNA shots, with spike protein infiltrating cardiac tissue, triggering hypersensitivity. A 2023 BMJ Open meta-analysis pooled global data, confirming a 3.5-fold elevated risk post-vaccination in young males.

Whispers of DNA contamination have escalated to roars. A 2025 PubMed quantification of Pfizer/Moderna vials from Ontario found residual plasmid DNA exceeding regulatory limits by 354 times, including SimianVirus40 promoter sequences linked to cancer. Biodistribution data, buried in FDA filings, show Lipid-NanoParticles ferrying mRNA to ovaries and brains, raising fertility and neurological alarms. A 2024 Trends in Molecular Medicine review implicated the spike protein in neurotoxicity, with frameshifted recombinant spikes, glitches in mRNA translation, detected in circulation months post-jab, potentially crossing the blood-brain barrier and inciting inflammation. This aligns with a 2025 International Journal of Molecular Sciences study showing shared biochemical pathways between long COVID and vaccine side effects, including neuropathy and Guillain-Barré-like syndromes. Frameshifting yields aberrant proteins in up to 8% of translations, per a 2024 Nature analysis, potentially immunogenic toxins. Over 60 studies document spike protein pathogenicity, binding ACE2 receptors systemically, disrupting endothelial function, and promoting thrombosis. A 2023 PMC review termed it "spikeopathy," with vaccine-produced spikes lingering longer than viral ones, evading degradation and fueling chronic inflammation. A 2024 Pharmacology Research & Perspectives study detected frameshifted spikes in human tissues up to 187 days post-vaccination, far beyond the "transient" claim.

Autoimmunity emerges as another red flag. A 2024 Nature Communications cohort of 9 million Koreans subgroup analyses revealed elevated risks for specific connective tissue diseases like lupus (hazard ratio 1.16) in women under 50 post-booster. A 2022 PubMed meta-analysis of immune-mediated events post-mRNA vaccination reported odds ratios up to 2.5 for vasculitis and demyelinating disorders, attributing them to molecular mimicry where anti-spike antibodies cross-react with human proteins.

A 2022 PubMed trial reanalysis exposed an excess 12.5 serious adverse events per 10,000 doses, dwarfing placebo baselines. Benefits wane with variants, per a 2025 NEJM veteran study, while risks endure.

Informed consent demands we heed the actual science, not suppress it. Our health isn't a beta test, and Governor Hobbs should follow the science.

MAHA

Make Arizona Healthy Again!

In a whirlwind of transformative health policy, HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is tackling chronic disease, vaccine safety, and pharmaceutical pricing head-on. Since last month, Kennedy's leadership has delivered groundbreaking announcements on autism, Tylenol risks, and CDC immunization reforms.

On September 24th, Kennedy unveiled a seismic HHS initiative targeting the autism epidemic, spotlighting a long-ignored link between acetaminophen (Tylenol) use during pregnancy and neurodevelopmental disorders. HHS directed the FDA to mandate new safety warnings on Tylenol, citing internal Janssen documents from 2018 acknowledging risks of autism and ADHD in children exposed in utero. Simultaneously, the FDA approved leucovorin, a folate-based treatment, for speech deficits in autistic children, marking a rare win for innovative therapies. Kennedy's push, amplified by NIH's accelerated autism research under Director Jay Bhattacharya, signals a commitment to confronting environmental triggers head-on. Parents of autistic children have rallied behind Kennedy, praising his "courage to challenge Big Pharma's sacred cows."

Equally bold was the CDC's October 6th overhaul of immunization schedules. The agency shifted COVID-19 vaccination to "individual-based decision-making," ending blanket recommendations for healthy children and pregnant women. This move, guided by Acting HHS Director Jim O'Neill, prioritizes patient risk factors and vaccine safety data over one-size-fits-all mandates. The CDC also replaced the MMRV combo shot with stand-alone varicella vaccines for toddlers, citing sequencing concerns and parental demands for safer options. These changes, building on earlier thimerosal-free flu shot mandates, reflect Kennedy's insistence on transparency and informed consent.

Kennedy's international stance has been assertive. At the UN General Assembly on September 26th, he rejected World Health Organization influence, reaffirmed US withdrawal plans, and criticized global health policies as elitist.

Domestically, HHS allocated \$60 million for Native American domestic violence hotlines and youth recovery housing. The swearing-in of Dr. Anthony Letai as NCI Director and doubled funding for AI-driven childhood cancer research further cement Kennedy's legacy as a reformer.

However, Kennedy's drug pricing efforts have sparked fierce criticism, particularly after President Trump's recent meeting with Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla. HHS touted breakthroughs in securing lower drug prices through Medicare negotiations, but the Pfizer talks raised red flags. Bourla, whose company reaped billions from COVID vaccines, reportedly secured concessions ensuring continued federal funding. The lack of transparency on deal specifics, HHS only vaguely referenced "manufacturer commitments", has fueled skepticism that MAHA reforms may falter when facing corporate titans such as Pfizer.

But Kennedy's broader vision is reshaping HHS. The autism-Tylenol warnings address a public health blind spot. The CDC's vaccine schedule overhaul prioritizes individual choice, aligning with growing public demand for trust in health decisions. With \$100 million in new cancer research funding and a defiant UN stance, Kennedy is proving MAHA is a transformative movement.

The DOGE Report

The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) represents one of the most ambitious federal reorganization and cost-reduction experiments in recent US history. At its heart, it fuses technology, regulatory rollback, and government oversight in a compressed timeframe. Its bold claims, legal exposure, and internal challenges make it a case study in modern governance experimentation. One the public and media are watching closely.

DOGE momentum accelerated on September 23rd, when Interior Secretary Doug Burgum announced DOGE inspired cuts. Nearly 80 grants to environmental groups, many tied to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives, were axed, saving an estimated \$143.5 million. "Real action equals real savings" Burgum posted on X, with replies hailing it as "the red button of DOGE" finally pressed on legacy operations.

On October 1, as Congress failed to pass a budget, triggering a partial shutdown, DOGE's deadline for agency "Reductions in Force" (RIF) and reorganization plans arrived. DOGEai, an Artificial Intelligence watchdog account, celebrated \$8 billion slashed from "Green New Scam" funds at the Department of Energy, including a \$2.9 billion HHS refugee contract and a \$1.9 billion Treasury tech project.

On October 3rd. the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), the largest union representing federal workers, filed a fresh lawsuit targeting planned mass layoffs during the ongoing government shutdown. The suit, co-led by AFGE and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) was filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and seeks to block what it calls "illegal and immoral" RIF actions.

October 4 marked a high-water mark: DOGE terminated 94 "wasteful" contracts worth \$8.5 billion, saving \$546 million. Highlights included a \$533,000 Commerce "editing support" deal and a \$61 million HHS "healthcare innovation" boondoggle.

Yet, fiscal year-end data on October 9th tempered the hype. The Wall Street Journal reported US spending rose 6%, \$376 billion more than 2024.

Then on October 10th, the Trump administration issued RIF notices to approximately 4,200 workers across seven major agencies, signaling the start of a broader workforce overhaul tied to the ongoing government shutdown. These notices provide 30 to 60 day advance warning before actual separations, per federal law. RIFs are structured layoffs distinct from furloughs (temporary unpaid leave). DOGE and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Russell Vought, has accelerated these cuts, with Vought calling them "substantial" and exempting DOGE staff to continue cuts. If the shutdown persists, more notices could follow, but terminations won't spike until November-December.

DOGE's website touts \$214 billion saved via asset sales, fraud elimination, and regulatory rollbacks.

Whether DOGE delivers enduring efficiency or just headlines, its mission of slashing bloat to fund America's future has ignited controversy. The jury's still out but one thing's clear: At least in the court of social media public opinion, DOGE's bark is louder than ever.

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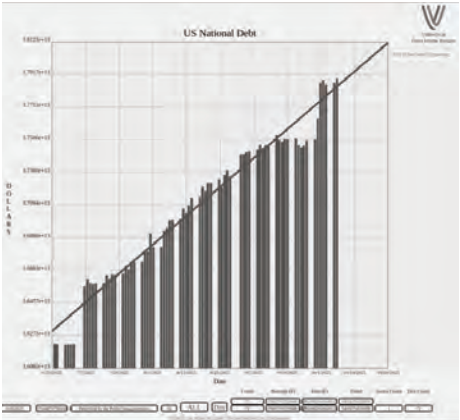
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Consequence Culture?

"Cancel culture is a national plague, and the only people it helps are bullies who use powerful platforms to defame and crush those they dislike, often with the help of major multinational corporations." - Tucker Carlson

In recent years a phenomenon arose from the left that is now commonly called "cancel culture", where people right of center who offend or step out of line have been subject to a modern sort of public shaming and shunning. Targets have found themselves ostracized, removed from internet platforms such as social media or crowd sourced fundraising, uninvited to speak in public, and even had their bank accounts canceled, just for voicing an opinion that deviates from the accepted vocal minority narrative.

The term has become a polarizing topic. While proponents view it as a tool for holding powerful people accountable and allegedly promoting social justice, critics have argued it can lead to unfair judgments, mob mentality, and disproportionate punishment without due process.

The right has now reframed and rebranded the cancel culture concept referring to it now as "consequence culture", emphasizing accountability over punishment. An extension of the FAFO memetic.

Proponents argue it fosters responsibility and encourages better behavior by holding people accountable in a fair and proportionate way, with the focus on consequences as a means of promoting social change or enforcing norms, while critics say it still risks mob-driven overreach and stifling free expression.

In the wake of the Charlie Kirk political assassination many on the left took to social media to celebrate, with some condoning political violence and even calling for more executions. The blowback was swift as keyboard warriors quickly snapped screen shots of the disturbing comments and started sending them to the agitators' employers. The mob cheered as people lost jobs, including teachers, professors, journalists, pilots, nurses, and even Office Depot staff who refused to print Charlie Kirk vigil posters.

Free speech groups like FIRE decried it as "woke right" intimidation, noting it expanded to mere criticism or insufficient mourning. Left-leaning media (CNN, NBC) labeled it hypocritical right-wing cancel culture, while conservative social media commentators such as Mario Nawfal argued it deters an "assassination culture" Kirk himself warned of pre-death. By October, X posts highlighted irony, with users noting that right-wing "edgy banter" faced less scrutiny than posts about Kirk.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that speech inciting violence is not protected under the 1st Amendment, but the threshold is narrow and specific. In *Brandenburg v. Ohio* (1969), the Court established a three-part test: speech loses protection if it (1) is intended to incite imminent lawless action, (2) is likely to produce such action, and (3) the speaker has a specific intent to cause that action. This overturned earlier "clear and present danger" standards from cases like *Schenck v. United States* (1919), focusing on intent and immediacy rather than vague danger. Later, *Hess v. Indiana* (1973) clarified that speech must incite "imminent" lawlessness, not just general advocacy of violence. *Texas v. Johnson* (1989) and *Cohen v. California* (1971) further protected provocative speech, such as flag burning and offensive slogans, unless it meets *Brandenburg's* strict criteria.

While posts celebrating violence, like those about Kirk's assassination, may not meet this legal threshold unless they explicitly call for immediate illegal acts with clear intent, society has drawn its own line and retribution by a jury of online peers has taken the place of a trial in the digital age where words have consequences in a culture of political tribalism.

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Understanding the First Amendment

"Congress shall make no Law respecting an Establishment of Religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press: or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

From an early age, we are all taught that we have First Amendment Rights to free speech, freedom of religion, assembly and protest, and of the press. But how many people actually read the First Amendment?

I put Congress in bold because this Amendment clearly and undeniably is written as a prohibition on what Congress can do. Congress, as we all know, is the Legislative Branch of the Federal Government; an equal Branch to the Executive and Judicial Branches. Created by the US Constitution in Article 1, Congress had been given sweeping authority that our Fledgling Union of Thirteen States found nearly abhorrent. So much was the Ratification of the Constitution opposed by the States,

that numerous articles were written and printed, that became known as the Federalist Papers, showing why we needed a strong Central Government, and that several States refused to Ratify the Constitution until they received promises that upon the establishment of the Federal Government, a Bill of Rights would be proposed and ratified to curtail the Powers that this new Government could easily assume.

A reading of the Declaration of Independence gives a clear understanding of why we have a Bill of Rights and why they were written in the manner that they were. The States, and the people there in, did not want to hand their newly-won freedom to a new authoritarian Government. Many of the grievances listed against the British Crown in the Declaration of Independence are clearly addressed in the Bill of Rights. Chief among these, the First Amendment, was to prohibit Congress from enacting Laws that would usurp the Rights that we had just won our Independence for.

Stepping back into that time, we would find that whole Communities were set up based on a common religious belief, their right to assemble, to speak freely. Congress must be prohibited from legislating these Rights away.



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"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

And so the First Amendment was written to prohibit Congress - and Congress alone.

The Rights that we believe the First Amendment give us are neither expressed nor implied. These Rights were to be left to the States and to the People, as the Tenth Amendment so states.

Conservative Bob Kingman

Is Cliven Bundy's Grazing and Water Rights still valid today?

"Why does Cliven feel entitled to use of the land? Or is he actually paying the land use fees and BLM is not being truthful about that?" (a question from a friend)

Let me try the short answer. The BLM evolved from the Taylor Grazing Act of circa 1934. The Grazing Act was established to set boundaries in what can only be best described as a period of Range Wars. It was a free for all, and sheep, cattle, and horses were plaguing the lands. They ate flora to the ground, yet the tortoise flourished. You see, turtles eat poop and the more the poop, the more the turtle eats.

OK, so if I've run off tract, let me get back to Bundys. So Cliven was paying for management. That includes infrastructure improvements, etc., not a grazing fee. Like a miner owns a claim, Cliven owns the grazing rights as well as water rights. These are all deeded and only revocable when the use has been discontinued. They then revert to the state or county or another authority or otherwise transferred.

Now, we come back to the turtle, and the heart of the issue, the Endangered Species Act. It says habitat needs preservation, which precludes habitat enhancements provided by the rancher and subsequent cattle. All this considered provides for an abundance of other wildlife from the bug to the big horn sheep...

Cliven no longer maintains a contract with the Bureau of Land Management in regards to their efforts to manage him "out of business."...

Cliven hasn't relented or transferred any deed or title. There hasn't been any filing to counter his ownership, only to remove his access to such, a result of which would after a period of time of not

utilizing said property would cause him to relinquish title and possession.

Vincent Easley II
RealLibertyMedia.com

What's in your water; is it safe to drink?

I was talking with a friend of mine who resides in Golden Valley and our conversation drifted to wells.

He told me his well is about 1,000 feet deep, produces about 11 to 13 gallons per minute and the water coming out of it is about 96 degrees Fahrenheit. He further told me that the water temperature of all of the neighbors' wells is also about 96 degrees Fahrenheit. I thought the extremely warm water temperature was a little strange because I hadn't heard of any geothermal activity in Golden Valley or the surrounding area.

The warm well water spurred me to do some research to figure out the reasoning for hot water being pumped out of local wells.

I didn't find the exact answer related to the water temperature, but I did discover a 1999 government study that indicated 67 wells or test sites in the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin had been tested and the temperature of the water coming out of the test sites ranged from 54.752 degrees Fahrenheit sampled from a spring near the foothills of the Hualapai Mountains east of I-40 and Yucca, to a whopping 108.356 degrees Fahrenheit temperature from a 720-foot well just north of Topock.

There were seven springs in various areas of the Sacramento Valley Ground Basin (SVGB). The deepest well, located in Golden Valley north of Highway 68, goes to 1,355 feet, with the water level at 820 feet and a water temperature of 97.196 degrees Fahrenheit.

Some of the wells located within the 1,587 square-mile SVGB tested during 1999 contained elements and compounds that exceeded the proposed Primary Maximum Contaminant Levels established by Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. Seventeen out of 67 test wells or sites contained uranium, four wells contained radium 226+228, and another nasty compound called perchlorate was discovered in four wells.

What is radium 226+228? The simplest answer is that radium emits several different kinds of radiation, specifically alpha particles and gamma rays. Long-term exposure to radium increases the risk of developing lymphoma, bone cancer, and diseases that affect the formation of blood, such as leukemia and aplastic anemia, a condition where bone marrow does not produce sufficient new cells to replenish blood cells. Exposure to radium's gamma radiation increases the risk of cancer to varying degrees in all tissues and organs. And the other nasty chemical compound called perchlorate can disrupt the thyroid's ability to produce hormones needed for normal growth and development.

Not all of the other elements, chemicals and/or compounds that were found in some of the 67 wells or test sites in 1999 are bad for your health, but some are potentially dangerous.

- Arsenic concentrations compromise the initial immune response to H1N1 or swine flu infection, according to some scientists.

- Antimony can cause headaches, dizziness, and depression in small doses, and in larger doses can damage the kidneys and the liver, causing violent and frequent vomiting.

- Barium can affect the nervous system, causing cardiac irregularities, tremors, weakness, anxiety, shortness of breath and paralysis.

- Nitrates are generally associated with septic systems, confined animal feeding operations or fertilizer use and can interfere with the ability of red blood cells to carry oxygen to the tissues of the body, producing a condition called methemoglobinemia.

- Chromium compounds used in dyes and paints and the tanning of leather.
- Radon, the No. 1 cause of lung cancer among non-smokers.

The most interesting thing I discovered in the 1999 study: The 1,355-foot well is isomorphic to groundwater samples determined to be a mixture of Colorado River and local recharge. The study raises the question of whether and/or how the possible recharge of the deep Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin could be from the Colorado River. The study even alludes to the possibility the course of the Colorado River was originally through Detrital

Valley (north of Golden Valley) and Sacramento Valley (now called Golden Valley), and possibly exited into the present-day course of the Colorado River at Topock.

After speaking with officials for the various water companies and water districts, it was determined they believe the water in the underground lake beneath SVGB is warmed by the Earth's core and geothermal activity.

I believe many of the questions relating to the SVGB aquifer that are continually raised by residents of Golden Valley and the surrounding areas could be unequivocally answered if the U.S. government would fly a large aircraft over Lake Mead and drop a giant purple pill into it. If the water that comes out water faucets and from our wells in SVGB has a purple tint to it, then we all would know the source for recharging of SVGB - the Colorado River.

If someone is concerned about their water and would like to know what may or may not be in their water supply, they should contact their local water company or an independent water testing facility.

People interested in learning more about the 1999 Ambient Groundwater Quality of the Sacramento Valley Basin Baseline Study and the quality of the water can go to:

<http://www.azdeq.gov/envIRON/water/assessment/download/ofr-01-04.pdf> for the entire text of the report.

Butch Meriwether
Golden Valley

**No one likes
steaming turds...**



Let's clean up Mohave!

Picture This!



President Trump, ever the showman with an axe to grind, has unveiled his latest White House renovation. In an epic troll, Trump has installed a photo of an autopen in place of a traditional portrait of former President Joe Biden as part of a new "Presidential Walk of Fame" display at the White House. This move, unveiled on September 24th, along the West Wing Colonnade near the Oval Office, features gold-framed portraits of all U.S. presidents except Biden's, which is represented by an image of the now infamous autopen.

The White House dropped a slick video on X panning over the portraits like a red-carpet reel, and there it was: the autopen mid-scrrawl, etching "Joe Biden". "The Presidential Walk of Fame has arrived!" gushed a Trump aide. Social media erupted and the MAGA brigade shared memes of Biden as a malfunctioning Roomba.

Ah, the autopen: the Oval Office's unsung hero, or perhaps villain. It's basically a robot arm that mimics your signature. As featured in our March issue and available on our website, Biden leaned on it hard during his term, especially for his record-shattering pardon spree at the end.

Trump, who's no stranger to the gadget himself (he admitted using it "occasionally"), has been on a crusade, screeching that Biden was so checked out by 2024 that his aides were basically puppeteering the presidency. "He never gave the orders!" Trump bellowed at a UK presser recently, as if Biden's brain was on permanent vacation in Delaware.

Currently the "portrait" remains on display, and is now a tourist attraction. While Trump touts it as a "beautiful" addition during shutdown talks, it underscores his unique flair for provocation, turning a routine decorating update into a pointed partisan exhibit.

What's next, mini autopen replicas available in the gift shop?



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Charity Spotlight

With Munchkin the America First Pig



Now that the weather is cooler, your favorite patriotic porcine celebrity is back out on the road, rooting around in the sandbox of Mohave County to bring you the charities that make this area great.

This month we feature the Kingman Area Veterans' Association (KAVA), a non-profit that's got the backbone of a squad of Green Berets charging up Heartbreak Ridge. In a world gone hog-wild, KAVA stands tall like Old Glory on the 4th of July, reminding us that "America First" also means veterans first and no man or woman left behind.

KAVA was founded in 2023 by Maggie Stanley, US Army Veteran, with a mission to unite, uplift, and unleash the resources needed to keep our vets standing proud.

Roll call for all local vets, Uncle Sam wants you - to be in the 2025 Veteran's Day parade that is. This annual display of patriotism turns downtown Kingman into a sea of stars and stripes. This year the parade will be on November 8th at 10 a.m. The parade route is on Beale St. between 5th and 1st St., and celebrates 250 Years of Service for veterans and active service members. Anyone interested in participating can visit the KAVA website at: www.kavaaz.com

But KAVA doesn't holster after November 11th, these patriots are year-round warriors, partnering with other veterans organizations. KAVA's the foxhole buddy every vet needs.

Join KAVA in making a difference for the many veterans of the Kingman area. Donate, volunteer, or just attend the parade and show your support.

Until next month, keep it America First and remember: A pig like me, whose daddy is a Vietnam War Air Force veteran, knows a thing or two about gratitude. And I'm no "war pig", so in this modern era of endless and pointless taxpayer funded bloody conflicts let's pay it forward for those who sacrificed for us!

Please "like" and "follow" Munchkin the America First Pig on Facebook. #WheresMunchkin?

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For more information: <https://cirquemaceo.com/>

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Downtown Kingman Ghost Walk

Beale Street Theater is excited to once again host their annual ghost walks in downtown Kingman.

Arrive at the KCA Gallery & Gift Shop, 402 E Beale Street, about 15 minutes before your scheduled tour start time. The guides will then lead you on a walking tour of downtown Kingman where you will meet the ghosts of the city's historical figures.

The Haunted Whispers Tour moves east on Beale Street, north on 5th Street, west on Spring street, south on 4th street, and ends at the City Complex on 4th and Oak with a Thriller dance finale. This tour enters the Odd Fellows Hall and is not ADA accessible

due to several stairs in one location.

The Lost Souls Tour moves south to Andy Devine, north on Third Street, east on Oak Street and ends at the City Complex on 4th and Oak. This tour enters the Beale Street Theater. This tour also ends in the Thriller dance finale.

Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to get your wristbands. Tours leave promptly at the listed tour time and last approximately one hour.

The tours involve loud noises, fog and stories that may not be suitable for very young children.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for teens (12-17) and \$5 for kids (4-11)

And don't miss their Circus of Horror, where terror takes the spotlight and every act will give you a thrilling experience. October 23rd at 6pm and 8:30 pm. Buy advance tickets for both at: <https://bst.ludus.com/index.php>



County Board Report

September 15th

Elections Director Allen Tempert gave a presentation on his testing of the Runbeck “Ballot Guard” enhanced security ballot that the Board had previously voted to use, and it performed poorly with a high rejection rate. Tempert suggested a possible alternative product made by ProVote Solutions. Options will be explored. No action was taken.

District 5 Supervisor Ron Gould was the lone “no” vote to increase funding for the courthouse remodel by roughly \$300k, a 10% increase over the cost estimate from 2023.

Former Board Attorney, Chief Deputy Civil Attorney, Ryan Esplin became a new Judge Pro Tempore with the County’s Superior Court. He, along with local attorney Michele Holden were given the approval by the Board of Supervisors and were officially sworn in on October 6th.

The Building Code was amended to exempt permits for residential reroofs utilizing the same existing roofing material and to exempt the replacement of residential structural roof decking with a maximum of 128 square feet or ten percent (10%) of the roof surface, whichever is greater.

With the much anticipated upcoming retirement of County Manager Sam Elters, the Board has agreed to work with the Human Resources department rather than hire a head hunter. After much discussion, with District 5 Supervisor Gould reminding the other Board members that they were elected to run the county, and the department heads should not be “gate-keepers” filtering applications, the Board agreed that they will review applications and each will choose their top three, then let the advisory board weigh in independently before the Supervisors make a final decision.

District 1 Supervisor Travis Lingenfelter proposed changes to the county personnel policy regarding meal reimbursement during travel. Employees who travel 40 miles or greater, instead of the previous 75 miles, from their home and duty post and be in a travel status for more than six hours will qualify for meal reimbursement.

The “Call to the Public” was cut short when Mohave Free Press Editor Jennifer Esposito, a candidate for District 4 supervisor in 2028, was speaking. Chairman Lingenfelter interrupted and asked Esposito if her comments were within the jurisdiction of the public body pursuant to ARS 38-431, however there is nothing in that statute that allows preemptive restriction on speech based on perceived but not yet spoken words at an open “Call to the Public. The law does “allow individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body”, and “any issue” is usually broadly construed. Lingenfelter, who had already been found to have violated Open Meeting Law (OML) while on the Kingman City Council, has received OML training on multiple occasions and had previously received legal advice in 2021 on allowing public comments. When Esposito attempted to continue speaking during her allotted three minutes Lingenfelter promptly gaveled the meeting to a close.

October 6th

The Board made a proclamation to honor Turning Point USA founder Charlie Kirk, who was assassinated on September 10th. District 5 Supervisor Ron Gould requested the proclamation be read into the record.

The Building Code was amended to allow additional attached and detached accessory residences, due to a change in state statute, see article on page 3.

Supervisor Gould proposed a new ordinance limiting the development of data centers. Mohave Electric Cooperative CEO, Tyler Carlson, had reached out to Supervisor Gould advising that the co-op would not be able to provide electric to a proposed data center in their coverage area. This prompted the Supervisor to look into the necessary elements for the resource-sucking technology. In an effort to prevent companies from purchasing cheap land in Mohave County and draining our limited, precious resources, Supervisor Gould proposed limiting data centers to those who could provide their own on-site energy and dry-cooling technologies. Supervisors Don Martin and Sonny Borrelli opposed the item as written, apparently not understanding this was a draft that could be revised later, and would lead to a conversation that the Board could not have outside of the meeting. “Scotty” McClure of Bullhead City reminded the Board of the “Road to Nowhere” that was created when former Supervisor Jean Bishop and Economic Development Director Tami Ursenbach had advocated for the Beehive Data Center that fizzled. The County ultimately lost nearly \$750,000 on that failed project. The currently proposed ordinance was tabled by the Board and will be brought back at a future date in a modified form after further research.

GV Matters

Butch & Chris Meriwether’s annual Halloween Display runs through Oct. 31st. The display will be up each night for at least four hours after sundown. At 2225 S. Dome Rd., turn south on Egar Road from Hwy. 68 and drive south for 4 1/2 miles and then turn right on Tapeats Drive (if you arrive at Shinarump Drive, you’ve gone one half mile too far). Head west for about one-half mile and you can’t miss the display at Dome Rd. The display is free but donations of cash or pet food for the Luv of Paws are greatly appreciated.

Last Chance Saloon, at 4105 Hwy 68, will host a “Sexy Skaraoke Party on Thursday October 30th starting at 6pm. with free food, a costume contest, and karaoke entertainment.

Golden Valley Events Trunk or Treat at Veterans Park, 3499 Verde Rd. on Friday October 31st. Costume contest at 4:30 pm. Music and games too!

Shipp’s Estates, off of Teddy Roosevelt south of Hwy 68, will be having a community wide yard sale on October 24th and 25th.

The new Veterans Camp Hope Thrift Store has opened at 3395 Verde Rd, next to the library. Every purchase and donation helps to provide vital resources for veterans in need. Proceeds benefit <http://javc.org>

A future cattle guard to keep cows off Hwy 68 is slated for S. Estrella and Hwy 68. The BLM Kingman Field Office has funding available in assisting with the installation of a cattle guard. ADOT’s Joint Project Agreement (JPA) Group is working on an agreement that will allow BLM to transfer the funding to ADOT. After the agreement has been reviewed ADOT’S Kingman Maintenance unit will install the cattle guard.

Nearby Chloride will be holding a community wide yard on Saturday, November 8th.

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Rumor Mill

RUMOR: I saw on the Neighbor Next Door site that healthcare insurance provider Aetna was pulling out of Arizona, is this true?

TRUTH: Aetna (a subsidiary of CVS Health) is pulling out of certain markets, primarily affecting its Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) individual and family plans and Medicare Advantage plans. The changes take effect in 2026, meaning current coverage continues through December 31st, 2025, but affected enrollees must switch plans during the 2025 Open Enrollment period or a Special Enrollment Period.

This move aligns with industry pullbacks, Humana and Cigna also reduced Medicare footprints for 2025. Experts predict more exits if federal subsidies end or if costs rise further under current policies.

Aetna is fully exiting the Affordable Care Act marketplaces in 17 states, impacting approximately 1 million enrollees. This is Aetna's second departure from the Affordable Care Act (it previously left in 2017–2018 before returning in 2021). The hardest-hit states include Arizona, where Aetna holds a larger market share. CVS Health cited "persistent underperformance" and projected \$400–\$448 million in losses for 2025 as reasons. Aetna will no longer offer any Affordable Care Act plans in Arizona starting January 1st, 2026.

Affordable Care Act Members should have received a non-renewal notice by September 30th. Alternative plans may be available, but networks could change (e.g., different doctors/hospitals). Subsidies remain enhanced through 2025, but potential 2026 cuts could raise premiums 10–20% or more.

Aetna is discontinuing some Medicare Advantage plans in Arizona for 2026, but this does not represent a full exit from the state. However, the overall number of Medicare Advantage plans in Arizona is decreasing from 149 in 2025 to 133 in 2026, with Aetna contributing to this by dropping underperforming plans—primarily Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) options in select counties.

Medicare Advantage members discontinued plans end December 31st, and you'll default to Original Medicare (Parts A & B only - no extras like dental). Enroll in a new Medicare Advantage or Medigap plan during the Annual Enrollment Period (AEP: October 15th – December 7th, 2025) for January 1, 2026, coverage, or use a Special Enrollment Period (SEP: December 8th, 2025–February 28th, 2026) if notified of non-renewal.

Aetna estimates 82% of Medicare-eligible beneficiaries nationwide (including AZ) will have a \$0-premium plan available. Aetna's 2025 plans already saw 30–50% benefit reductions in some areas due to prior federal adjustments. but unlike some rural counties in other states, Mohave is reportedly not flagged for complete elimination.

You should verify your plan by logging into your Aetna account, or by calling 1-800-872-3862 (ACA) / 1-800-MEDICARE (Medicare) for personalized notices.

Shop Alternatives online at: [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) (ACA) or [Medicare.gov/PlanFinder](https://www.medicare.gov/PlanFinder) (Medicare) starting November 1, 2025. Contact Arizona's State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) at 1-800-432-4040 or [insurance.az.gov](https://www.insurance.az.gov) for unbiased counseling. Private brokers can also help.



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Kingman Korner

Revolting Development? By Elliot Chalew

As a citizen and a resident of Kingman, Arizona, I often find myself feeling a certain doom. Every day, it becomes abundantly clear that the city is in deep, disturbing trouble. According to the 2023 U.S. Census Bureau, Kingman has a diverse population of 34000 people, ranging from the 25% of Senior residents, across the remaining population of average American working families, children, and right down to aspiring young, ambitious, newlyweds. Having said that, Kingman is no honeymoon, but it does conjure up the same perpetual frustration that predominated the character of Ralph Kramden (portrayed by actor Jackie Gleason) in the popular 1955 TV sitcom "The Honeymooners". I am sure the Senior population will remember the ultra-high anxiety of the character Ralph Kramden, a New York cab driver, and his wife, Alice.

Research the topic of Economic Development, you will clearly see the pending dangers of UNCONTROLLED growth as you witness Kingman's open desert landscape being urbanized at a heartbreaking pace and with little or zero regard for the average citizen's quality of life or the city's current feeble, failing infrastructure. Why must we pay more for less?

The issues we face in Kingman are only growing worse every day, with rapidly rising costs to the average citizen for ALL utilities, INCREASING sales taxes, and ADDITIONAL city fees. The city is spending your money with reckless disregard for the welfare of the majority of Kingman residents. It defies logic to foster UNCONTROLLED growth in a city with grossly deteriorating roads and a broken foundation. Even the children's fairy tale, the Three Little Pigs, has more wisdom than the Kingman City Council. Now, I am not saying the City Council is 7 little pigs, but they may well be collectively the deceptive Big Bad Wolf. I do not believe the Kingman people are as naïve as Little Red Riding Hood or the Three Little Pigs, so there is still hope the city won't blow your house down on the way to the suburban nightmare they are allowing.

After years of pacification, double talk, and chicanery from the city, I believe the only conclusion is that Kingman City Leaders are tone-deaf to the pitch of the people's voice, but rather fast-handed in taking your hard-earned money. The concept that they are really leaders is, however, a fairy tale or a whimsical classic TV sitcom. For years, the people of Kingman have taken a respectful and responsible position of tolerance and trust in the face of continued adversity, but those days are now as long gone as is actor Jackie Gleason and those iconic sitcoms. Gleason's first TV sitcom in 1949 was called "The Life of Riley". Unlike Gleason's portrayal of Ralph Kramden in "The Honeymooners", Gleason played the lovable and bumbling character of Chester A. Riley. Just as the City Council has continued to bumble with our very lives, our pocketbooks, and existence, Riley always found himself in uncontrollable predicaments.

I think it is safe to say that the predicament the people of Kingman are trapped in is, as Chester A. Riley would timidly lament, "A Revolting Development!" The difference is that the dire mess the City Council has created is a harsh, real-life drama, and there is nothing humorous or entertaining about it.

The people of Kingman have become victims of a Revolting Development, not Economic Development. We live in an environment of perpetual frustration, just as did the sitcom character Ralph Kramden in The Honeymooners. We can shout at the City Council with the same sentiment, Ralph would shout at his sitcom wife Alice, "One of these days, bang, zoom, and to the moon", except in real life, we will do that at the ballot box in 2026 by voting out ALL City Council incumbents.

Whether it be TV sitcoms or fairy tales, in real life, the people of Kingman must adopt the same faithful and heartfelt eternal optimism that the sitcom character Ralph Kramden always displayed at the end of every episode of The Honeymooners. We, the people of Kingman, will never back down until the show is over and we vote in a new City Council.

Respectfully,
Elliot Chalew

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Breaking Free From the Trance

Psyops here, psyops there, psyops, psyops everywhere!

Just when you thought it could not get any stranger, it did. In a world increasingly dominated by misinformation and manipulation, the American public and the world at large finds itself ensnared in a relentless cultural trance. This phenomenon, characterized by widespread gaslighting, government cover-ups, and systemic corruption, has profound implications for individual autonomy and societal integrity.

We are told not to believe what we see. Over and over again. This creates a profound hypnotic state that sucks the life from your soul. These soul suckers have learned well from their father of lies.

Individuals have become passive recipients of information, often accepting narratives without critical examination. This trance is perpetuated by various institutions, including media, education, and government, which shape public perception and behavior. The result is a populace that is often unaware of the underlying truths that govern their lives.

As you continue reading these words be aware how these same concepts are at work in your own familial circle.

Gaslighting, a psychological manipulation tactic, plays a significant role in maintaining this trance. It involves distorting reality to make individuals doubt their perceptions and beliefs. In the context of American society, this manifests through political rhetoric, media narratives, and social discourse that undermine dissenting voices. When citizens question government actions or policies, they are usually met with dismissive responses that label them as conspiracy theorists or misinformed.

This tactic not only silences critical thought but also fosters a culture of hypnotic compliance. People begin to internalize the narrative that they are powerless to effect change, leading to apathy and disengagement from reality.

Government cover-ups are so common most people just shut down because they are tired of fighting a system that can destroy them at will. Historical events, such as the assassinations of JFK, MLK, Epstein, Charlie and more, serve as reminders of how those in power can manipulate information to serve their interests. The recent handling of the COVID-19 pandemic revealed the coverups by big pharma and friends, leading to widespread skepticism about public health measures.

Corruption is a huge and critical element of the cultural trance. It manifests in various forms, from corporate lobbying to political patronage and broken family structures, creating a system that prioritizes the interests of a few over the needs of the many. The influence of money in politics has led to policies that favor corporations and foreign governments at the expense of public welfare, perpetuating inequality and disenfranchisement.

Moreover, the normalization of lies in political discourse has desensitized the public to dishonesty. When leaders routinely lie and mislead, it becomes challenging for citizens to discern truth from falsehood. This confusion further entrenches the cultural trance, as individuals struggle to navigate a landscape rife with conflicting information.

To break free from this cultural trance, it is essential for individuals to reclaim their agency. This begins with fostering critical thinking and encouraging open dialogue. Engaging with diverse perspectives and questioning dominant narratives can empower citizens to challenge the status quo or get one killed, but to stay silent is to give in and that leads to learned helplessness.

In conclusion, the cultural trance, fueled by gaslighting, government cover-ups, and systemic corruption, poses a significant threat to the human populace. However, by fostering critical awareness and demanding accountability, individuals can break free from this trance and reclaim their power. The journey towards a more informed and engaged society begins with each of us.

One more thing, Interstellar comet 3I/ATLAS is on the way and that might change everything but that's another story.

To learn more on how to unlock your mind, break the cultural trance and be free I invite you to visit www.SleepNow.com. We offer many trainings that will empower you to a life of right thinking and inspire you to seek a power greater than ourselves to guide us into a new trance of love, acceptance and approval, after we Question Everything!

Mark's Musings

The Beauty of Doing Things the Hard Way by Mark Fargo

There was a time when coming home tired was a good thing. You'd roll your shoulders, peel off your gloves, and the ache in your hands said you'd done something that mattered. It wasn't misery — it was proof. That kind of exhaustion has a smell, a rhythm, and a peace to it.

These days, most people end their workday tired but not satisfied. They're mentally frayed, screen-burned, and one email away from snapping. Yet nothing they touched is tangible. Their inbox is empty, their heart is too, and they wonder why they don't feel like they did anything.

We used to measure a day's worth by what was built, fixed, or moved. Fence mended, truck tuned, ditch dug — something in the world changed because you showed up. The soreness that followed wasn't punishment; it was a quiet medal pinned under the skin.

Now, effort has become a bug to be fixed. The market sells us convenience like it's compassion. Every task made "easier" chips away at our sense of value until the only thing we have left to be proud of is how fast we can tap "Buy Now." We've eliminated friction, but friction was where growth lived.

When I was a kid, I'd watch men climb out of pickups at the end of the day — faces like leather, hands cracked but steady. Nobody needed to tell them they were enough; they already knew. The job had told them. They'd earned their worth in calluses, not compliments.

Somewhere between air conditioning and self-checkout, we lost that. We started calling struggle "inefficiency." But self-esteem and good exhaustion come from the same place — resistance. A shovel meets dirt, a wrench meets rust, and somewhere in that stubborn meeting is where people remember what they're capable of.

It's not just about nostalgia; it's biology. Our bodies were built to move, lift, and problem-solve in three dimensions. When we don't, our energy turns inward and ferments into anxiety. That's why you can work a twelve-hour shift behind a desk and still feel restless at midnight — your muscles never got the memo that the day's over.

There's also something deeply moral about physical labor — not in the saintly sense, but in the grounding sense. Manual effort keeps you honest. If a project fails, you can't blame the algorithm or the update; you tighten the bolt, you start over, and you learn something about humility along the way.

People talk about self-esteem as though it's something you can hand out in a workshop or build with affirmations. But the truth is, confidence comes from competence — and competence comes from doing. You can't think your way into believing in yourself; you have to prove it to yourself through action. That proof used to come daily.

It doesn't even have to be your job. Splitting wood, changing your own oil, building a shelf that's slightly crooked but still stands — it all counts. The work doesn't have to be perfect; it just has to be real. The smallest act of creation still whispers, you can do this.

Maybe that's what we're missing as a culture — not purpose, not money, but that feeling of earned fatigue. The kind that comes from effort you can point to. The kind that lets you sleep deep because your body and conscience both know you pulled your weight today.

There's an old saying among carpenters: "If you measure twice, you only cry once." I think life's the same way. The slow, careful way hurts less in the long run. The quick and easy path may save time, but it robs you of the small victories that make a person feel useful, strong, and whole.

So maybe it's time we start celebrating tired again — not the drained, over-stimulated kind, but the honest kind. The kind that hums in your bones while you sit on the porch and watch the day cool off. The kind that says, You did something that mattered.

We don't need a new app for that. Just a little dirt under the nails.

The Patriot's Corner

Trump's Changing Policies

By Clair Van Steenwyk
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Illegal Immigration & Deporting Plans:

President Trump ran on Deporting Illegals to start with and then later changed it once elected to the really bad ones 1st, all of you know that means rapists, murders, child molesters, etc., and most went along with that, and he also has taken the issue of birthright citizenship to court as it's unconstitutional, and I've always believed that when you look at the entire Constitution on who can't be a Citizen such as a child born to a foreign diplomat in our country legally, and if a child born to someone here legally can't be, then how can you allow one get citizenship when a parent is here illegally?

Now with all the push back from the Dems on the issues it looks like Pres. Trump has changed his promise to all of US by now saying farm, restaurant, hotel, bar workers and of course meat packing plants, won't be deported as well. By the way, this is millions of illegals most of which have been here for years already, and working for less at jobs many Americans did have, and by the way right at 70% of farm workers are Americans.

There's also the subject of not deporting moms whose children have been born here mentioned but not yet applied or what most call anchor babies, however Sec. Noem says it's a choice if they want to leave the baby here and leave they may and of course they don't want to do that so they are deported with the child.

If you add Moms to the already long list it's millions more, and remember the children they presently say are citizens would then be able, due to present law, to bring in their relatives due to the chain migration laws that our so called conservative Republicans haven't even begun to tackle, and change our laws to only merit immigration and end chain migration, and if left in place this would add millions more.

Student Visa Program:

President Trump has also said he'd continue to allow over 50,000 Students from China to continue to come in as part of the trade deal with China, and included in that he openly stated he's always been for them to come to America for a college education.

This I find to be a slap in the face to all the American students who can't attend colleges due to this as well as the behavior of not just those from the Middle East but China as well.

For anyone who hasn't seen the news about the three Chinese students caught smuggling in viruses, to shrink our production of food and also eating the food could lead to US not be able to reproduce children but even die, this is just another bad policy along with those mentioned above.

All the Above Doesn't Sound Like the Art of the Deal to me.

One more point, the US Attorney General is now in court fighting the birthright citizenship issue and waiting for a ruling to overturn the practice, but this new position Pres. Trump is taking looks like it won't matter at least for the rest of his term and doubt any Democrat or Republican who wins in 2028 would change it.

My last statement on this issue is, the President by law is required to uphold and enforce our laws, and Pres. Trump ran saying he would deport all illegals as the law requires unlike Biden, so where does that leave all of US who voted for Pres. Trump to do just that?

This entire policy change by Pres. Trump will affect the 2026 & 28 Elections more than some may think, as these issues are important to many who supported Pres. Trump and other Republicans he endorsed.

If any of you can connect with the Trump Admin., or Senate, or House and let them know this won't fly please take the time to do so before it's too late.

God Bless You All; Clair Van Steenwyk

Shall Not Be Infringed

Red Flags are False Flags By Alan Korwin



Eliminating Due Process "for safety" eliminates safety

So-called "Red Flag Laws" empower your neighbors -- or anyone -- to declare you "dangerous," which then eliminates your right to due process, authorizes police to invade your home without a warrant, confiscate your property (like firearms, and more), imprison you, and haul you before a court with filing charges. It is how communist countries controlled their populations. Turn neighbor against neighbor, instill fear among the populace, force you to not say or do anything that might alert anyone.

If "emergency orders of protection" identify truly dangerous people they should not be left roaming around with matches, knives, cars... and new guns. That's right -- once red flaggers are released, they can go buy pretty much anything. And they're real ticked off. Media and politicians fail to point that out.

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Off The Grid

How to survive in a modern world

Hügelkultur, a German term meaning "hill culture" or "mound culture," is a permaculture gardening technique that involves creating raised garden beds by piling logs, branches, and other organic materials, then covering them with soil. This method, rooted in traditional Eastern European practices, mimics natural forest processes to build fertile, low-maintenance beds that improve soil health, retain water, and boost plant growth. It's particularly popular among sustainable gardeners for its efficiency and environmental benefits.

The method was popularized by Austrian farmer Sepp Holzer in the 1960s and 1970s, documented in books such as Sepp Holzer's Permaculture. He built on centuries-old practices where farmers used decaying wood and organic matter to create fertile raised beds. The technique gained broader attention through permaculture advocates like Paul Wheaton and Bill Mollison, who spread Holzer's methods globally. Their books are available on Amazon and other retailers, and you can find hügelkultur videos on YouTube.

The process begins with selecting a site, typically 4–6 feet wide and any length, depending on space. A shallow trench is dug, and large logs or woody debris, preferably from hardwood trees like oak or maple, are layered at the base. These form the core of the mound, providing structure and long-term nutrient release. Smaller branches, twigs, and organic matter like grass clippings, leaves, or straw are added next, followed by compost or manure to enhance microbial activity. The pile is capped with topsoil, forming a mound 2–6 feet tall, often shaped like a steep triangle or trapezoid to maximize surface area. Although the bed can be planted immediately, many gardeners let it settle for a season.

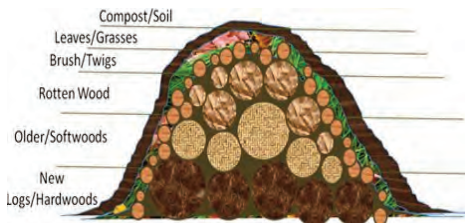
As the wood decomposes, it acts like a sponge, retaining moisture and reducing the need for frequent watering, ideal for arid climates or drought-prone areas like the one we live in. Decomposition also generates heat, extending the growing season in cooler regions by warming the soil. Over time, the breaking down of organic matter releases nutrients, creating a rich, fertile environment that supports diverse crops, from vegetables to perennials. The process can take years, with larger logs providing benefits for up to a decade, making hügelkultur a long-term investment in soil health and reducing the need for chemical fertilizers.

A similar technique can be used here in the desert where a much deeper trench or circular pit is dug out, then layered so that your tree or shrub is ground level when planted, or is in a shorter mound. This helps provide moisture retention in the local sandy soil while also providing long term nutients. The concept can also apply to enclosed raised beds.

Plan ahead. If you intend to plant trees next fall then start digging your pits way ahead of time, preferably right after winter and spring rains, when the ground is not like hard cement. So when a storm passes grab a shovel and start digging. Once complete, you can spend the next several months layering your mound in preparation for next fall's tree planting, and next summer's heat will speed the breakdown of nutrients and growth of beneficial microbes.

The technique offers multiple benefits. It recycles yard waste, reducing landfill use and the need for synthetic fertilizers. A raised structure improves drainage, prevents root rot in wet climates, and makes gardening more accessible by reducing bending. Additionally, the method supports biodiversity by fostering microbial life and attracting beneficial insects. However, there are challenges. Building a hügelkultur bed requires significant up-front labor and access to woody materials. Freshly cut "green" wood can temporarily deplete soil nitrogen as it decomposes, so seasoned or partially rotted wood like those dead creosote branches that are everywhere is preferred.

Hügelkultur is versatile, adaptable to various climates and scales, from small backyard gardens to large farms. It's especially effective for gardeners aiming to create self-sustaining ecosystems with minimal inputs. By harnessing natural decomposition, hügelkultur transforms waste into a productive resource, embodying permaculture's ethos of working with nature.



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

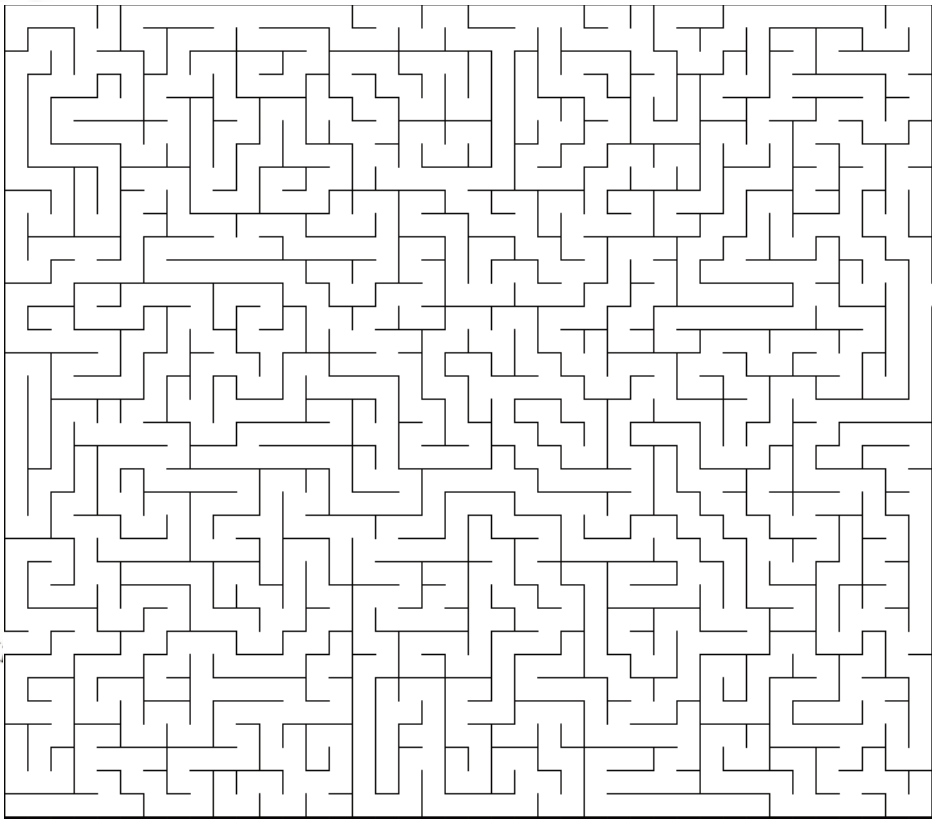
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