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## ‘Liberation Day’ or Tariff War? Tariffs Drastically Increased on China, Paused on Other Nations

On April 2nd, President Donald Trump unveiled a list of tariffs to be imposed on all imports coming into American markets during an announcement hyped as ‘liberation day.’ Based on Trump’s prior comments, many beleaguered taxpayers had hoped that ‘liberation day’ would mean a reduction or elimination of federal income tax that would accompany the tariffs, but that wish did not materialize.

The tariffs, unveiled in a White House Rose Garden ceremony, were framed as a historic reset of U.S. trade policy, branded “Make America Wealthy Again.” Trump declared a national economic emergency, citing trade deficits as a security threat, and invoked the International Emergency Economic Powers Act to justify the measures. The reciprocal tariffs targeted 90 countries, with rates calculated at roughly half the perceived trade barriers including tariffs, value-added taxes, or non-monetary restrictions such as currency manipulation, imposed by each nation.

China initially faced a 54% rate (34% reciprocal plus 20% pre-existing duties), the European Union 20%, Vietnam 46%, and Cambodia 49%. Exemptions were granted for Canada and Mexico under prior agreements, though their 25% tariffs on steel, aluminum, and autos remain.

Stocks soared 8.4% on the S&P 500 on April 9th, when Trump announced a 90-day pause on reciprocal tariffs, lowering most to 10%, but escalated China’s rate to 145%, claiming Beijing showed “lack of respect” to global markets. Trump cited market volatility as stocks had plunged, with the Dow dropping 700 points days earlier. The pause excludes steel, aluminum, and auto tariffs, and exempts electronics like smart



phones and laptops, temporarily easing fears for some tech giants.

Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnik clarified that the exemptions are not permanent, with tariffs on semiconductors and electronics set to be determined on a month or two via an industry specific model focusing on national security concerns.

Negotiations are now in overdrive. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent reported that many countries have contacted the White House, with Vietnam’s leader To Lam offering zero tariffs in exchange for U.S. concessions. Israel, Malaysia, and Switzerland have confirmed talks, while the UK claims progress toward a deal. Brazil, spared higher tariffs at 10%, is pushing for ethanol trade adjustments. India is reviewing its 26% tariff hit, aiming to double bilateral trade to \$500 billion by 2030. However, China remains defiant, hinting at restraint but warning it will “fight to the end” if pressed.

Trump has blamed poor trade policy for “the hollowing out of our manufacturing base; resulted in a lack of incentive to increase advanced domestic manufacturing capacity; undermined

critical supply chains; and rendered our defense-industrial base dependent on foreign adversaries.”

The tariff saga continues to evolve, with a growing number of countries engaging in trade talks to avoid a full-blown trade war, while economists warn of inflation and global economic strain.

National Economic Council Director Keven Hassett told CNN, “130 countries have responded and we’re negotiating with them.”

Trump has lauded tariffs as a negotiation tool, and referred to them as “the most beautiful word in the dictionary.”

Supporters, like UAW’s Shawn Fain, see tariffs as a tool to revive American jobs, though retailers warn of price hikes. The National Retail Federation noted importers, not foreign nations, pay tariffs, passing costs to consumers.

One thing is certain, Trump’s tariffs are drastically reshaping global trade. As the 90-day pause ticks down, the world watches whether Trump’s gamble will reindustrialize America or ignite economic chaos. “It’s a high-stakes poker game,” said trade expert Colin Grabow. “The question is who blinks first.”

## Border Czar Visits Arizona

### Democrat Legislators Walk Out on Homan



On April 8th, Border Czar Tom Homan appeared before a special joint session of the Arizona Legislature to address the border crisis. *"Let's talk about the truth of what is going on at the border,"* Homan began. *"The Biden Administration created the most significant immigration crisis in the history of this nation. We went from the most secure border in my lifetime to unprecedented immigration. Well, now we have got President Trump, who happens to be the greatest president of my lifetime, back in office, and we will secure the border. We have already done it. We are going to run the biggest deportation operation in the history of this nation. We are going to find these missing kids."*

As Homan spoke, one by one, Democrat lawmakers stood up and walked out carrying signs with the name of an illegal alien who had been legally deported. They joined news crews and a handful of protesters yelling about deportations.

Homan addressed the walkout during his speech. *"If they saw what I saw in my 40 years, if they saw what the border sheriffs see everyday on the border, they'd understand, but they're ignorant,"* Homan said *"They don't want to learn."* Homan continued saying, *"I try not to curse much, if I offended anybody I don't care. I don't, because I get irritated when I started talking about the false narrative being pushed by the left."* Speaking to the Democrat House Members and Senators directly he said, *"Thank you for making my day. I love haters. They make my day every day."* and *"I know I got a lot of haters in this room, but I don't give a shit. We're gonna get this job done with no apologies."*

Referring to them later Homan said, *"Under the Biden administration, half a million children were smuggled into this country, taken out of the hands of their families and given to a criminal cartel to be smuggled into this country, and we're the bad guys,"* *"All these people who just walked out, what did they do? Did they speak up about that? Did they speak up to the fact that 300,000 of these children can't be found because they're released to unvetted sponsors? The last administration had one goal: process quick, release quick, because there's no overcrowding. We can say 'the board is secure, nothing to see here,'"* said Homan.

Homan noted the Trump administration has been criticized for detaining families. But he added that the detention makes it possible to do DNA tests to make sure children are with a parent and not a sex trafficker.

As the flood of illegal border crossings have slowed to a trickle under the Trump administration, prosecutors with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona are filing immigration and border crime charges at a record pace. In just one week, they filed charges against 204 illegal foreign nationals. This includes 83 for illegal reentry, 107 for illegally entering the U.S., and 14 responsible for "smuggling illegal aliens into and within the District of Arizona," the office announced.

And it's not just border counties. April 1st, Border Patrol agents arrested illegal alien! Gabriel Santiago-Ramirez near Kingman, after being pursued in his vehicle by Border Patrol agents, he bunder out and ran. Agents found three illegals inside the vehicle allegedly being transported further into the interior. Border Patrol agents apprehended Santiago-Ramirez and arrested all four here illegally.

## Security Clearance Revocation

### Too Many, or Not Enough?

President Donald Trump revoked the security clearances of several high-profile individuals through a presidential memorandum issued on March 21, 2025. The list, described by some as political opponents, includes:

Joe Biden, former President, and "any other member" of his family

Kamala Harris, former Vice President

Hillary Clinton, former Secretary of State

Antony Blinken, former Secretary of State

Jake Sullivan, former National Security Adviser

Lisa Monaco, former Deputy Attorney General

Letitia James, New York Attorney General

Alvin Bragg, Manhattan District Attorney

Liz Cheney, former Wyoming Representative

Adam Kinzinger, former Illinois Representative

Fiona Hill, former White House Russia expert

Alexander Vindman, retired Lieutenant Colonel and former National Security Council official

Norman Eisen, lawyer involved in Trump's first impeachment

Mark Zaid, national security lawyer

Andrew Weissmann, former Justice Department prosecutor

Additionally, Trump previously revoked clearances for others, including:

Christopher Krebs, former Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Director, and Miles Taylor, former Homeland Security official, on April 9, 2025

Security clearance was also revoked in January 2025, for over 50 former intelligence officials who signed a 2020 letter suggesting Hunter Biden's laptop story could be Russian disinformation

John Bolton, former National Security Adviser, and Anthony Fauci, former Chief Medical Adviser, had their clearance revoked in separate earlier actions

These security clearance revocations, follow a precedent set when Biden revoked Trump's clearance in 2021 citing "erratic behavior." The move is largely symbolic for some, as former officials don't always retain active clearances, but it could limit access to classified briefings or government facilities.

## AG Mayes Sues Again, and Again

### Three More Cases Filed in April, So Far

Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes joined other Democratic attorneys general filing three more lawsuits against the Trump administration so far this month, bringing the total to ten.

One of the lawsuits challenged the pausing of controversial grants issued by the National Institute of Health (NIH).

Another contested the dismantling of three agencies that assist unions, promote minority-owned businesses, and give money to libraries for Drag Queen Story Hour for children.

And Mayes joined Arizona Secretary of State Adrian Fontes in another lawsuit, with 19 other Democratic-run states, challenging Trump's executive order on proof of citizenship to vote in federal elections and other election integrity measures.

Previous cases filed include subjects such as anchor babies, OMB funding freeze, DOGE acces to the Treasury payment system, Elon Musk heading DOGE, firing federal workers, Education Department employee layoffs, HHS claw backs, and funding cuts for the Institute of Museum and Library Services

Eight of the ten lawsuits have seen temporary restraining orders or judicial blocks in related or parallel cases thus far.

Critics, including argue the lawsuits are politically motivated to obstruct a duly elected president's agenda. Arizona's role is prominent, with Mayes often co-leading or vocally championing these efforts at town halls and press conferences.

The lawsuits have slowed some Trump policies and legal battles are expected to drag on, potentially reaching higher courts if initial injunctions hold, yet the legislature has yet to send a single bill to Trumps desk that would codify any of his executive orders and end the litigation.



## SSN Fraud Tied to Massive Scams

### Unemployment and Healthcare Affected

A cascade of recent investigations has uncovered a disturbing trend: the fraudulent Social Security numbers (SSNs) that the Mohave Free Press reported about in the March issue are increasingly tied to massive unemployment insurance scams and Medicare and Medicaid fraud, with new revelations pointing to illegal accessing benefits and even registering to vote.

The Social Security Administration's Office of Inspector General (SSA-OIG) estimates improper payments in Social Security programs at \$10 billion annually, with a portion linked to fake or stolen SSNs. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reported over \$140 billion in improper payments in 2024, driven partly by fraudulent billing and identity misuse.

Unemployment fraud, which exploded during the "pandemic", continues to plague states, with the U.S. Department of Labor noting hundreds of millions lost to claims filed with compromised identities. After discovering \$382 million in fraudulent unemployment payments since 2020, DOGE has recently identified three blue states as the primary culprits: California, New York, and Massachusetts.

A March 2025 alert from the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG) spotlighted a growing tactic: fraudsters hacking email accounts to redirect Medicare and Medicaid payments via electronic transfers, costing millions. Victims like Arizona's Maria Gomez often discover the breach only after receiving unexpected tax forms for benefits they never claimed, plunging them into bureaucratic chaos. *"It's like someone hijacked my life,"* Gomez told reporters.

Hospice fraud, enrolling healthy "patients" with stolen SSNs, has surged, exploiting vulnerable communities. HHS-OIG found that two-thirds of Medicare and Medicaid payers reported frequent electronic fraud attempts in 2024, signaling a relentless onslaught.

A March 2025 town hall in Wisconsin, hosted by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), revealed startling claims about non-citizens exploiting SSNs. DOGE's Antonio Gracias stated that since 2021, 5.5 million non-citizens received SSNs, with 1.3 million enrolled in Medicaid, a program costing \$567 billion annually for 79.3 million people. Gracias suggested this represents an \$8 billion yearly loss, as Medicaid is intended for citizens and certain legal residents. More controversially, he claimed DOGE's sample of voter records found non-citizens registered to vote, prompting referrals to Homeland Security for prosecution. *"We're asking ourselves why,"* Gracias said, hinting at systemic flaws or deliberate oversight. Yet fewer than 100 cases of voter fraud were prosecuted nationwide from 2002 to 2022, per the Heritage Foundation.

DOGE's co-lead Elon Musk added that SSN issuance to non-citizens spiked from 270,000 in 2021 to 2.1 million in 2024, calling it a *"mind-blowing"* trend uncovered accidentally during fraud probes. These claims, aired on the All In podcast, have ignited fierce debate.

The Center Square reported that fraudsters use SSNs to secure Medicaid benefits and unemployment payments, often through identity theft or fake credentials. A 2024 CMS audit flagged thousands of improper Medicaid enrollments, including cases where SSNs didn't match federal databases. Unemployment systems, rushed during the pandemic, skipped robust checks, letting scammers exploit states like Arizona, where \$50 million in fraudulent claims were identified in 2023 alone.

Why the vulnerability? Experts blame aging infrastructure. The SSA's NUMIDENT database, built in 1936, struggles to catch errors like payments to deceased beneficiaries—\$298 million over two decades, per a 2021 OIG report. Medicare's vast provider network and unemployment's decentralized systems create loopholes for fraudsters, who now use AI to forge identities and cryptocurrencies to launder profits. *"It's a cat-and-mouse game, and we're playing catch-up,"* said fraud analyst Karen Fletcher. The Government Accountability Office estimates \$233 billion to \$521 billion in government-wide fraud, underscoring the scale of the challenge.

As HHS-OIG's Christi Grimm warned, *"Every stolen dollar undermines trust and hurts those who need help most."* Without bold reforms, the shadow of fraud will loom large.

## Flu Vaccine Bombshell

### New Study Shows Negative Efficacy

A bombshell study by the Cleveland Clinic reveals that the 2024-2025 influenza vaccine may heighten, not reduce, infection risk in healthy working-age adults.

The findings, published on April 2, 2025, challenge long-held assumptions about flu shots and are sparking heated debate among health experts and the public alike.

The study, titled "Effectiveness of the Influenza Vaccine During the 2024–2025 Respiratory Viral Season," tracked 53,402 employees of the Cleveland Clinic Health System in Ohio over a 25-week period starting October 1, 2024. Researchers, led by epidemiologist Dr. Nabin Shrestha, aimed to measure how well the flu vaccine worked in a real-world setting.

Unlike typical vaccine trials, this was a prospective cohort study, meaning it followed participants over time to compare flu outcomes between those who got the shot and those who didn't. Researchers compared flu infection rates between vaccinated and unvaccinated healthcare workers, expecting to confirm the vaccine's protective edge. Instead, they uncovered a troubling trend: those who got the flu shot were more likely to contract the virus.

Among the 32,155 vaccinated employees, 614 tested positive for influenza, compared to 532 cases among the 21,247 unvaccinated. After adjusting for factors like age, sex, and prior vaccination history, the study calculated a vaccine effectiveness of negative 27%. In plain terms, vaccinated individuals faced a 27% higher risk of flu infection than their unvaccinated peers. The risk was even starker for influenza A, the dominant strain, with a negative 33% effectiveness.

Dr. Shrestha's team didn't mince words about the implications. *"These findings suggest that the influenza vaccine may not confer the expected level of protection,"* they wrote, noting that vaccinated individuals also reported slightly more symptomatic illness, like fever and body aches, when infected. *"This is a wake-up call,"* said Shrestha, *"We need to understand why the vaccine performed this way this season."* Flu vaccines are reformulated yearly based on global surveillance, but predicting dominant strains is notoriously tricky.

The findings hit hard because the study population, healthcare workers aged 18 to 64, was presumed to be healthy and responsive to vaccination. Unlike older adults or children, who face varying immune challenges, this group should theoretically show stronger vaccine benefits. Yet, the data tells a very different story.

Vaccinated workers didn't just lack protection; they appeared more vulnerable, raising questions about the vaccine's design or its interaction with immune systems primed by prior shots or infections.

Critics of the study, however, urge caution. Dr. Helen Chu, a flu expert at the University of Washington, argues that unmeasured factors, like workplace roles or testing habits, could muddy the results. Still, the Cleveland Clinic's reputation and the study's large sample size lend weight to its conclusions.

It used a prospective cohort design, tracking participants in real-time, and relied on PCR-confirmed flu cases, considered a gold standard for diagnosis. Unlike smaller trials, this scale offers a rare glimpse into vaccine performance in a real-world setting, where flu strains evolve rapidly, and human behavior complicates outcomes.

The implications are thorny. Flu vaccines have been considered a cornerstone of public health, recommended annually for nearly everyone over six months old. But a negative efficacy, where the vaccine might worsen outcomes, erodes trust, especially among healthcare workers mandated to get the shot. Some employees shared anecdotes of better health after skipping flu shots, though experts warn personal stories don't equal causation.

What's next? The researchers call for urgent follow-up studies to confirm the findings and probe why the vaccine faltered. Theories include "antigenic drift," where circulating viruses diverged from vaccine strains, or immune interference from repeated vaccinations, a phenomenon seen in some prior flu seasons. The World Health Organization's strain selection process, finalized months before the season, may also need a rethink to keep pace with fast-mutating viruses.

For healthy adults, the data raises tough questions about one-size-fits-all mandates. As flu season presses on, the Cleveland Clinic's bombshell is forcing a hard look at a tool long taken for granted.

# Spring Update From County Recorder, Lydia Durst

Lydia Durst was elected to serve as the County Recorder in the General Election last year, giving her the opportunity to continue the progress she has made in her position since being appointed in 2023.

Recorder Durst's goals for this term include accurate maintenance of the voter registration rolls, improving the voting experience for all registered and eligible voters in our County, providing accurate, searchable public records and encouraging citizens to take advantage of the services we offer!

The Recording Division makes great strides within the county and continues its endeavor to assist all residents with the recording of property related documents. Residents can view recorded documents and request copies through the online self-service portal, accessible via this link:

<https://www.mohave.gov/departments/recorder/recording/>

The Recorded Document Alert system has now been available for one full year! This is a software that allows members of the public to register for email alerts when a document containing their name or property information has been recorded in our office. This software launched in February of 2024 and since then has reached over 600 accounts! To register for this FREE email alert program, visit: <https://eaglerss.mohave.gov/web/fraudGuard/disclaimerPage>

Historical Indexing is an important way that the Recorder's Office provides yet another way for citizens to access important property related information. While each year of indexing can take upwards of a year for staff to complete, the end result proves beneficial to both the Recorder's team and citizens.

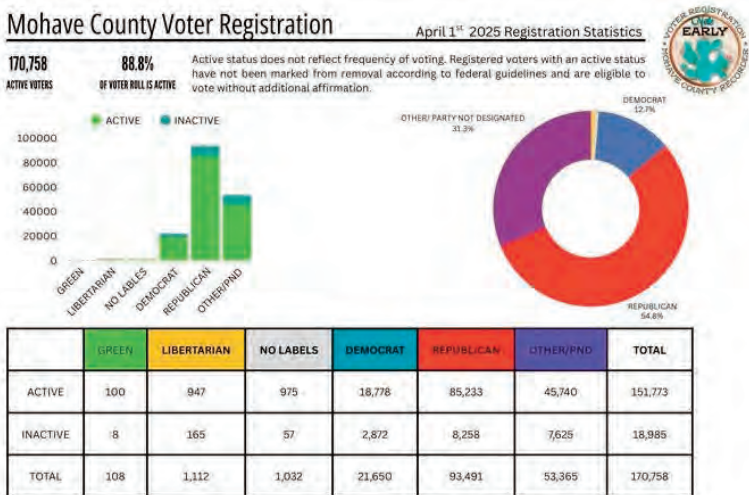
As of now, the office plans on continuing this effort until documents have been indexed all the way back to 1972, making these documents available for viewing online. Contact the Recorder's Office (928) 753-0701 or [RecorderHelp@mohave.gov](mailto:RecorderHelp@mohave.gov)

During off-election years, the voter registration division of the Recorder's Office focuses on voter roll cleanup. After the 2024 General Election, Federal Law allowed the office to remove 5,378 voters with inactive addresses from their rolls. This puts the registered voter count at 168,647 across the County.

The Recorder's Office is gearing up to mail voter registration confirmation notices to all active registered voters in May of this year, so be sure to keep an eye on the mail for a postcard with your name on it. When you receive this, verify that the information listed on the notice contains accurate information. If your information needs to be updated, you can do this online by visiting: [AZMVDnow.gov](http://AZMVDnow.gov) or contacting the Recorder's Office for a paper form.

State Law now requires that all voters be notified when a change is made to their record. Sign up for these text or email alerts by visiting: [My.Arizona.Vote](http://My.Arizona.Vote)

In September of 2024, an issue related to citizenship tracking through the Motor Vehicle Division when registering to vote prior to 2005 was brought to our attention. In Mohave County, there were approximately 4,500 voters affected by this oversight. The Recorder's Office will be working to assist these voters in supplying citizenship to our office in order to cure their voter record. These voters can expect to receive a notice in the mail requesting that this documentation be provided.



# Snake Season

## Not all Vipers are Created Equal



The weather forecast for the next several months is predicted to be mostly sunny with a chance of rattlesnakes, especially if you live outside the concrete jungle.

The snake on the left is a western diamondback (*Crotalus Atrox*). It's more aggressive, strikes fast and averages about 4 feet but can hypothetically grow up to about 7 feet if you don't remove its head with a flat shovel or blow it off with bird shot while it's small. It's venom basically liquifies tissue, and causes severe swelling, muscle necrosis, internal bleeding, organ damage, headaches, nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain. It's commonly encountered in our area.

According to Dr. Patrick Jones DVM, a clinical herbalist and traditional naturopath who runs the HomeGrown Herbalist School of Botanical Medicine and has experience treating both humans and animals, echinacea neutralizes an enzyme (hyaluronidase) in most rattlesnake venom and also treats Brown Recluse spider bites. Although it's better known as an immune booster for treating colds and other viruses such as chickenpox and shingles, you might want to keep some echinacea handy if you or a pet is bitten. Immediately take orally and also make a topical poultice from the contents of the capsules before rushing off to see a doctor.

The snake on the right is a Mojave (green). It's often but not always shades of khaki, much deadlier and somewhat smaller, optimally maxing out at about 4 1/2 feet if you foolishly allow it to live. It's venom usually contains a deadly neurotoxin.

According to Dr. Bryan Ardis, who has become a recognized expert on venom, both nicotine and N-Acetyl Cysteine (NAC), a supplement also known for preventing hangovers, bind to the same chemical receptors in your brain as neurotoxic snake venom, thereby blocking it. NAC, or nicotine gum, pouches or patches might be a helpful mitigation strategy on your way directly to the ER in Las Vegas.

One way to distinguish between these two similar rattlesnakes is that the stripes next to their rattles are slightly different, but even this can vary somewhat. The western diamondback usually has equally wide bright white and black bands, while the Mohave usually has wider white band than black and the bands may also be more beige or light greyish with khaki stripes instead of black.

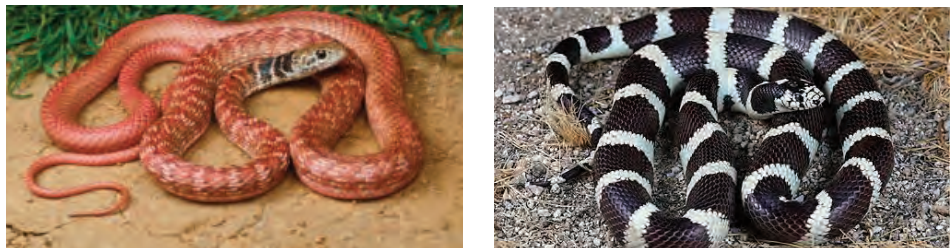
Snakes seem to be most active when it's about 85° but seek shade in extreme heat, especially if there's a moist spot in the dirt from a leaky hose or swamp cooler line. According to "Rattlesnake Solutions", rattlesnakes cannot handle prolonged direct sunlight in 90° or higher temps, and 105° or higher is lethal to them.

Where you're likely to encounter one may depend on the time of day and the temperature, as they come out to warm up in the mornings, nap in the shade mid-day, and then come back out at dusk to hunt. You might also see a snake on the road taking advantage of the remaining warmth in the cool morning hours.

Relocating rattlesnakes in populated areas is essentially public endangerment, forcing someone else to kill them. They are also territorial hunters and may find their way home. Yes, you can eat rattlesnakes so don't let a good kill go to waste.

Never kill good snakes. Coachwhips and King snakes will eat rattlesnakes but bull snakes and gopher snakes do not, that's an urban legend. Fine mesh or bird netting around the bottom of your animal enclosures will help keep snakes out.

*\*Disclaimer, this article is for information purposes only and should not be considered as medical advice.*





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# The DOGE Report

## By Mark Fargo

### Government Disruption DC Can't Control

When Elon Musk was announced as the inaugural director of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), political commentators didn't know whether to laugh, panic, or buy stock in flame-thrower companies. Only months later, DOGE isn't a punchline—it's a revolution. And Musk, with his characteristic blend of chaos and clarity, is now the most disruptive force in the U.S. federal government.

DOGE was created to root out inefficiency, redundancy, and bureaucratic dead weight in the federal government. Critics said it was impossible. Musk said, "Hold my neural link."

In under 3 months, DOGE has delivered a level of governmental disruption not seen since the Reagan-era privatization efforts, and Musk is unapologetic. *"It's not complicated,"* he said in a recent press conference. *"If it's broken, bloated, or unnecessary—it gets deleted. Just like bad code."*

DOGE's early wins include the agency's most aggressive, and lauded, moves include:

**USAID Overhaul:** After a forensic audit led by DOGE, it was revealed that only 12% of USAID's multi-billion-dollar budget actually reached foreign aid recipients. The rest? Lost to administrative overhead and "consultant layers" often based in Western Europe. The fallout led to mass resignations and a total freeze on new contracting until DOGE's protocols are implemented.

**HUD Deconstruction:** Musk ordered a ruthless teardown of overlapping housing programs, uncovering ghost offices, double-dipping contractors, and outdated grant cycles that hadn't been reviewed since the Clinton administration. DOGE estimates \$9.2 billion in potential savings, and has already restructured three divisions with Artificial Intelligence based resource mapping tools.

**The Great Digital Purge:** DOGE identified over 400 redundant federal websites and portals, many performing near-identical functions at vastly different costs. They've begun consolidating services into a single federated platform, cutting both IT waste and public confusion.

As DOGE's successes mounted, so too did the push back. A federal judge in D.C., appointed during the Obama administration, issued an emergency injunction to halt DOGE's audit of the Department of Education, calling it "an unconstitutional power grab." That ruling stalled dozens of investigations and provided cover for other agencies to resist Musk's oversight.

Meanwhile, Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) reportedly warned in private: *"If Musk keeps tearing down these departments, we'll find a way to tear him down too."* Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT), more publicly, referred to DOGE as *"a billionaire's fantasy run amok,"* but off the record, he's alleged to have told allies: *"This can't go on. If it does, he'll regret it."*

According to internal DOGE memos, top staff have been warned of "unconventional legal warfare"—including targeted subpoenas, harassment litigation, and audits designed to freeze activity. Musk, characteristically undaunted, responded on X: *"You know you're over the target when the missiles start flying."*

Tesla Showrooms Targeted, Private Owners Harassed, but the backlash has gone beyond political sabotage and into something darker.

Over the past three months, multiple Tesla showrooms across the U.S. have been vandalized or set on fire, including confirmed arson attacks in Portland, Chicago, and Philadelphia. In several cases, vandals left graffiti reading "DOGE = fascism," "resist technocracy," and "death to traitors." The FBI has labeled these coordinated attacks as domestic eco-terrorism with political overtones.

Even more disturbing is the trend of targeted intimidation against Tesla owners—particularly in swing and red states. Multiple families have been doxed, had their home surveillance systems hacked, or received anonymous threats demanding they denounce Musk and DOGE "or face public consequences." A Colorado woman was extorted via encrypted message after her children's school address was leaked online.

Three suspects were arrested last week—all connected to a decentralized online collective believed to have ties to anarchist and eco-radical cells. DOJ officials confirmed the arrests in a joint press conference and stated that the individuals will face "the full force of federal law." Charges include conspiracy to commit arson, cyberstalking, and interstate harassment. Musk responded swiftly on X: *"Make no mistake—this is terrorism, not protest. These people targeted families. They will face justice."*

The White House has yet to formally comment on the attacks, though a senior law enforcement source indicated additional arrests are likely in the coming weeks.

Despite the backlash, DOGE enjoys rising public support. A March 2025 Gallup poll shows 64% of independents and 79% of Republicans support DOGE's expansion. Among Democrats, approval is lower—at 38%—but nearly double what it was just six months ago.

Even some centrists are beginning to acknowledge what they call the "Musk Paradox": They don't like his methods, but they can't argue with his numbers.

Washington is now preparing for a collision. Democrats are pushing legislation to limit DOGE's authority, while conservatives move to expand its funding and jurisdiction.

Musk has said he's ready for the fight. *"If the American taxpayer is footing the bill, they deserve to know what they're paying for. And if that transparency scares certain people in power—maybe they were the problem all along."*

Whether DOGE survives the coming firestorm or not, one thing is clear: Elon Musk has dared to do what few others would—treat the federal government like a failing startup. And in the process, he's kicked open the doors to a future where transparency might actually be more than a campaign slogan.



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## Critical Thinking

by Jennifer Esposito  
Editor's Opinion

### Thou Shalt Not Dissent

*"Every person may freely speak, write, and publish on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of that right." - Arizona Constitution, Article 2, Section 6*

I'm a free speech absolutist. The answer to offensive speech is persuasive counter argument, not censorship. More speech, not less. Period.

On April 6th, an on point editorial by Chadwick Dolgos at Blaze Media calls out the current conservative hypocrisy on "topics that deserve debate" but make many on the red team "uncomfortable". Read it online at: [www.theblaze.com/columns/opinion/we-say-we-want-free-speech-until-we-hear-something-we-hate](http://www.theblaze.com/columns/opinion/we-say-we-want-free-speech-until-we-hear-something-we-hate)

Dolgos' words could not have been more timely or appropriate, as just the day before I was ordered out of the Mohave County Republican Central Committee (MCRCC) quarterly meeting, which as a Precinct Committeeman I am required to attend, just because I refused to clap like a trained seal for guest speaker Tom Horne and instead exercised my constitutional free speech right to say "booooo".

Recently elected MCRCC Chairman Jodi Saegesser, a TX transplant who used to work for a disgraced Congressman literally exposed for texting pictures of his genitals, angrily demanded to know what my problem was. Since I was recognized by the Chair, I rose, properly stated my name for the record, and said *"When I was the 1st Vice Chair of the La Paz County Republican Committee and Mr. Horne was the Attorney General his nonfeasance in office endangered my life"*. Saegesser told me that didn't matter and I sat back down. I doubt my words were even heard over other precinct committeemen trying to shout me down. Saegesser did not call the room to order.

A couple of minutes later as I sat quietly the MCRCC Sergeant at Arms, Tim Griep, leaned over into my husband's face and asked to speak to me. I told him everything was fine and that I had said my piece, but he just kept insisting so I finally stood up and stepped into the aisle where he informed me I had been ordered removed and suggested I leave quietly. As I walked out I stated to those assembled that I was not leaving voluntarily and the room erupted into a cacophony of yelling at my husband and I, but again Chairman Saegesser did not call the room to order and she let the unruly members yell at us. A couple of people even followed my husband to the door in a threatening manner.

My husband then posted the Noam Chomsky quote at the top of page 7 in the private MCRCC Facebook group, commenting simply that PCs take an oath to uphold the Constitution and that some in attendance proved they were frauds due to their intolerant behavior. No sooner had debate on free speech begun when someone moderating the group disabled commenting. Thus proving his point.

Now, my husband and I are being summoned to appear before a non-statutory ad hoc "Conduct Committee", to defend ourselves against alleged complaints filed by fellow PCs, that MCRCC has yet to provide to us. Don't we have a right to confront our accusers? Are these even sworn notarized statements?

In 2021 as an elected State Committeeman, I was on the floor at the AZGOP annual meeting where committeemen booed then Governor Doug Ducey for several minutes straight, so there's actual precedent.

Nevermind that Superintendent of Public Instruction Horne is currently under fire by parents for "destroying the ESA program" and "attacking school choice" by approving a draft handbook that contains non statutory rules and arbitrary spending limits for approved items and programs. Forget that ConsumerAffairs.com published a report last year showing Arizona ranked dead last for overall public education. Thou shalt not dissent, and thou shalt not boo an elected Republican with a bad comb over no matter how badly he performs.

## "FREE" SPEECH

### To Speak or not to Speak

In January of this year, I felt more than compelled to go to the Mohave County Board of Supervisors meeting as they were tasked with reappointing several judges at the request of Mohave County Presiding Judge Steve Moss. One of the judges, I have witnessed making extremely poor and what I consider dangerous decisions in regard to children who are wards of the state of Arizona.

That judge, Aaron Demke, a family court judge who rules on cases with children and bad parents. I went to the meeting, and I spoke, and I tried as hard as I could to make my point without crossing lines as I hold a position that prohibits my speaking on behalf of the state agency to whom I report.

After I spoke, Judge Moss got back up and essentially called me a liar and stated I was totally wrong about this 'perfect' judge. Well, I did get to speak once again and expressed my opinion even stronger making every attempt to get my point across. Well, all of the judges were reappointed, as I figured they would be, and everyone should have left happy, right? Not a chance.

The County Attorney and the County Court Administrator both called the Arizona Supreme Court to file complaints against me for having the audacity to speak bad against a judge.

This is government abuse of power at its worst. Bottomline, what was done by these two county employees is illegal, this is retaliation for speaking in public at a public meeting. I am still working

on my next steps, but a lawsuit against the County is absolutely not out of the question. If I let this go and do nothing, I am as bad as that bad judge, I complained about.

We have got to take our government back from incompetent bureaucrats, if we allow people like the county attorney and the county court administrator to try to intimidate people for speaking out in public, then we have lost our freedom of speech. This is exactly what these two men tried to do, silence me and keep me from daring to ever do such a thing again.

It will not work; I will not be silenced!  
Roy Hagemyer

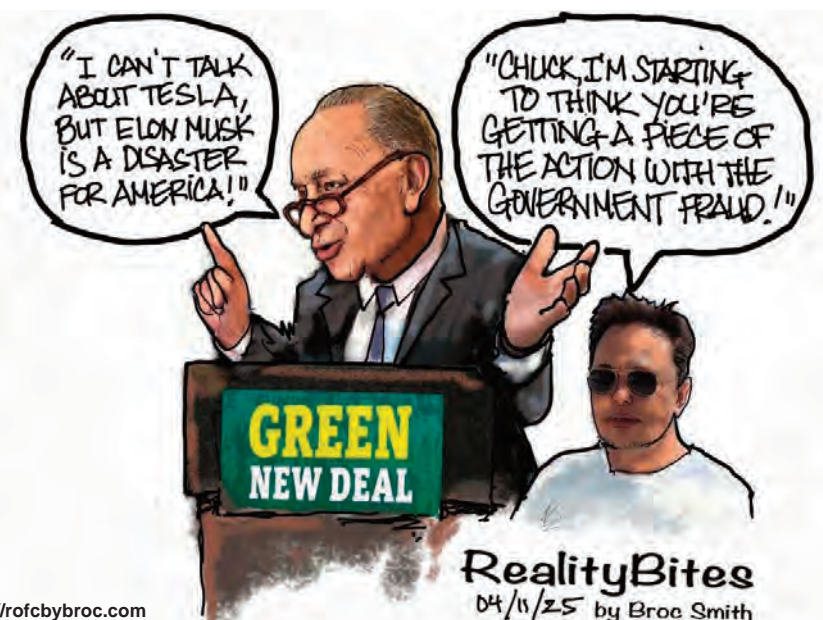
### Volunteerism - a precious resource we cannot afford to lose

Many seniors have had fulfilling lives - got married, raised a family, and at the same time, were able to have successful careers prior to retiring.

Most seniors have "entered" the golden years and may feel they are now missing out on something. Many of them have resigned to the fact of just sitting around the home and are watching life go by. There is that empty void in their lives and hearts they can't figure out how to fill it.

The time has come for those inactive seniors to get up off the sofas and out of their recliner chairs, and get involved; there is life after raising a family and after retiring. It is called giving back to the community by volunteering their time to those in need.

Numerous businesses, churches,



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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

charities, non-profit organizations, and even government agencies would love to have senior citizens help them by volunteering. When volunteering, it does not necessarily have to be an eight-hour day, five-day a week job. It can be as little as a couple hours at a time or as many hours as the volunteers want to invest in the community. It is up to the volunteers as to how many hours they want to donate.

It would be a daunting task to mention every charity, non-profit organization and place that needs volunteers. Here are a few diversified organizations (not necessarily more important than any other) that are well worth mentioning and they are need for this most precious resource – volunteering your time. They are:

Kingman Regional Medical Center Volunteer Services is looking for caring, compassionate people with time on their hands and a desire to make a difference.

The volunteers at the KRMC range in age from 14 through the young 80s.

Some of the many volunteers positions available at KRMC include: nursing unit team volunteers to provide comfort and support for their patients; courtesy cart drivers, providing courtesy shuttle service on the KRMC campus; gift shop retail clerks; information desks; escorting and transporting patients; and volunteers in most other areas of KRMC.

For information about volunteering at KRMC, call (928) 692-4673.

The Mohave County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) is looking for citizens who are interested in becoming a member of the Posse. The Posse is a team of trained citizens who volunteer their time to assist the Sheriff's Office with non-enforcement duties and services.

The volunteer work performed by Posse members allow deputies the time to focus on crime prevention and enforcement of state and county laws. Posse members do not take law enforcement action, carry weapons or make arrests.

As a member of the MCSO's Posse, volunteers will take pride in knowing that they are making a difference in their community by assisting in reducing crime and helping to create a positive relationship with members of the community and the Sheriff's Office.

Posse members receive training in crime prevention, introduction to law, driver awareness, patrol procedures, traffic control and radio communications. Interested citizens must meet the following qualifications; 18 years of age or older, have a positive attitude toward law enforcement, possess good moral character, have a good driving record, must have no felony convictions, must be a current U.S. citizen, have a valid Arizona driver's license, pass a background check and pass an oral board.

For further information about the MCSO Posse or volunteering, stop by the Sheriff's Office in Kingman at 600 W. Beale Street and pick up an application and/or call (928) 753-0756.

Cornerstone Mission Project is continually in the need for volunteers to help complete their mission. The volunteers needed include: front desk persons; errand runners; a person to help run the clothing closet; drivers for Diana's Faith House; Narcotics Anonymous Facilitator; and Christian 12 Step Facilitator at Men's Shelter.

"Our facility has the capability of housing up to 30 men, and 11 women and children," said the executive director. "We prepare and serve between 70 and 100 meals each day for walk-ins in need of a hot meal. We are really in desperate need for people to work in the soup kitchen. We only had eight days of volunteer cooks available last month and the staff members had to jump into the role of cooks to fill the void of not enough volunteer cooks. For further information about Cornerstone Mission Project or to volunteer, call (928) 757-1535.

Just about every senior citizen's centers and organizations are always seeking of volunteers to help out. They include, but are not limited to: Katherine Heidenreich Adult Center in Kingman – (928) 757-2778; Bullhead City Senior Center in Bullhead City – (928) 763-0193; Lake Havasu Senior Center in Lake Havasu City – (928) 453-0715; and Golden Shores Senior Center in Golden Shores – (928) 768-2421.

If seniors would like to help at one of the county's libraries, they should contact the library in their respective area. The Mohave County Library District has 10 locations and include: Kingman – (928) 692-2665; Bullhead City – (928) 758-0714; Lake Havasu City – (928)

453-0718; Chloride – (928) 565-2200; Dolan Springs – (928) 767-4292; Golden Shores/Topoc – (928) 768-2235; Golden Valley – (928) 565-2989; Meadview – (928) 564-2535; South Mohave Valley – (928) 768-1151; and Valle Vista – (928) 692-7662.

There are numerous other fraternal, civic and government agencies, non-profit organizations, in addition to churches that are more than willing to accept help from volunteers. It doesn't take much effort to find a place that needs help; pick up a phone book and be part of the volunteer force that makes a difference.

If seniors have some spare time on their hands and want to put it to good use, why not volunteer at one of the many churches, non-profit organizations, and community-based businesses that are in need of volunteers. They do not necessarily have to donate their time at one of the aforementioned organizations in need of volunteers. It is the personal choice of the senior.

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

Butch Meriwether

#### WARMC rave review

The year is 2025, and the start to a real health revolution in America and around the world. Thanks to the people heading the charges, such as RFK Jr, comes the words responsibility and quality of care. Be it for one person or an entire nation, we all must play our role as an example. The food we eat right down to the water we drink all come with those two thoughts.

Recently, I had a very intense experience with my personal health. This was a 10 day ordeal with 7 in ICU. The reason? Severe organ stress leading to a Diabetic and Bacterial Infection restive to antibiotics. I had started to notice some changes over the past years, but we are all getting older, right? Power through it!

Those physical issues started to become more than real, after losing my ability to walk. This happened within a few months time. And this is where I get to write this letter to you about my medical emergency (ER) trip and the people / facility behind my recovery.

Western Arizona Regional Medical Center, in my opinion, is top level. Upon arrival to the ER, The check in was quick and the testing started to stabilize to find the reason for my visit. I would like say here in my story, that I did not get all the names of who worked on me, but you are all very much appreciated. I met the first of the specialists, Frank, who described what he found so far and your blood sugars are dangerously high. They ran a full CT scan and took a lot more blood. After about four hours, I was transferred to ICU. For the next seven days, it was all about getting my blood sugar in line as well as getting the infection that was also detected taken out. In those seven days, once again, my quality of care was very professional and a relief to me. Why you ask? This was my first extended stay in a facility like this. Never been the patient. Nurse Christina, along with all the staff, head nurse Joe, Dr. Frank, and traveling Dr. Flores were fantastic at being right there for me. Special thanks to traveling nurse Kate. Your tremendous patience and trade skills really shined.

We must not forget the nutritional side to the quality of care, as we know how important that is for our bodies recovery. RD Melinda was a great help in understanding the food and how that would relate to my present condition. And what is food without a chef. Chef Eric does a magnificent job to support the patients needs.

In closing, it is rare to have such a quality experience with such wonderful professionals in our world today. Thank you to my son and family and friends who were with me all the way.

Brett Forrester

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## Picture This!



Picture yourself walking through the White House, turning a corner, and there's a brand new art addition where a Robert McCurdy painting of former President Barry Soetoro aka "Barack Obama on a white background" used to hang.

The iconic Evan Vucci photograph of President Trump defiantly holding his fist in the air after an assassination attempt in Butler, PA, has been turned in to an epic replacement. It's not known if the painting was commissioned or if the unknown artist offered it to POTUS. Additional information was not available at print time.

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You don't need to go all the way to Oatman just to get your donkey fix. On April 12th, Munchkin stopped by the new Black Mountains Donkey Rescue, an Arizona 501 (c)(3) non-profit located in Golden Valley.

Their mission statement is: "To provide a safe place for any donkey placed in our care; attending to their every need; medical, emotional and physical, and seeking a permanent and loving forever home for them when or if the time is appropriate."

All the donkeys currently in the care of Cheryl, Phil, and Margaret, started out their lives as wild donkeys and came to live at the sanctuary through various means.

The Black Mountains Donkey Rescue is open to the public and the donkeys can be visited by calling for an appointment, preferably 24 hours in advance. They only feed low calorie treats such as celery and do not accept donations of horse treats of any kind, as obesity can cause health problems in donkeys and they require a restricted diet. Arranging a donation of grass hay would be more appropriate.

You can follow them on Facebook for lots of photos and videos at: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555293300929> and check out their website at: [blackmountainsdonkeyrescue.org](http://blackmountainsdonkeyrescue.org)





# Stay Another Day!

## Things to see and do around the greater Kingman area

### Hike Fort Beale Loop



Hiking the Fort Beale Loop in Mohave County, Arizona, in April is a no-brainer if you're into stunning views, manageable trails, and perfect weather. This 3.2-mile loop, just northwest of Kingman, offers a moderate challenge with a 500-foot elevation gain, making it ideal for casual hikers or those wanting a quick outdoor fix. April's the sweet spot here—temperatures hover between 60°F and 80°F, dodging the scorching summer heat that can hit triple digits and the rare winter chill. You're out there to enjoy, not to fry or freeze.

The trail kicks off from Fort Beale Drive, a short hop from I-40, so it's easy to access whether you're local or passing through. You'll climb a ridge to 4,100 feet, where the payoff is panoramic: Kingman sprawls below, the Hualapai Mountains rise to the east, and the Black Mountains stretch west toward Golden Valley. It's a front-row seat to the Mojave Desert's rugged beauty—think volcanic rock, sparse scrub, and maybe a glimpse of a mule deer or Gambel's quail if you're lucky. The descent loops back differently, keeping things fresh.

April showers bring wildflowers. Spring rain can spark blooms like prickly pear blossoms or yucca spikes, adding pops of color to the rocky terrain. Even without a floral show, the desert's starkness has its own pull, open range land means you might spot livestock, a quirky nod to the area's history. Speaking of which, the trail ties into Camp Beale Springs, a former military post and Hualapai reservation from the 1870s. You can detour there with a free permit from Kingman's visitor center for a dose of frontier lore. Camp Beale Springs, located at 2646 Fort Beale Dr, is a short half mile trail.

The hike's practical perks shine in April too. It takes about 1.5 to 2 hours, so you're not committing your whole day, just enough to stretch your legs and clear your head. No shade means you'll need to bring water, but the mild weather keeps dehydration at bay. The trail is rocky loose volcanic stuff so sturdy shoes and trekking poles are smart, but it's not a grueling slog. Go clockwise for a gentler climb or counterclockwise if you like your ascents steep and quick. Either way, benches along the route let you soak in the scenery without rushing.

Crowds? Hardly. This isn't some over-hyped tourist trap. It's popular with locals for hiking, biking, or trail running, but it's relatively quiet this time of year, especially midweek. You might share the path with a dog walker (leashes required) or a mountain biker, but solitude is easy to find. Unlike summer, when the heat drives everyone indoors, or winter, when winds can kick up frigid dust storms. April's relatively calm and clear, with long days (sunset's around 7 PM) to linger at the top.

Mohave County may have bigger draws but Fort Beale Loop is a low-key gem. It's close to Kingman's retro Route 66 vibe, so you can pair it with a lunch stop or a peek at the old Cerbat Foothills. Hike it in April for the weather, the views, and the peace. It's a solid taste of Arizona's wild side without the hype or hassle. Just watch your step on those rocks and keep an eye out for snakes.

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# County Board Report

March 17th, Supervisor Ron Gould pulled the contract renewal with River City News for County legal notices because it lacked the cost for the contract amendment. The County has spent approximately \$44,000 so far this fiscal year. The "paper of record" had been changed to the Lake Havasu Today's News Herald since the Kingman Miner had changed their print dates. The item was continued.

Gould also pulled the County's check warrant registers item because it gives limited details and they are essentially authorizing a blank check without knowing which department funds originate from, what the project is and why it is being spent. One item was paid to Orange County Housing Authority in CA. The IT Department Finance Department will coordinate to provide a more detailed report.

The Kingman Rotary Club received \$49,800 from Nuccor Steele to fund repairs and improvements at Camp Levi Levi. Gould thanked them as the camp is important to the Boy Scouts. A budget transfer was requested to help mitigate the fire hazard. The funds will come from a Parks' Healthy Forest Initiative Grant.

The annual agreement to outsource our voter registration database was up for renewal. The Board approved the agreement but asked the Recorder's office to look into bringing the database in house like Maricopa and Pinal Counties.

Angle Homes was on the agenda to reconsider a proposed development in Fountain Hills, and was approved despite overwhelming opposition, with District 4 Supervisor Don Martin backstabbing his constituents on the deciding vote.

The Economic Development Department will be the test department for Zero-Based Budgeting. Gould brought the item forward and it passed, starting in Fiscal Year 2026 which begins in July. The Board will discuss budgets on April 16th..

Also on March 17th, Gould tried again to end the private/public partnership with Serenity Memorial Group for the Medical Examiner's office. In 2021 staff was ordered to bring the office in-house but it never happened. The Board voted to keep Serenity on a month-to-month basis until a Request For Proposal is completed.

April 7th, the Board denied a cell tower application in Dolan Springs with Gould commenting, "no, because they are ugly." Federal law prohibits denying cell towers for health reasons.

The River City News contract for legal notices was approved with the Supervisors directing procurement to go out to bid.

After the retirement of County Public Information Officer Roger Galloway, the Board abolished the PIO position and applied the funds to a Sheriff's deputy position. Lettman and Martin dissenting.

Lettman brought forth three items regarding the Bullhead/Laughlin International Airport and the Mohave County Airport Authority (MCAA). The MCAA lease was executed in the 1980s and continues to 2087, it works out to four cents per year and includes a lot of vacant land the County collects no property tax on. Supervisors requested Airport Authority audited financials for two years by April 21st. The Board will also become a permanent voting member of the Airport Authority. MCAA was invited to give a presentation to the Board on May 5th.

Lettman asked the Board to renew Serenity Memorial Group's controversial Medical Examiner contract. Supervisors Gould and Lingenfelter opposed, with Borrelli, Martin and Lettman voting to continuing the contract through 2025.

A resolution in support of public tours of Davis Dam for National Public Lands Day 2025 was approved unanimously.

# Golden Valley Matters

The Easter Bunny and Nadine the donkey are coming to Our Place Diner April 19th. Bring your Easter basket, the egg hunt begins at 10am for kids 7 and under, and at 10:30am for kids 8 and over.

GVID ratepayers have been handed a disappointment when the Arizona Court of Appeals ruled that they do not have the constitution right of initiative and referendum on the County's rate increase, and that a punitive rate can be imposed for higher water use. Now that the litigation is over, ratepayers only hope is to restore a private elected board that can negotiate a cheaper rate for repairs and daily operations than the disproportionate amount the County has been extorting from them.

It appears that County staff is trying to pull a fast one on GV residents and property owners who were told by the general plan subcommittee last year, along with the Supervisors, that the Dorado land use area plan would revert back to agricultural as stipulated when it was originally granted.

Their excuse? Apparently some weasel, or possibly a paid operative, went and collected a reported 30 signatures from Shipps Estates residents in support of the Angle Homes planned community on the Dorado land, which would nearly double the current GV population. Nevermind the overwhelming community opposition to the land use designation that was already on record with the subcommittee.

The draft general plan will not be voted on for several weeks, so there's time to have your voices heard.

Email your comments to the Clerk at: [skubal@mohave.gov](mailto:skubal@mohave.gov)

And sign the online petition at: [change.org/p/protect-golden-valley-s-rural-character-during-the-general-plan-update](https://change.org/p/protect-golden-valley-s-rural-character-during-the-general-plan-update)

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## Kingman Korner

### Back to the Future By Elliot Chalew

Watching a movie can often bring an interesting reflection and viewpoint to life. One of my favorite fictional movies was the 1985 blockbuster "Back to the Future." Actor Michael J. Fox ( Marty McFly) is thrown back into the '50s when an experiment by his eccentric scientist friend Doc Brown (Christopher Lloyd) goes awry. Traveling through time in a modified DeLorean car, Marty encounters young versions of his parents and must make sure that they fall in love, or he'll cease to exist. We can all clearly see whatever has shaped the past has a dramatic impact on the future. I woefully report I see many similarities in the theme of this science fiction movie and KINGMAN'S REAL LIFE CULTURE past and present.

The film was set in 1950, an era 75 years ago, about the same time the City of Kingman's founding fathers had secured an unbreakable stronghold on Kingman's government and the quality of life and control over the average common man.

Over time, you have all repeatedly read the long list of issues and concerns of the Kingman people in the local newspapers and on social media. Just to mention a few: Deathly, almost criminal lack of medical care; sustainability of water and electricity; rising prices for sewer and trash as well. Bumpy substandard roads, traffic gridlock, and urban density are in lockstep with UNCONTROLLED GROWTH on the back of a fragile and failing CORE INFRASTRUCTURE.

In 2025, the Kingman Establishment stronghold is painfully more apparent than ever, and it is very clear that when we GO back to their stronghold, instead of LOOKING forward to our future, we have gone awry. The time is overdue to end this insidious "space/time" continuum that has destroyed our city.

Kingman MUST NO LONGER keep making the same mistake of going BACK to shape the FUTURE. The city and the city council can no longer be a fictional daydreaming time-traveling machine run by economically crazed scientists experimenting with our quality of life and our social growth.

Just as Marty and Doc in the film, Kingman and its people are in an imminent crisis and caught in the malfunction of the flux capacitor and time circuits. We need city leaders who will listen and respond to the issues and the concerns of the people. We do not need to propagate the old ways of the Establishment in passing infrastructure costs onto the people instead of the developers and the builders.

It doesn't take an eccentric scientist to conclude we must look at the past in retrospect and make the necessary changes for our future. Just like the DeLorean time-traveling machine in the movie, the city leaders are going 88 mph trying to get fusion. Big promises are always made with little substance but with an abundance of excuses and double talk. I can't say the city leaders have bad intentions, but their illegitimate economic plan is a blank check from you, the people, for disaster. You can follow the money right back to the future.

There is no doubt the city knows the people are upset and angry, and their Public Relations is falling short. Promotional gimmicks such as carefully designed surveys have circulated but do not address the issues face-to-face directly with the people. In the face of all the public ire over our failing infrastructure, the city has released notices of probable tax increases, meaning the people will pay more and more for less and less, business as usual. We are all watching the town clock tick, just like in the movie, and the tension is up.

The quality of life of the people of Kingman is not fiction, and we do not exist on a fictional timeline. BACK TO THE FUTURE means we must elect new leadership in Kingman, no matter what has happened in the past. When we look BACK, we see how Kingman's problems were created, but if we look like time travelers to the FUTURE, we see how to balance growth with infrastructure, preserving the quality of life for all. Our future cannot be left awry or just like Marty McFly, we could cease to exist.

Respectfully, Elliot Chalew  
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## Rumor Mill

RUMOR: Is Trump going to privatize the Post Office?

TRUTH: While there has been a suggestion by DOGE on doing that, no moves in that direction have been made. Trump has however suggested moving the USPS under the Commerce Department, to curb ongoing financial losses, in what would be an executive branch takeover. USPS has operated as an independent entity since 1970 but has often struggled financially, a problem further compounded by soaring inflation.

Postmaster General Louis DeJoy stepped down last month after serving 5 years in office. Before leaving, DeJoy informed Congress that he signed an agreement with DOGE and the General Services Administration (GSA) to help USPS cut costs and improve operations, noting the need for deep reform amid \$100B in past losses and \$200B in projected future losses if nothing was done. Deputy Postmaster General Doug Tulino is serving as interim chief while a permanent replacement is chosen to captain this sinking ship.

DeJoy cited "mismanagement" of their Worker's Compensation Program and self funded retirement assets and obligations, as well as unfunded legislative mandates and burdensome regulatory requirements as areas that DOGE and the GSA will be scrutinizing.

As part of organizational restructuring, 10,000 postal workers will be offered early retirement. This follows a 2021 workforce reduction of 30,000 under the Biden administration. The service currently employs 640,000 workers.

To increase revenue, USPS anticipates a 7.4% mailing services rate hike on July 13th of this year, so you might want to invest in some of those "Forever Stamps" before the cost goes up 5 cents a piece.

Do you have a rumor you would like cleared up? Email us and we'll see if we can.



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# Breaking Free From the Trance

by Don Spencer, CCHt

Breaking the Cultural Trance

In this month's discussion I'd like to turn to what happened to humanity during the global plandemic and what it means to your mental/emotional/spiritual health. Let me offer from the outset that it was all about mind/population control. We now know that the "virus" was engineered in a lab. We also know that there was already a "solution", aka, "vaccine" already developed that unfortunately was sold to the world through fear, panic and lots of free donuts to entice addicted humanity into accepting blindly an injection that has destroyed countless lives. I know, some out there will say but I know someone who was saved because of it... call me a conspiracy nut but we also know that many shots were saline so just maybe those who fared well did not get poisoned but part of the controlled experiment but I digress.

Let's focus on why people are such sheeple. If you have been following my articles you may already realize that the human mind is extremely fragile and susceptible to outside influences unless we learn how to control our own minds! If you do not learn this lesson than I can assure you that there are many out there that are very happy, willing, able and are actively working overtime to control the human narrative and guess who the lab rats are? Again, I digress.

The human reptilian brain simples needs order and direction and will seek it out in times of chaos. In this problem, reaction, solution" framework, the process typically starts with the identification or creation of a problem.

Global plandemic is a problem. Global lockdown is the reaction. Jab the planet is the solution. Do the research friends and in so doing you might discover this has been the framework throughout history used to create states of fear, an emotion, that causes the mind to stop, look for a solution in which the creators of the problem have waiting for you. Be careful what you ask for!

Once to understand this concept the sooner you will be able to take back control of your reactions because you are building a strong mind that now questions everything! Never accept any ideas blindly. Nothing. Question every damn thing on planet Earth. Just because someone has written or spoken something does not make it true. Ultimate truth has been hidden from humankind since the dawn of time and it is up to you to determine what reality really is.

Knowledge is like a vortex. The more you know the less you know. Our understanding of what is becomes minute as we jump into the rabbit hole and the expansion of what is will shrink your mind as you realize there is so much more we can learn if we just keep moving forward, study much, accept nothing but personal experience and even then you must question if what that experience was is real. Truth as we know it has been carefully engineered in order to control humanity and the only way out is to question everything. Question politics and question religion firstly as these are the 2 most egregious methods used by the puppet masters to capture your mind and behavior.

This is not meant to take away from you personal spiritual beliefs which are the foundations of goodness and offer a template for how to conduct oneself while on this journey. My hope is that it will inspire you to look beyond what you believe. Question everything. It's okay to change beliefs and in so doing it might even hurt especially if you realize that much of what you have been taught just ain't so. Since 1983 I have been helping others break free from the cultural trance that has shackled them into a submissive state that can cause stress which breaks the body down into a disease state but that will be the topic of another discussion. Feel free to drop me a message at [www.sleepnow.com](http://www.sleepnow.com) and I'll send you a free program that will teach your mind how to control your narrative. I think you'll like it!



# Mark's Musings

By Mark Fargo

Multiplex Editing: Bringing Back Grandma

As biotech pushes the boundaries of genetics, the dream of de-extinction inches closer to reality. But what happens when the dead don't stay dead—or worse, when we create something the world has never seen?

"Forget digitizing those old movies to see what grandma sounded like. Just bring her back to watch them with you."

That line isn't dystopian science fiction anymore—it's where we're headed. Thanks to the accelerating pace of multiplex gene editing, synthetic wombs, and ancient DNA sequencing, the resurrection of extinct animals is already in motion. And humans? The question is no longer if we can—but if we should.

Companies like Colossal Biosciences have made headlines by reintroducing traits of long-dead species into modern animals. Earlier this year, they unveiled genetically modified wolf pups said to mimic the legendary dire wolf. While experts argue the creatures are still just gray wolves in enhanced costumes, the implications are clear: we're no longer just conserving nature. We're rewriting it.

Their pups—named Romulus, Remus, and Khaleesi, for dramatic flair—aren't dire wolves by any true genetic standard. Paleogeneticists have pointed out that dire wolves and modern canines diverged millions of years ago. Still, Colossal was able to isolate and express 14 genetic traits believed to define the dire wolf's appearance, giving their gray wolf surrogates a broader skull, thicker frame, and prehistoric swagger.

While Colossal may not be acting in questionable ways, others might. The tools being developed are powerful. With CRISPR and its successors, scientists can now edit dozens of genes at once, shaping embryos at the cellular level. And power, as history reminds us, tends to be abused. Some may decide to create things we've never seen before—and at what cost?

Where do we draw the line? Your beloved kitty? The dodo? Megalodon? The line quickly blurs into something from The Island of Dr. Moreau.

Today, de-extinction is no longer limited to recovering what was lost. We're already toying with ideas of designer species—animals engineered not to mimic something that once was, but to serve a new function: pest control, environmental cleanup, even military use. It doesn't take a stretch of the imagination to foresee private firms or black-budget projects crafting life with no precedent in nature. Hybrids. Chimeras. Genomic experiments that redefine what life even is.

Morality in America is on life support. And with no unified global ethical framework in place, there is little stopping biotech companies or authoritarian regimes from pushing the genetic envelope beyond what we can control. It doesn't take a resurrected apex predator to disrupt the balance of the natural world. A simple, unknown invasive species—engineered with the best of intentions or the worst of motives—could forever change the planet as we know it.

We already struggle to contain invasive plants. What happens when the invader has legs—and a CRISPR-designed immune system?

Then there is the human question. For now, even suggesting we bring back extinct humans like Neanderthals is relegated to fringe speculation. But let's be honest—we've already sequenced their genomes. We have access to thousands of ancient human remains. And the same tools used to recreate mammoths from elephants could, in theory, be used to resurrect Homo sapiens from fragments of DNA left in old bones or on ancient tools.

Would the first reborn Neanderthal be considered a person? A scientific achievement? Or something else entirely? Would it have rights? A family? A purpose?

And that doesn't even begin to address the dark potential of trying to recreate lost loved ones. All it takes is a few preserved cells. A sliver of hair. A hint of blood on a childhood toy. Once the technology exists, the temptation will be too great for some to resist. If we can bring back a mammoth for science, why not grandma for Christmas?

This isn't about Jurassic Park. It's about today. It's about the fact that we're getting closer to the moment when we might be able to bring someone—or something—back. And we have to ask: Are we ready for that?

Because once it's out there, we can't put the genome back in the bottle.

## The Patriot's Corner

### Who's really causing what the Democrats call a Constitutional Crisis?



By Clair Van Steenwyk



This is what the U.S. Constitution states & where the President gets the authority to manage the executive branch of government without interference from circuit or district courts. Article II Section 1. The Executive Power shall be Vested in a President of the United States of America.

The way the Dems seem to be frightening some people is by using the term President Trump is an oligarch. What exactly does this term mean; oligarchy (from ancient Greek 'rule by few'; from 'few' and 'to rule, command') is a form of government in which (power rests with a small number of people.)

Examine what's going on today in the courts to block President Trump's policies concerning deportation of illegal immigrants, downsizing government, closing agencies & depts., and also ending grants and other handouts. It's rather astonishing that the Democrats are calling President Trump a threat to our constitutional government when he's just carrying out the policies he ran on and we voted for.

So who Are the real threats to our constitutional government? I believe the progressive Democrats both in office and those running the organizations filing the lawsuits to prevent these policies from being put in place, which is against the will of the people. And this plan has also been in place for well over a century starting with the Wilson Administration as Pres. Wilson was our 1st elected progressive President who had no love for the Declaration of Independence or U.S. Constitution and believed in top down changes rather than bottom up, which is the another form of changing government the new progressive Democrat Party is now employing. Please remember that it was a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court after 9/11 that gave terrorists the right to U.S. courts which were extended to district & circuit courts, however this isn't a law and must be changed by the Legislature as terrorists are a national threat, not a district or regional one.

This idea comes from Antonio Gramsci's theory, a philosopher and former Deputy of the Kingdom of Italy. Gramsci is best known for his theory of cultural hegemony, which describes how the state and ruling capitalist class, the bourgeoisie, use cultural institutions to maintain wealth and power in capitalist societies.

I hope all remember in America we had a revolution against a government, not the way we live, and in the Marxist state they want you to worship the government as your religion and the family etc. really doesn't matter.

Senator Schumer stated publicly on PBS and again on Meet the Press this past week that his party put thru the appointments of 235 judges to block the policies of President Trump. This is more than enough proof to see who's truly the real threat to our constitutional form of government.

Schumer also stated it would take 57 Votes to impeach a judge and that wasn't going to happen as this is part of their plan. He also stated that they'd make Pres. Trump the quickest lame duck President in U.S. history, and for me this plan has been put in place to keep the U.S. of America moving farther down the road to a Marxist form of government, whether it's Hegel or Marx's or the new Progressive method of top down, which will lead to the eventual destruction of the USA.

I'd like all to do some research and so check out Marx, Hegel, and Gramsci, along with Pres. Wilson who had a similar problem in his 2 term as he had a stroke and most knew his wife was the real power, like with Biden who's mental acuity is more than questionable and we still don't know if he even knew what was in the documents that were signed by someone else using the autopen.

The progressives in America had and have a plan, and to believe they can be trusted isn't true and the evidence is all around us. I realize they use false accusations to put fear in those who want to believe them and still hope the Dems will somehow save them from poverty, poor health, crime etc. Well just reflect on the last 4 yrs. and see how that worked out, and do what I always do if they haven't delivered on their false promises in the past. How & why do you believe them now? Remember it was the Biden administration who caused inflation, open borders, illegal immigrant invasion that brought about rapes, murders, modern day sex slavery, etc. Don't be lied to any longer.

## Shall Not Be Infringed

### The Vanderstock Decision, By AzCDL.org

On March 26, 2025, the Supreme Court issued its opinion in *Bondi v. Vanderstok*, No. 23-852, resolving a challenge to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' (ATF) 2022 regulatory expansion under the Gun Control Act of 1968 (GCA). While media coverage has predictably framed the decision as a sweeping endorsement or rejection of so-called "ghost gun" regulations, such portrayals ignore the fundamental structure of appellate litigation and the narrowness of what the Court actually decided. The Supreme Court did not take a position on whether homemade firearms should or should not be regulated more expansively-it answered a narrower legal question about whether the ATF's rule was facially inconsistent with the statutory text of the GCA.

This is not merely a semantic distinction-it cuts to the heart of what litigation does, what it does not do, and why appellate advocacy requires discipline and precision. It also explains why AzCDL is exceptionally selective in its litigation partnerships. When you go before a court, especially the highest in the land, you are not asking for a generalized policy opinion. You are asking for an answer to a specific legal question. If you frame the question poorly, you may receive an answer you didn't want-or worse, a precedent that harms your cause for decades.

At issue was the ATF's 2022 rule interpreting the term "firearm" under the GCA to include (1) certain weapon parts kits and (2) incomplete frames and receivers that can be "readily converted" into operable firearms. The rule was a response to a surge in unserialized, privately assembled firearms-often called "ghost guns"-used in crimes, with numbers increasing from 1,600 in 2017 to over 19,000 by 2021.

Challengers, including private parties and Second Amendment organizations, filed a facial challenge to the rule under the Administrative Procedure Act. They argued that the ATF's rule exceeded its statutory authority under the GCA. The Fifth Circuit largely agreed, holding that the term "firearm" could not include incomplete parts kits or unfinished frames, regardless of how easily they could be completed.

The Supreme Court reversed. Justice Gorsuch, writing for the majority, held that the ATF's rule was not facially invalid. The Court reasoned that some weapon parts kits and incomplete frames or receivers do fall within the statutory definition of a "firearm" because they are "designed to or may readily be converted" to expel a projectile or function as a frame/receiver. The Court emphasized that artifact nouns-such as "weapon," "frame," or "receiver"-can include items that are not yet finished but are clearly intended to function as such.

This is a key point: the Court did not bless the ATF's rule in its entirety, nor did it reject every critique of its scope or application. The case was a facial challenge, meaning the plaintiffs had to show that the rule was invalid in all or nearly all applications. Because some parts kits and frames clearly fall within the statutory definitions, the facial challenge necessarily failed.

The Supreme Court's opinion is a study in judicial restraint. The Court did not expand the regulatory state. It did not wade into legislative policy. It did not even say that the ATF's rule is wise or unwise. It simply said that the specific regulatory provisions being challenged are not categorically beyond the scope of the GCA.

This underscores a foundational truth in litigation: Courts do not answer the questions you wish they would. They answer the questions you ask. The Vanderstok plaintiffs asked the Court to invalidate the rule on its face. The Court, sticking to that narrow frame, answered that question and no more.

Justice Barrett, during oral arguments, put this plainly: even if certain applications of the rule might stretch statutory bounds, that doesn't render the rule facially invalid. Justice Sotomayor echoed the point: speculative or hypothetical abuses of a rule cannot sustain a facial challenge unless the regulation is invalid in virtually every application.

This is why appeals strategy matters. Framing, posture, timing-all of these impact how a court engages with a legal dispute. A poorly framed case can result in unfavorable precedent. A strategically crafted, narrowly focused challenge can chip away at overreach without jeopardizing broader constitutional protections.

Vanderstok reinforces that judicial outcomes often hinge on procedural nuance, not sweeping ideological battles.



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# Off The Grid

## How to survive in a modern world

Ditch the toxic cleaning products and make your own for just pennies with this simple, eco-friendly way to make a household cleaner using vinegar and either citrus peels or pine needles. This method harnesses vinegar’s natural acidity to cut grease and disinfect, while the peels or needles add a pleasant scent and mild cleaning properties from their essential oils. It’s cost-effective, non-toxic, and uses items you likely already have.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup white vinegar (5% acidity works best)
- Peels from 2-3 oranges or grapefruit (or a handful of fresh pine needles)
- A clean glass jar with a lid (mason jars are ideal)
- Water (optional, for dilution)
- A clean spray bottle

Prepare the citrus peels or pine needles: If using citrus peels, rinse them lightly to remove dirt or residue, then pat dry. For pine needles, snip fresh ones from a tree (avoid pesticide-treated areas) and rinse them too. Both work well, but orange peels give a citrusy scent, while pine needles offer a woody aroma.

Combine with Vinegar: Place the citrus peels or pine needles into the glass jar. Pour 1 cup of white vinegar over them, ensuring they’re fully submerged. The vinegar will extract the oils and fragrance over time.

Let It Steep: Seal the jar tightly and store it in a cool, dark place (like a cupboard) for 4-8 weeks. Shake the jar gently every few days to mix the contents. The longer it steeps, the stronger the scent and cleaning power. You’ll see the liquid turn slightly golden or greenish depending on your choice.

Strain the Mixture: After steeping, strain the liquid through a fine mesh sieve or cheesecloth into a bowl, discarding the peels or needles. The infused vinegar is your cleaner base.

Dilute (Optional): For general cleaning, mix equal parts infused vinegar and water (e.g., 1 cup each) to reduce the vinegar smell and make it gentler on surfaces. For tougher jobs like grease or grime, use it undiluted.

Bottle It: Pour the mixture into a spray bottle. Label it clearly with the date and contents (e.g., “Orange Vinegar Cleaner, 04/04/25”).

Usage: Spray on countertops, glass, or bathroom fixtures, then wipe with a damp cloth. Avoid using on porous stone (like marble) as vinegar can etch it. Test on small areas first if unsure.

Tips: Add a few drops of dish soap for extra grease-cutting power. Use within 6 months for best potency. This cleaner is natural, biodegradable, and leaves no harsh chemical residue—perfect for a sustainable and toxin free home!

# Home Cookin’

## FISH CAKES

- 1 6oz pkg “Stove Top” or similar stuffing mix for chicken
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/3 cup mayonaise
- and
- 2 cans of salmon, drained, skin and bones discarded
- 1tsp lemon juice
- 1/2 cup chopped green onion
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- or
- 2 cans tuna drained and flaked
- 2 Tbsp sweet relish
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Combine stuffing mix, water and mayonaise, add your choice of fish and related ingredients. Shape into 12 patties, cover and refridgerate 1 hour. Spray skillet with cooking oil and heat on medium. Add patties in batches. Cook until golden brown, 3 minutes, then turn carefully and cook 3 minutes more.

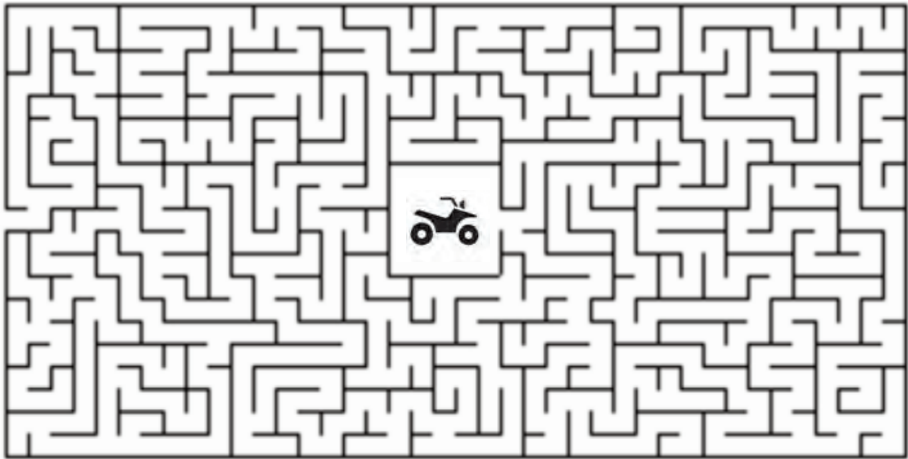
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