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Cybertuck Bomber Stopped in KingmanLivelsberger Identified in Video at Carls Jr. Charging Station



The bizarre New Year's Day Tesla Cybertruck explosion near the Trump International Hotel in Las Vegas has Arizona connections.

The deceased suspect, 37-year-old Matthew Alan Livelsberger, was born in Arizona according to a passport discovered in a severely burned wallet found in the back seat of the vehicle. Also, the Grand Canyon was reportedly considered as an alternate potential detonation site, according to the alleged email "manifesto". And the vehicle stopped at three Arizona Tesla charging stations, after being initially rented in Colorado.

A video shown during a January 3rd law enforcement news briefing depicted a man wearing a Black Cat Fireworks T shirt and subsequently a jacket, identified by Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department as Livelsberger, charging the Cybertruck at a Tesla charging station in the Kingman Carl's Jr. parking lot on West Beale Street around 5:33 am.

The short video can be viewed online, uploaded by X user Mrgunsngear on January 4th, at:

x.com/Mrgunsngear/status/187559380 8697872428/mediaviewer

Prior to stopping in Kingman, the Cybertruck had also charged up at locations in Flagstaff and Holbrook.

X user, Cecil Jolley, posted on January 5th that "My dad owns the Burger King which hosts the Supercharger in



Holbrook, AZ. He says they have videos and cc receipts and have spoken to FBI."

Livelsberger was a career active duty Army Green Beret from Colorado Springs, who had served 19 years with multiple deployments including Afghanistan, and had been awarded the Bronze Star. According to FBI Special Agent in charge for Las Vegas, Livelsberger suffered from post traumatic stress disorder and harbored no animosity towards President Trump or Elon Musk, despite the choice of car bomb vehicle and detonation location.

The tracking of Livelsberger's precise movements sheds light on digital age technology tracking people's movements, habits and where they are going. Modern cars are built with sophisticated onboard computers, with features such as navigation, app-based unlocking, camera-recording and self-autonomous driving capabilities. Drivers face the growing reality of their actions on the road being constantly logged and analyzed, This raises concerns among technology experts about ethics and privacy.

"We're forgetting it's not the car from decades ago, it's totally different, it's all based on computers and what computers do is function on data has to be collected and stored somewhere," said Jodi Daniels, CEO of privacy consultancy firm Red Clover Advisors,

Many drivers opt into data-collecting unaware that they can choose not to, or the privacy policy their manufacturer has is often too vague to understand, Daniels told USA Today. Even if someone does allow their data to be gathered, policies can change, and what they originally consented to may no longer align with how their information is used, Daniels said.

Tesla states in its Customer Privacy Notice that a Tesla car "generates vehicle, diagnostic, infotainment system, and Autopilot data" but "does not associate that data with your identity or account by default," including camera recordings. Also that Tesla may share information with third parties.

"There is a history of abuse of the kind of data that Tesla collects about its drivers," said Eva Galperin, Cybersecurity Director at the Electronic Frontier Foundation. Between 2019 and 2022, Tesla employees were internally sharing videos and recordings from customer cars, both when on and off, including when someone was naked and road rage incidents, according to Reuters interviews with nine former employees.

Galperin said it's important to note that the Cybertruck used in the blast was rented, so "you can expect every form of tracking to be turned on," compared to driving your personal vehicle.

According to Galperin, there are no current federal regulations when it comes to the privacy of vehicle-collected data, although states such as California have some protections. "I don't think there'll be something on the federal level in say, the next four years,"

Concerns about privacy are likely to grow as car technology advances and self-driving vehicles, such as the Cybertruck, become more prevalent.

Biden Exit Damage

Death penalties commuted, terrorists set free

As if to secure his legacy as the worst president of modern times, Joe Biden has make some stunning moves in his final weeks in office.

In late 2024, Biden pardoned his son Hunter Biden, whom a jury had convicted of federal gun charges and who had pleaded guilty to intentionally failing to pay taxes. The unprecedented pardon gave Hunter full clemency for any and all federal crimes he may have committed from January 1st, 2014 through December 1st, 2024.

Biden then pardoned another 39 people and commuted the sentences of about 1,500 others, including 37 out of 40 federal death row prisoners convicted of heinous crimes who will now serve life in prison. The DOJ has received nearly 12,000 requests for clemency during Biden's term in office. White House officials have said that Biden plans to issue additional pardons and commutations before his term ends on January 20th.

Biden released 11 Yemeni detainees with suspected ties to al Queda from the Guantanamo Bay military prison in Cuba, including two alleged former body guards of Osama Bin Laden. The Yemeni s will be sent to the nation of Oman, who agreed to accept them. Oman, a US ally, has already accepted at least 30 other Gitmo detainees.

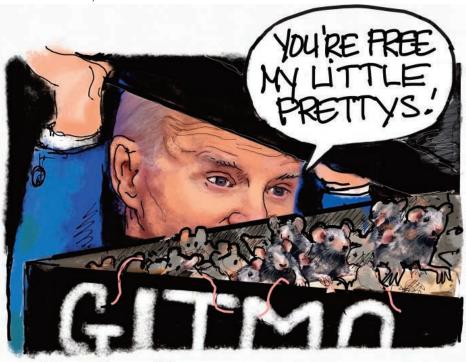
This leaves 15 prisoners still in the facility including alleged 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who has been negotiating a plea deal. Three other inmates, a Lybian, a Somalian, and a stateless Rohing'ya, have been approved for release but have not found a nation to transfer them to. An Iraqi prisoner who pleaded guilty to war crimes has a transfer in the works.

At it's peak, the facility housed almost 800 detainees. It costs an estimated \$15M annually to house a prisoner at the Guantanamo Bay facility which Biden's Defense Secretary Loyd Austin has stated will eventually be closing.

Biden then extended the temporary visa status of around one million immigrants, mere days before Donald Trump takes office. the Department of Homeland Security has announced the 18-month extension will apply to 600,000 Venezuelans, 230,000 Salvadorans, and 103,000 Ukrainians currently living in the US.

And it's a happy new year for dictator Volodymyr Zelenskyy, as another \$500 million in military aid will be going to Ukraine on Biden's way out.

Biden also plans to send another \$8 billion in weapons to Israel, adding to a record of at least \$17.9 billion in military aid that the US has provided to Israel since October 7, 2023.



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Pandemic 2.0?

Or much ado about nothing?

Louisiana State health officials announced that a person in who had been hospitalized with severe respiratory symptoms has died, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed it was the nation's first related to the H5N1 bird flu

Health officials have said the person was older than 65, had underlying medical problems and had been in contact with sick and dead birds in a backyard flock. Few other details about the person have been disclosed.

As of press time, there have been only 66 confirmed bird flu infections reported in the U.S., but previous illnesses have been mild and most have been detected among farm workers exposed to sick animals. The H5N1 bird flu is fairly common among wild birds, poultry, cows and other animals.

The current strain of bird flu is man made, a product of serial passage gain of function research done at the USDA Poultry Research Center in Georgia, and they are responsible for the four year outbreak of H5N1 that has expanded from chickens, to mallard ducks who then transmit the virus to cattle and even sea mammals, according to Dr. Peter McCullough. "It was assisted, by the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine and, Rotterdam University. The gain of function was to get it to spread from chickens to migratory waterfowl or mallard ducks" and "The USDA and government agencies has not denied this conclusion in the peer-reviewed literature." Dr. McCullough posted to X. "Just like COVID 19, the bird flu problem is a man made problem by the US government" wrote McCullough. The good news is that this version is much milder than the bird flu of decades ago.

An occasional bird flu related death is not unexpected, virus experts have said. There have been more than 950 confirmed bird flu infections globally since 2003, according to the World Health Organization.

The same talking heads from the COVID 19 outbreak were quick to push for the H5N1 bird flu vaccine to be purchased by the Biden administration. Consumers be warned though, although the AUDENZ vaccine has been approved, adverse reactions have included 11 documented deaths (.05%), according to the Food and Drug Administration. The vaccine also contains cocker spaniel kidney cell DNA, an extremely toxic mercury derivative, polysorbate 80 which is a known carcinogen, and beta-propiolactone which has shown to be highly tumorigenic, genotoxic, and carcinogenic.

Americans are also facing an intestinal virus that's going around this winter. It's called norovirus.

Known for causing severe gastrointestinal symptoms, norovirus is responsible for about 58% of all food-borne illnesses each year according to the CDC.

The virus is typically spread through an infected person handling food, a primary reason why the norovirus has thrived in group settings like assisted living facilities and cruises.

According to Dr. John McGettigan, Physician and CEO of the Quality of Life Research Center in Tucson, the virus is especially dangerous for older adults.

"As we get older, we're more fragile and don't have the reserves we used to have," he said. "Younger people can handle it better. But unfortunately, when we're older, we likely have other health concerns that prevent us from bouncing back." The CDC reports that most of the roughly 900 deaths from norovirus are adults over 65 years of age.

Typical norovirus symptoms last for one to three days, although McGettigan says that the virus can shed for longer periods in some cases, where the virus can still spread.

McGettigan advises wiping down surfaces with a bleach-based solution and washing hands with soap and water for those infected. He cautions that alcohol-based hand sanitizer is ineffective against the virus.

For those suffering from the virus, Dr. McGettigan suggests eating chicken soup, drinking tea and consuming other substances that are "easy on the stomach." He says the biggest danger is through dehydration caused by vomiting and diarrhea, two of the primary symptoms of norovirus.

The Quality of Life Research Center is currently conducting a clinical trial for a norovirus vaccine.

Shifting Population Trends

Arizona Could Gain a Congressional Seat

Arizona's population has exploded over the past three decades, thanks, in part, to movement from states under the control of Democrat politicians.

The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) recently shared data from the Internal Revenue Service, showing that between the years of 1990-2021 almost 1.5 million individuals have migrated to Arizona from other states.

The Grand Canyon State's gain has been due to other left-leaning states' loss. For example, California has lost more than 4.6 million people during that time frame. New York lost over 4.6 million people as well, and Illinois said 'goodbye' to another 2 million individuals.

In an op-ed for Newsweek, Edward J. Pinto, the Senior Fellow and Co-director of the AEI Housing Center, wrote, "For the past 30 years, progressive policies have fueled a mass exodus of the citizens of California, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, and Massachusetts, whether with high-, middle-, or blue collar incomes. From 1990 to 2021, net domestic migration fleeing their states has totaled 13 million... Meanwhile, the red states of Florida, Texas, North Carolina, Arizona, Tennessee, Nevada, and South Carolina have had net in-migration of 13 million over the same period."

Arizona Senate President Warren Petersen told AZ Free News, "Approximately 200 people move to Arizona every day. If you ask why, they will tell you because it is a safe, good place to raise a family and educate your kids. They will also say things like, it is a great place to do business, with low taxes and fewer regulations. What they are really saying is that the state they are fleeing has bad public policy and Arizona has good public policy. This is a direct reflection of the laws passed by the Republican-led legislature."

New figures from Election Data Services show that Arizona is nearly certain to pick up a 10th seat in Congress once the Census Bureau gets done with its decennial count. And that would mean 12 electoral votes, up from the 11 that were cast this year for Donald Trump, so the state will be even more of a electoral vote prize to whoever can win in the 2032 presidential race.

The projections are based on the Census Bureau reporting that there were 7,582,384 people in Arizona on July 1. Election Data Services figures that if the state keeps growing at the rate it has since the official 2020 count then the Census Bureau will find 8,150,554 Arizonans when it releases the 2030 figures.

There are just 435 seats in the U.S. House, and that means the states that grow slower have to give up a seat to those where people are more likely to move. So if Arizona is going to get a seat, it will come from one of five states that are likely to be losers: Oregon, Minnesota, Illinois, New York as well as California.

"Red" state growth has political implications beyond the raw numbers, it's likely that the people moving there probably agree politically with those already there.

Minimum Wage Increase Some Workers Will See Slight Pay Raise

The state's minimum wage will increase slightly from \$14.35 to \$14.70 an hour, as Arizona law requires it to be based on how inflation impacted the cost of living. The regular wage hikes began in 2016 after the passage of Proposition 206.

The Grand Canyon State has one of the higher minimum wages nationwide, with the federal minimum wage set at \$7.25 an hour.

"The Fair Wages and Healthy Families Act (the "Act") does not apply to any person who is employed by a parent or a sibling; any person who is employed performing babysitting services in the employer's home on a casual basis; any person employed by the state of Arizona or the United States government; or any person employed in a small business that grosses less than \$500,000 in annual revenue, if that small business is exempt from having to pay a minimum wage under section 206(a) of title 29 of the United States Code," according to the Industrial Commission of Arizona.

In addition, there is an exception for tipped workers who can be paid as low as \$11.35 an hour, but the tips must end up being at least minimum wage "for all hours worked."

County Tax Lien Sale

A tax lien sale provides for the payment of delinquent property by a bidder. The tax on the property is auctioned in open competive bidding based on the least percent of interest to be received by the bidder. In other words, if you bid 10% interest, you might be out-bid by someone who bids 9% interest.

The starting bid is 16% interest. Some people who are want a particular property badly may choose to bid 0% interest. If more than one person bids 0% interest on the same property then a computer program will randomly choose the winner.

In order to redeem the lien, the property owner must pay the lien holder the back taxes plus all interest, in order to sell their land. Tax liens are superior to all other liens except those held by the government.

An unpaid tax lien can lead to foreclosure between three and ten years after the sale of the lien. While purchasing a tax lien doesn't necessarily mean you will be able to foreclose on a property in superior court, it can still be a good investment.

Tax Lien Certificates will be sold against parcels which have 2023 delinquent taxes, and any prior year taxes. The winning bidder will receive a certificate of purchase.

Registration will open for the 2025 Tax Lien Sale on Jan 27, 2025. All bidders, including those having current bidder numbers, must register.

The County will have the list available and bidding will start on Jan 27, 2025. All purchases made at the lien sale are final, no exceptions.

The tax lien sale will be hosted by Real Auction. Go to: mohave.arizonataxsale.com (Registration starts Jan 27, 2025)

In accordance with Federal and State public record laws, any Lien holder's name and address may be released upon request.

A \$10.00 non-refundable processing fee is charged to each certificate (pursuant to ARS 42-18116C).

A \$5.00 non-refundable winning bidder fee per parcel is charged by Real Auction

Participants re urged to research properties prior to purchasing liens, It is also the bidder's responsibility to know the laws governing tax lien sales.

If you have questions, you can call:: 928-753-0737 oe email liens@mohave.gov

Residential Rental Tax Lifted

Effective Jan 1st

Kingman renters and landlords alike will get to breathe a sigh of relief this month because the Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT), applied by cities to monthly rental payments, has been eliminated. While lobbying groups like the League of Arizona Cities and Towns cried foul, Republicans who pushed for the reform and the renters who pay it are celebrating.

Arizona Senate President Warren Petersen touted the tax elimination on X, "Its happening. Renters are about to get relief from the rental tax repeal passed by the Republican led legislature. The rental tax repeal was an important part of our majority plan to deliver inflation relief. To get the governors signature we had to delay the effective date to Jan 1 2025. Many people said the Dems would take the majority and put the tax back in place. Fortunately for renters we held the Senate and the House. Here is an email from a property manager letting the tenants know their rent will be going down."

Seventy-five cities across Arizona had been charging TPT on rentals ranging from 1.5% to 4%. Depending on rental rates, this could mean monthly savings of about \$20-\$50 per month based on estimates. It might not offset inflation, which still tolls heavily on Arizona residents, but in the current economy every little bit helps.

The additional savings could see renters parlay the funds into other taxable goods and services.

Property owners who collected tax for rental periods prior to January 1st will still be required to remit those taxes to the Arizona Department of Revenue.

For more information you can call the ADOR at:(602) 255-3381 or go online to: www.azdor.gov/business/residential-rental







OTC Cold Medication Recall

Phenylephrine deemed no better than placebo

As cash strapped consumers head to the pharmacy this cold and flu season, a stunning revelation had been disclosed, a long time popular over the counter decongestant doesn't actually work and will being recalled.

A panel of experts reviewed several recent, large studies indicating that phenyle-phrine, used in popular versions of Sudafed, Dayquil and other medications, was no better than a placebo at clearing nasal congestion. They also revisited studies from the 1960s and 1970s that supported the drug's initial use, finding numerous flaws and questionable data. The panel of federal advisers voted unanimously that oral phenylephrine medications were ineffective.

The panel's opinion only applied to phenylephrine in oral medications, which account for roughly \$1.8 billion in annual U.S. sales. The drug is still considered effective in nasal sprays, though those are much less popular. Phenylephrine-based nasal sprays will remain on pharmacy shelves.

It's a win for skeptical academics, including researchers at the University of Florida who petitioned the Food and Drug Administration to revisit the drug's use in 2007 and again in 2015. "This is a good drug, but not when it's swallowed," said Leslie Hendeles, professor emeritus at the University of Florida's College of Pharmacy, where he co-authored several papers on phenylephrine. "It's inactivated in the gut and doesn't get into the bloodstream, so it can't get to the nose."

When Hendeles and his colleagues first petitioned the FDA on the drug, they suggested a higher dose might be effective. However subsequent studies showed that even doses 400% higher than those currently recommended still don't treat congestion.

The FDA has now formally proposed revoking the use of phenylephrine in pills and liquid solutions, initiating a process that's likely to force pharmaceutical manufacturers to remove or reformulate their products. For consumers it will mean switching to alternatives, including an older decongestant that was moved behind the pharmacy counter nearly 20 years ago.

Phenylephrine wasn't always the top choice for over the counter cold and allergy products. Many were originally formulated with a different drug that actually works, pseudoephedrine.

Then, in 2006, a law required pharmacies to move pseudoephedrine products behind the counter, citing their potential to be processed into methamphetamine. Companies such as Johnson & Johnson and Bayer reformulated their products to keep them readily available on store shelves, labeling many of them as "PE" versions of the familiar brand names.

At the same time, the federal government also banned the sale of the herb ma huang, a highly effective natural decongestant. This caused a popular herbal tea Sold as "Breathe Right" to change their product.

Doctors say Americans will be better off without phenylephrine, which is often combined with other medicines to treat cold, flu, fever and allergies. "People walk into the drugstore today and see 55,000 medicines on the shelf and they pick one that is definitely not going to work," said Dr. Brian Schroer of the Cleveland Clinic. "You take away that option and it will be easier for them to self-direct toward products that really will help them."

So what will help them? Well, consumers who still want to take pills or syrups for congestion relief will probably need to head to the pharmacy counter. That's where the versions of Sudafed, Claritin D and other products that contain pseudoephedrine remain available without a prescription. Purchasers will need to provide a photo ID.

Other short term options are over-the-counter nasal sprays or solutions. For long term relief from seasonal stuffiness, itching and sneezing, many doctors recommend nasal steroids, sold as Flonase, Nasacort and Rhinocort.

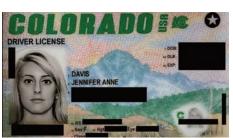
Oral phenylephrine medicines will still be on the shelf for a while, because government regulators must follow a public, multi-step process to remove the ingredient from the FDA's list of drugs approved for over-the-counter decongestants.

For six months, the FDA must take comments on its proposal, including from consumers and companies. Then, the FDA must review the feedback before writing a final order. Even after that decision is finalized, companies will likely have a year or more to remove or reformulate products.

Livelsberger Widow Statement

Jennifer Davis breaks silence





Green Beret veteran Matt Tardio, host of the "Speak the Truth" podcast, posted to his Twitter/X account this authorized statement by the wife of now deceased Army Master Sqt. and fellow Green Beret Matthew Livelsberger:

"My name is Jennifer Davis, the widow of Matthew Livelsberger. I have kept silent until now because I, like all of you, have been in a state of pure shock and denial. The only reason that I have decided to break my silence is because I know that I owe it to our daughter.

In our world of endless internet opinions our daughter needs a post somewhere that speaks the truth of her father.

The truth is we were Matt's entire world. He loved being a father. We shared our very first Christmas as parents together with our beautiful daughter this year. The way that he adored his daughter was something so unexplainably beautiful. The way he cared and attended to my every need before I could even ask or think, was just one of his endless qualities that have already birthed so many tears of mine in his absence. He loved both of us dearly and deeply. He was selfless and thoughtful. He shielded us and protected us to the very end.

My husband's military career and service is and was exemplary and speaks for itself. He was a dedicated soldier and loved his family and his brotherhood with every ounce of his being. Matt was a hero among men who dedicated his whole life to serving our country. And he will be remembered as such.

I want to clearly and directly address several pieces of misinformation that have been recently released about my husband and family. First and foremost, Matt and I were in love and committed to our marriage. We had plans and a future with so many dreams that now will be just a memory to seal for our daughter. Matt was not only excited about our future together, but the future of his career and the new job that he had started; and, in no uncertain terms, did we have any plans or intentions of breaking up or separating. Additionally, the paternity of our daughter was never in question and certainly was not an issue in our marriage. I hate even having to clarify that fact as I find that lie personally slanderous and offensive. I want to be clear for my daughter's sake, the DNA was pulled and verified as a match.

Losing my husband has been the most devastating event of my life. Knowing my daughter's life will never be the same and will never really know her father, is more than I can process. As you can imagine, the added complexity and public nature of this adds a level of pain and stress that no one can prepare you for.

I sit here today still in the unknown, wishing so badly I could go back to our wonderful first and last Christmas that we shared together. As the days have passed, I still do not have the answers that so many of you are looking for. I am desperately searching for them as well.

While my daughter and I mourn our hero we ask for privacy please. Thank you" Jennifer Davis gave an exclusive interview to Tardio, posted to his "Speak the Truth" podcast on YouTube at :https://m.youtube.com/@SpeakTheTruthActual

Davis addresses the false rumors spread after the New Year's Day Cybertuck explosion, such as the bizarre claim by Army Public Affairs Chief of Staff Lt. Col. Dave Butler that Livelsberger was not the father of her daughter. She talks about what her life with Livelsberger was like, and the days leading up to the event.

Tardio has set up at fundraiser for Davis and her daughter at: www.gofundme.com/f/hope-and-healing-for-jennifers-family which states in part, "At this time it is unknown whether or not Jennifer's Husband will be entitled to a military funeral with honors and her financial future is unclear. Regardless of the situation, Jennifer and her daughter will always be family to the Special Forces brothers of Matthew Livelsberger."

Call to the Public Change Constituents' Concerns Come Last

In Mohave County, the "Call to the Public", is an opportunity for citizens to have their voices heard at the Board of Supervisors' meeting, has long been a contentious issue. Over the years, some Boards have allowed the Call to the Public while others have not.

When District 2 Supervisor Hildy Angius was first elected the Board in 2012, she made it her mission to reinstate the "Call to the Public" for Supervisor meetings. She accomplished that and through the course of her tenure, she made a few changes. In 2021, Angius was able to get the call to the public moved to the beginning of Supervisor meetings.

After nearly four years, Angius changed her mind and wanted a reconsideration of her 2021 accomplishment. On January 16, 2024, Angius once again brought a change to the Call to the Public back to the Board of Supervisors. Perhaps she wasn't prepared for the public outcry and after much debate, no action was taken. There was however a clear picture of which supervisors supported hearing from their constituents and those who did not.

At the December 23, 2024, meeting, District 1 Supervisor Travis Lingenfelter placed an item on the agenda regarding moving Call to the Public to the end of the Board meetings. Ironically, discussion and possible action on this, Agenda Item #42, was moved to the beginning of the meeting. Doing so is the prerogative of the chairman. A handful of citizens spoke against the change, to no avail. It passed in a three-to-two vote, with District 5 Supervisor Ron Gould and now former Supervisor Angius opposing the move.

At the first meeting of the year, Supervisor Gould brought the "Call to the Public" back to the agenda, making comments that the lame-duck Board of last year shouldn't make decisions for the new Board. Supervisor Gould has long stated that, "he would rather eat his spinach first."

The new Board, again voting 3/2 this time with District 4 Supervisor Don Martin joining Gould, was not looking to change the new rule back. Ddespite vocal public opposition the "Call to the Public" will remain at the end of the meetings. Newly sworn in District 2 Supervisor Rich Lettman and District 3 Supervisor Sonny Borrelli joined Chairman Lingenfelter in support of making constituents speak last. "We have to govern", said Borrelli. "People are here to do business with this County." Lettman used the excuse that some other counties do it last so "having it at the end of the meeting is reasonable."

However, Lettman acknowledged a point of contention brought up by Mohave Free Press Editor Jennifer Esposito, that members of the public were required to sign up to speak by 9:30 am. Letttman stated that the request to speak forms could be accepted throughout the meeting, "right up until Call to the Public." Board Clerk Laura Skubal was willing to accommodate that idea, but the Board will need to vote at a future meeting to codify the new rules of engagement, so to speak. Those wishing to speak on agenda items will still have to sign in by 9:30 am, and if they also wish to address the Board at "Call to the Public" they will have to wait until the very end when everyone is tired and irritable. Meetings have been known to run as late as 5pm.





The DOGE Report

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By Mark Fargo

2025 begins a new era in the American Government. New departments, slashing jobs and reducing costs for the common citizen. The U.S. Government remitted an estimated \$247 billion in improper payments in FY 2022.

The Trump administration is instituting a brand new department. It is colloquially known as DOGE, or the Department of Government Efficiency. It is being coheaded by Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswami, and they have set some lofty goals for America. It has even inspired a new cryptocurrency. However, we have yet to know exactly how it will be structured and how it will operate.

DOGE has been tasked with basically restructuring much of the government; removing regulations to reduce expenditures and increasing government efficiency. Specifically targeting waste, fraud and abuse. At least, that's the intention.

According to the Washington Post, which published a partial DOGE wish list, some of these lofty goals include shutting down the entire IRS department, ending the Federal Reserve and improving defense spending. Of course, slashing the federal payroll and deleting DEI in education are two of the top priorities.

DOGE will have no official powers but will serve as a strong advisory group on government spending and waste, among other things. The U.S. Government has become bloated and morbidly obese with the amount of pork projects and others that, seemingly, have no practical use or reason.

Detractors say that DOGE is little more than an ineffective think tank.

Some of the incredible programs that taxpayer dollars are currently funding include:

You've heard of facial recognition software, well the government has spent \$6.9M studying "smart toilets" that can recognize an individuals...pucker print.

\$2.3M have been spent on injecting dogs with cocaine.

\$7M of your money was spent on studying "magic".

The NIH alone has spent \$760M on 'diversity, equity and inclusion'.

Washington D.C. will spend \$2.6M to train Chinese prostitutes to drink more responsibly on the job.

These and nearly 6000 other pork barrel programs have been or are currently being funded. This is one of the reasons our taxes are so high and still growing. Did you know the U.S. gives out more foreign aid than the next 9 countries combined?

There is significant bi-partisan support for DOGE. However, some on the Democrat side of the aisle, and even a few Republicans, are up in arms against the new program. They cite the fact that, for example, eliminating DEI government-wide would be difficult, if not impossible, to identify and police. They claim that identifying what might be DEI is very subjective and means something different to everyone.

As for now DOGE is basically a mystery machine that could have a drastic effect on eliminating much of the government as we have become accustomed to, or have little effect on anything. Most supporters, obviously, would prefer the former possibility.









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Critical Thinking

by Jennifer Esposito Editor's Opinion

Social Media is Dead. Long Live Social Media!

"If the service is free, you pay with your private data." - Edward Snowden

I'm old enough to remember when the DoD/DARPA personal data collecting program known as LifeLog became Facebook. I didn't trust it then, and although I use it sparingly, I still don't trust it. You shouldn't either.

In a slow and insidious example of the "boiling a frog" metaphor, I have watched Facebook slowly change from a site where my feed was filled with content from people on my friends' list and paid advertisements to a weaponized AI driven bot farm of content I don't want to see with very little from my 1,669 friends. My back up account is force fed posts from accounts such as: "U.S. Democratic Socialists", "Progressive Power", "Arrest Trump", "Resist Trump", and "Orange Turd". Even if I waste an hour blocking these sites nearly identical ones appear the next day.

I used to utilize Twitter, but my well established account with no previous TOS violations was permanently restricted to read only mode, and all of my followers removed, as part of the January 7, 2020, platform wide mass account purge following the J6 mostly peaceful self guided tour of the US Capitol. My offense? I inconveniently shared live stream videos showing known Antifa instigators, likely Federal assets, and even Capitol Police, causing most of the problems that day.

So I joined MeWe, Spreely, Minds, and Gab, hoping one of them would prove to be a viable free speech platform alternative. Gab.com exceeded all expectations and, even if I often don't agree with his personal views, it's founder Andrew Torba is a hero. Once you block the "hate speech" accounts, which likely exist there primarily to damage Gab's credibility and reputation, it's a great platform.

Then Elon Musk bought Twitter and changed it to "X". Musk promised blanket amnesty for accounts such as mine and even fired dictatorial speech gatekeepers. But my account was never reinstated, and although I applied twice my disputes went unanswered and my suspension remains unresolved.

Last month, I set up an X account for the Mohave Free Press. It was a refreshing change from Facebook to only see content from accounts I chose to follow, or suggested content that I actually wanted to see.

Then over the holidays, Elon Musk faced brutal backlash from X users over his "I will go to war on this issue" support for H-1B immigration work visa program. On January 3rd, Musk appeared to be gearing up to suppress speech on his platform, posting "Algorithm tweak coming soon to promote more informational/entertaining content...Our goal is to maximize unregetted user seconds. Too much negativity is being pushed that technically grows user time, but not unregretted user time." Musk was promptly roasted again, given that he had just replied to a critic with "Take a big step back and F*** YOURSELF in the face."

An X user asked Grok, the X platform free Artificial Intelligence LLM, how she could avoid tripping the negativity censors and was advised not to criticize the government, talk about conspiracy theories, accuse government officials or members of the media of malfeasance or dishonesty, and not to tell other users to "F" off in the comments. Then Grok informed another user that X had a sort of social credit "positivity" score, prompting users to ask Grok what their score was. Subsequently, Musk was accused by Gab CEO Torba, of being influenced by Blackrock, the globalist multinational corporation that had just invested \$6B in Grok.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg has suddenly been sucking up to Trump and publicly asserting his renewed enthusiasm for free speech, despite previously deplatforming Trump, right leaning FB influencers and disappearing countless prominent FB groups and pages, not to mention spending over \$419M to influence the 2020 election in favor of leftists. In reality, he has turned Facebook into a zombie corpse, it's a dead platform but most users don't know it, and he's hoping to reanimate the site to mine more of your personal data to sell for his personal profit.

"FREE" SPEECH

Term Limits-Will they fix Congress?

The Founders Speak: "Nothing appears more plausible at first sight, nor more ill-founded upon close inspection."- Alexander Hamilton, Major Author of the Federalist Papers

"[Term limits] tended to destroy the great motive to good behavior, the hope of being rewarded by a re-appointment. It was saying to him, 'make hay while the sun shines." - Gouverneur Morris, Major Author of the Constitution

"The people should be at liberty to choose the abelest and best men ...yet upon the present term limits supposition, the people voluntarily resign this right, and shackle their own choice..." - John Adams, 2nd US President

Did You Know? States with Term Limits have experienced: Less accountability since elected officials are "lame ducks" during their last term. A shrinking pool of eligible and quality candidates. No increase in voter turnout. More control shifted to lobbyists due to a loss of experienced legislators. No decline in the number of career politicians.

Is the problem the Constitution, or is it the voters who elect those who are supposed to follow the Constitution and do not?

What should be the criteria for Term Limits anyway? Time in office Or Their Voting Records?

The root problem is not the government but the people who elect the government. Government is always reflective of the society that instituted the government and maintains it. If the people do not change, government will not change no matter what amendments are forthcoming to the Constitution. The solution is a grassroots educational campaign to educate and then activate citizens to uphold the Constitution and vote accordingly.

Example: Nancy Pelosi. Pelosi gets re-elected over and over again by a huge majority of the voters in her district, ranging from 85 % in 2012 to 77% in 2020. IF Nancy were to be Term Limited, do you really think the voters will put in a constitutional conservative to fill her seat? Unless the voters are educated on the dangers of Socialism and big government, it will simply be replacing one bad representative with another bad representative. Perhaps they will vote in her grand-daugh-

ter, as they like to keep it within the family! Every district will have the same problem. They are re-electing bad politicians and a Term Limits Amendment will NOT fix that. Only educating the voters will fix that!

Term Limits That Does Work: Every bad elected official should be IMMEDI-ATELY replaced at the next election. Term Limits at the next election is a right every voter already has. If time and effort is taken to educate voters of basic constitutional principles and the danger of too much government, then voters can replace those destroying our freedom at the next election. That can be done in a matter of months, NOT years that a Term Limits Amendment will require. People have been trying to pass this amendment for over 40 years! Its time to stop riding this dead horse and start EDUCATING THE VOTERS so we can get immediate improvement at the next election. There is NO MAGIC SOLUTION to fixing Congress. The voters are the problem. EDUCATE THEM using Overview of America - a 30 minute video

www.youtube.com/watch?v=tll57cchRq

DVD series entitled The Constitution is the Solution – Restore It! /www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLx9U M6XN4PQ3-TTaqIUaXseGheSkT90IN

Search YouTube for these if you cannot copy and paste the links.

JBS.org will give you information & Action Projects on many subjects.

Regarding a Constitutional Convention: "In order to balance by law the budget, to put prayer to God and Mammon in the schools, to forbid abortion, pornography and drugs ... they have set in motion the great engine that will overthrow the very Constitution which they insist be so strictly constructed." - Gore Vidal, "Reconvene the Convention and Rewrite the Document," LA Times, 6-7-87

Dangers of a Constitutional Convention (Con-Con): Those who want to rewrite the Constitution are using the Convention of States and other groups to promote a Con-Con to pass amendments. They are not interested in the amendments but want the opportunity to re-write the Constitution. They claim that there is no danger of a run away and that it can be limited to a single issue.



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Read what former U.S. Supreme Court it Chief Justice Warren Burger wrote to Phyllis Schlafly about that in 1988.

Robert E. Strange

The Legal Use of Marijuana in AZ

The landscape of marijuana legality in the United States has shifted dramatically in recent years, with many states embracing legalization for both medicinal and recreational use.

Arizona is no exception to this trend. As of recent developments, understanding the legal use of marijuana in Arizona involves navigating both its medical and recreational frameworks, alongside ongoing societal and regulatory changes.

Arizona was one of the early states to legalize medical marijuana.

In 2010, voters approved the Arizona Medical Marijuana Act (AMMA), allowing patients with qualifying conditions to obtain a medical marijuana card. Qualifying conditions include chronic pain, cancer, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, and several other debilitating diseases. To obtain a medical marijuana card, patients must be certified by a physician who is registered with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS).

The application requires proof of residency, a doctor's recommendation, and payment of a registration fee. Once approved, cardholders can purchase marijuana from licensed dispensaries across the state, possess up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana, and cultivate up to 12 plants for personal use.

The AMMA has established a robust regulatory framework, including strict guidelines for the operation of dispensaries and the cultivation of marijuana. Dispensaries must be licensed and are subject to inspections to ensure compliance. This framework aims to ensure patient safety and product quality.

The most significant change came in November 2020, when voters passed Proposition 207, legalizing the recreational use of marijuana. This landmark decision marked a shift in public perception and policy regarding cannabis.

Under Proposition 207, adults aged 21 and over can legally possess up to one ounce of marijuana. They can also cultivate up to six plants per person, with a maximum of 12 plants per household. However, the use of marijuana in public spaces remains prohib-

ited, and driving under the influence of marijuana has penalties similar to those for alcohol-related offenses.

The sale of recreational marijuana is subject to a 16% excise tax, in addition to state and local sales taxes.

Revenue generated from these taxes is allocated to various public programs, including education and healthcare initiatives.

Despite the steps taken towards legalization, challenges accompany the rollout of recreational marijuana.

Local municipalities in Arizona retain the right to regulate or ban marijuana businesses, resulting in a patchwork of laws across the state. While some cities, like Phoenix and Tucson, have embraced dispensaries, others have opted for restrictions or outright bans.

This inconsistency can create confusion for both consumers and businesses. Additionally, the impact of marijuana on the workforce and public safety continues to be a topic of discussion. Employers are still allowed to enforce drug-free workplace policies, which may include testing for marijuana use, raising questions about the rights of employees who may legally use marijuana outside of work yet still face potential disciplinary actions.

Research surrounding the health impacts of marijuana use is ongoing, and while many studies point to potential benefits, particularly for medical patients, there are drawbacks to consider.

As recreational use becomes more mainstream, ensuring that consumers are educated about responsible use and potential health risks is paramount. Public health campaigns have emerged to address concerns regarding access and use among teenagers, and the potential for increased addiction rates.

Balancing the recreational use of marijuana with public health initiatives is a crucial aspect of the ongoing legal narrative in Arizona.

The legal use of marijuana in Arizona reflects a broader societal change toward cannabis acceptance, balancing the interests of public health, safety, and individual freedom.

As the regulatory frameworks continue to evolve, discussions regarding education, and social impact will play a critical role in shaping the future of marijuana in the state.

Arizona stands as a significant case

"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

study in the ongoing national debate about the legalization of marijuana, offering insights into both the opportunities and challenges that accompany such fundamental policy changes. Butch Meriwether

America First Committee

Let's start off the new year with an understanding of what the America First Committee is and is not.

I have revived and rejuvenated the original America First Committee of 1940 to give people a better organized movement than we now have. Join us to restore our de-jure Republic. Make "America First" daily and help unite our nation!

The America First Committee isn't a political party. Think of it as a repair kit, educating "We The People" on how our country has been pieced apart by the globalist and showing them how to restore our de-jure Republic, county by county.

Our understanding of "America First" is profound and transformative. "America First" is a lifestyle and must become the national mindset and worldview! This requires a mindset shift amongst "We The People."

The "America First Committee" isn't part of the "Conservative or Republican" moderate spectacle. We aim to clarify the confusion caused by the two-party system.

We oppose dividing Americans into parties or teams, like red vs. blue or left vs. right.

Stability comes from unity of the people being in one mindset. This mindset must be a firm "America First" approach, not a secondary thought. It must become a "way of life."

The "America First Committee" and the "America First movement" are not "collectivism" and do not accept this form of social order. The America First Committee and the America First movement is a "Social Order" of it's own. You can only be in control of your destiny by changing your mindset to the "America First social order."

You have already pledged your "duty" to "another political social order" that is "controlled opposition" to the "America First Committee and the America First movement." You are not in control of your destiny as long as you support the "globalist social order."

You will have to make a decision to escape this old political globalist social order by exchanging your old mindset to the "new America First social order mindset." When you make the change you will have the freedom you seek.

The "America First" social order is explained in depth in our 2nd newsletter. Don't be shy subscribe to our newsletter on our website. You will be very happy that you did.

By reading my book, "The America First Committee: A Blueprint For National Prosperity", you will have the key to the problems we face with the "old political social order." You also will be able to spot a globalist within a short time. My book gives the history of the beginning of the 1940 America First Committee and it's goals then and now. You will understand what the America First Committee is all about and will help you understand what it means when it is said that "America First" must become the National Thought and World View of all Americans.

The "America First Movement" is not complete at this time because of the "infiltration" of the "globalist" and by "people hanging on to the old globalist social order mindset." This in part is what is causing the division we see in the political realm.

The "globalist interventionist old social order mindset" is now being exposed and people are starting to see what has been happening for sometime in our political two party system.

By reading my book and going through the "included information" on our website and reading the newsletter you will see the ideology of the America First Committee as well as the ideology of the globalist. This will inspire you to start vetting not only the "old globalist social order mindset" but the globalist as well.

This vetting starts and ends in everyone's mind. Knowledge is power but also freedom. Once you know the truth the truth sets you free. Free from the "mental slavery" of the "old globalist social order."

You are the missing link for bring unity to America. You are invited to join us in restoring our de-jure Republic. See my ad with our website information in this newspaper.

James America First Committee







Picture This!



What would it look like if you dumped over 500 MILLION GALLONS a month of treated waste water effluent on the desert to evaporate? It might just look like this.

In 2019, the City of Kingman spent a lot of money to drill a reclaimed water injection well, in order to pump effluent from the Hilltop Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) back into the depleting Hualapai Basin aquifer.

According to a press release on the City's website:

"This new well will replenish the local aquifer and bolster the City's long-term water supplies. Using the reclaimed water produced at the Hilltop WWTP to recharge Kingman's groundwater supply has the potential to produce a renewable resource of approximately 1.6 mgd, amounting to about 22% of the City's current water demand of 5.9 mgd. This is perhaps the only renewable water resource that is readily available now for the City to supplement its supplies."

The press release also stated that, "the capacity of the Hilltop WWTP is up to 5.1 million gallons per day (mgd), and is currently taking in 1.5 million gallons per day (mgd)." But the Kingman area population and therefore residential water use has grown since 2019.

Reclaimed water injected at the Hilltop WWTP site was supposed to flow southward through the aquifer in the general direction of the City's existing groundwater production wells. Rumor is the well is now clogged so effluent is being dumped.

In 2019, an Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) report stated that there was "insufficient groundwater to provide a reasonably safe supply for sustained irrigation of cultivated lands in the basin at the current and predicted rates of withdrawal." The report also stated that the groundwater depletion was due to large scale agricultural irrigation

Then, a study performed by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) determined in 2020 that the water supply would last longer than previously thought but mitigation practices needed to be implemented. As part of the study, the USGS implemented a revised aquifer monitoring program using monitoring wells.

The differences between the two assessments resulted from working with different water usage estimates. The USGS study calculated water usage of 130,000 acre-feet per year, whereas the previous estimate was 280,000-340,000 acre-feet per year.

Mohave County pursued and was granted an Irrigation Non-Expansion Area designation by ADWR in 2022, which did not effect current agriculture, but allows new irrigation only on fields of 2 acres or less. The State estimated the Hualapai Basin annual recharge at 10,000 acre-feet, and Kingman's annual use at 8,800 acre-feet. At that rate, 1 in 20 wells would run dry within 100 years.

Kingman and the surrounding area are wholly dependent on groundwater, making this wasted waste water, which the Mohave Free Press was told has been dumped for months now, especially disturbing. How much longer will it continue?

Charity Spotlight

With Munchkin the America First Pig

Located at 2050 Airway Ave., The Arc of Mohave County is more than just a thrift store. The Thrift Store provides funding and job training to programs which support members with intellectual and developmental disabilities through education and advocacy.

Muchkin stopped by the Mohave County Arc to visit with staff and residents.

A private, nonprofit 501 (C) 3 organization, the



Mohave County Arc is a volunteer-based membership organization made up of individuals with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities, their families, friends, interested citizens, and professionals in the disability field.

Created in April, 1970 by parents who were concerned about the lack of life options available in Mohave County for adults with IDDs, The Arc of Mohave County now serves over 45 individuals per year, providing a safe and creative environment to learn like skills and develop personal growth.

They partner with both The Arc of Arizona, at the state level, and The Arc of the United States, at the National level. They are licensed and funded primarily by the State of Arizona Department of Economic Security Division of Developmental Disabilities (DES/DDD).

The Arc was founded on the belief that all developmentally disabled persons, regardless of disabilities, deserve the right to experience as quality and normal a life as possible. It is the goal of The Arc to provide training and opportunities that will maximize growth towards the greatest independence possible for each individual.

The Arc offers programs and services that support and enhance consumer independence, self-esteem, mutual respect, value and dignity. They provide activities, training and supervision to promote skill development and independence, communication and social relationships.

Their Day Treatment for Adults (DTA) program focuses on providing adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities experiences and activities geared to increase their abilities in areas of their lives including personal care, socialization, gross and fine motor skills, communication, and community and leisure activities. Program participants can engage in a variety of structured activities in the facility to promote skill development.

In addition, an integral part of the program is using the community as an experiential resource. Museums, restaurants, stores, parks, movie theaters, botanical gardens, farms, and a wide variety of places are used to help the participants learn what is available to them as citizens.

The DTA program can be seen as a precursor to vocational training, offering pre-vocational skills including hand-eye coordination, attention to a task, working cooperatively to complete a project, and response to supervision. DTA is also used as a supplement to vocational training, offering socialization and community leisure experiences to help broaden the participants interactions with others and community awareness. DTA is a unique resource assisting participants in maintaining the skills they have, while trained staff provide physical or supportive assistance as needed.

There's more than meets the eye at the Arc, they have a full commercial kitchen, and a garden center.

If you would like more information on their programs or a tour of their facility, please call 928-757-4858.

Please "Like" and "Follow" Munchkin the America First Pig on Facebook

Stay Another Day!

Things to see and do around the greater Kingman area

The Arizona Peace Trail

With a total length of 675 miles, the Arizona Peace Trail is the largest off highway loop trail in the United States. It utilizes existing trails, tracks, and dirt roads and traverses Mohave, La Paz, and Yuma counties, It is one of the longest signed and mapped OHV trail systems in America.

From remote deserts to pine tree covered mountain tops, the AZPT crosses some of the most beautiful, diverse, and remote back country in the United States. Points of interest in the trail's route include petroglyph sites and ghost towns.

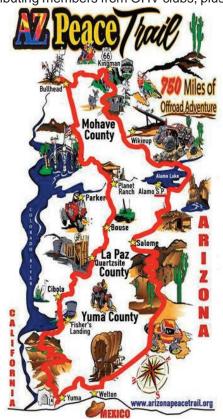
The Arizona Peace Trail was first initiated by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) in July 2013. The Arizona Peace Trail, Inc. has over 40 contributing members from OHV clubs, plus

nearly 100 other individuals from other OHV organizations, as well as federal, state and local government agencies as supporters.

The main track consists of 32 segments, while the alternative segments add nearly 1,000 miles of additional roads and trail. It can be driven in either direction and a stock 4x4 should be able to manage the entire trail. The terrain is incredibly varied, expect to travel through isolated mountain ranges separated by wide plains, the high desert in the mountains, the floodplains of the Colorado River, valleys, canyons, and desert washes. Along the way travelers may come across coyotes, bighorn sheep, mule deer, wild burros, desert tortoise, and other wildlife.

With its towering and majestic saguaros and red rocked bluffs, the Arizona Peace Trail is the perfect place to escape, whether you only have a few hours, a couple days, or weeks to explore. So hit the trail!

https://arizonapeacetrail.org/



The Oatman Bed Races

Whether you have never been, or if you go every year, you are sure to have a blast at the 35th annual Oatman Bed Races. Grab your pajamas and put together your own five person team for a \$50 entry fee, beds are provided, or just watch from the sidelines for free. And no worries about colliding with Oatman's famous burros, they race track will be cleared prior to the event, which takes place on Saturday January 25th, from 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

For more information, you can contact the Oatman Gold Road Chamber of Commerce at 928-768-9139, or email

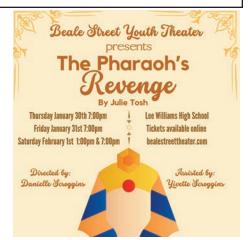
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The Pharaoh's Revenge

King Tutankhamen is being haunted. The spirit of Hatshepsut, is appearing at Tut's bedside, disrupting his sleep and threatening his ability to rule his kingdom. After consulting with his advisors, he realizes that someone is stealing artifacts from the Royal Treasury. So, King Tut and his wife engage the power of the gods and goddesses of ancient Egypt to solve the mystery.

Kingman Center for the Arts Education and Beale Street Youth Theater are excited to present The Pharaoh's Revenge. Performing for one weekend



only. Concessions will be available. Adults and children alike will enjoy this comic adventure as good triumphs over evil, and order is restored to ancient Egypt.

Performance dates and times:

Thursday, Jan. 30th, 7:00pm

Friday, Jan. 31st, 7:00pm

Saturday Feb. 1st 1:00pm and also at 7:00pm

All performances will take place at Lee Williams High School, located at: 400 W. Grandview Ave., Kingman

Ticket prices range from \$10-\$15 per person. Advance tickets may be purchased online at: https://bst.ludus.com/index.php

The Curious Savage

In February, come see Beale Street Theater's The Curious Savage.

When Ethel Savage's late husband leaves her a small fortune, she decides to make the best of it, establishing a fund to support various dreamers with whimsical aspirations. So her three greedy stepchildren commit her to a mental institution, hoping to "bring her to her senses." But Ethel has hidden the family fortune, and she leads them on a wild goose chase.

The Curious Savage is a bittersweet comedy that compares the kindness and loyalty of psychiatric patients with the greed and hostility of so-called "normal people". A celebration of those who are often overlooked, emphasizing kindness, affection and empathy in a world that too often rewards greed and ambition.

Performance dates and times:

February 7th, 8th, 14th, 15th at 7pm, and February 8th & 15th at 1pm.

All performances will take place at Lee Williams High School, located at: 400 W. Grandview Ave., Kingman.

Tickets may be purchased at the door, or in advance online, at: https://bst.ludus.com/index.php

For more information email: info@bealestreettheater.com



County Board Report

Mohave Electric Company finalized their rezone in Mohave Valley at the December 23, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting with a recission of the rezone they requested in Fort Mohave earlier in the year. The residents in Fort Mohave who had vocally opposed the MEC Peaker Plant spoke in favor of the recission.

The Supervisors used their last meeting of the year to finalize any outstanding issues concerning their American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Luke Mournian, Chief Financial Officer, used this opportunity to place a safety net on the funding. Should any projects not be completed due to time constraints or other issues, the county will not lose the funding based on a Memorandum of Understanding between the county and the Sheriff's Office.

In his final appearance as a supervisor, Buster Johnson brought up for discussion the Assessor's Address Protection Program (APP). This program allows property owners to safeguard their deed, similar to LifeLock, by paying a \$50 fee per property. After some discussion and based on other county's programs, the Assessor and staff were directed to review the feasibility of eliminating the \$50 fee altogether.

At the January 6, 2025, Board meeting, the mysterious 15 unauthorized bank accounts that were brought to the Board's attention last year were quietly approved on the consent agenda. The Chief Financial Officer also issued a memorandum to ensure all Mohave County Directors and Staff understand the process for requesting the BOS authorization for a new bank account. No explanation was provided regarding the establishment of those accounts.

The Board voted unanimously to declare 29 miles of Pierce Ferry Rd., from US 93 to Diamond Bar Rd., as a "safety corridor". This designation would allow for the placement of addition signage to increase awareness of posted speed limits.

The Board unanimously denied a rezone request north of Kingman for a proposed 36 acre housing development, described as Stockton Hill Ranches Unit 11.

The Courts were granted their request to the Governor, to create a new Division for the Superior Court. Due to an ongoing increase in cases, the judicial system has been overwhelmed, and according to Presiding Judge Steve Moss, the Courts are actually in need of five additional judges to handle the influx. The Arizona Constitution requires a superior court judge for every 30k residents. Creating a Division 8 would add one addition judge, and half of the estimated \$500k cost would be paid by the State. Moss said the actual cost to the County might only be "just below \$200k".

In an effort to reduce unnecessary spending, Supervisor Ron Gould of District 5 brought forth an item to have staff begin research on implementing Zero-Based Budgeting (ZBB). Gould noted that the City of Phoenix and the State of Georgia have been using ZBB for many years. After a short discussion, the Board directed Staff to bring foth a presentation on how to implement this in February, most likely with a test run in one or two departments.

The Board also voted on new supervisor committee assignments at this meeting. Mohave Free Press Editor Jennifer Esposito made the suggestion to Supervisor Gould that he volunteer to chair the Mohave County Board of Health. Gould agreed to take the assignment, and given the Public Health Department's history this should yield positive change compared to the draconian era with now former District 4 Supervisor Wilma Jean Bishop as Chairman.

Golden Valley Matters

The ongoing litigation against the 2023 GVID water rate increase was denied oral arguments by the Arizona Court of Appeals, on the grounds that both sides had pleaded their positions thoroughly enough that it was not necessary to schedule a hearing date to argue the case in person. The Court will rule based on the Superior Court record and the written Appeal pleadings. An order in the case is not expected for several months.

Supervisors approved an additional \$1,407,795 (\$299,294 in GVID funds and \$1,183,501 in ARPA funds) to complete the new GVID Well (#5) pump house, and hopefully bring it on line by tyear's end. Agenda item #41 on the December 23rd, 2024 BoS meeting.

Two roads were accepted into the County road maintenance system. S. Glen Canyon from W. Abrigo Rd to W. Redwall Dr., and S. Opal Rd. from W. Chemehuevi Dr. to W. Cerbat Dr. will now be graded by the County.

A minor land division south of Shipp Dr. and east of Estrella Rd was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors at the January 6th meeting. The zoning change to agricultural residential, 1 acre minimum, would be consistent with previously voiced GV resident preferences.

Black Mountain Schools is looking for skilled trade professionals to speak with students, as part of KUSD's career exploration initiative. Application at: https://forms.gle/jNuFPWfzsD6LnTBt5

There will be a Valentine's Day Dance at the Golden Paradise Land Owners' community center, located at 5505 W. Hwy 68. The dance is Friday February 14th from 5-7pm, and will feature live music by Billy Kay. Volunteers, vendors, and baked good donations are wanted for the event, contact Alicia at: (928) 530-0468

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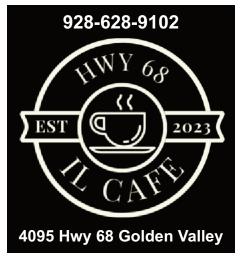
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Kingman Korner

Die Hard By Elliot Chalew

My name is Elliot Chalew, and I have made it my passionate mission to enhance the quality of life, making it better for the people of Kingman, AZ. I began this mission about 18 months ago, and it soon became clear the last thing the Kingman City Council wanted was to advance the direct and immediate needs of our residents but rather advance their special interest agenda. The welfare of rank-and-file citizens continues to diminish under the false premise Economic Development is the magic CURE-ALL for the people while



we are forced to wallow in a broken-down infrastructure.

There are many facets to the interconnecting and moving parts of community infrastructure: sustainable water, power, roads, sewer, and law enforcement, to mention just a few of the most important. I believe one of the most urgent, most serious critical services IS SUFFICIENT & SUSTAINABLE MEDICAL SERVICE and PROVIDERS. Of all things, our city and county leaders raise their hands above their heads, dance in a circle, and SCREAM, "NOT OUR JOB." Research says otherwise, and medical services are, in fact, one the most critical fundamental and primary infrastructure.

If you have ever tried to make an appointment to see a medical doctor in Kingman, you know the widespread angst and frustration. When you are sick, hurting, and need help, you tend to feel alone and isolated in the wilderness. We are all forced to wait months to see a doctor, sometimes even in life-or-death situations. The Kingman Regional Medical Center ER has become the default mechanism.

The city of Kingman is a "Common Law" City operating under a Council/Manager form of government. As a Common Law City, business is conducted under Title 9 of the Arizona Revised Statutes. To assist in the conduct of business, the Kingman Common Council has elected to form various advisory boards, committees, and commissions. Kingman has a Golf Commission and a dozen other commissions, but they don't care enough about your health to have a Medical Care Commission. I am formally proposing the City of Kingman form a Public Health Care Commission. Sadly, the KRMC Citizen Hospital District Board has become almost defunct, bucking up against Kingman's Special Interest lobbies. Your health and welfare remain secondary to the almighty dollar while the city leaders tee off at the golf course.

The will and the direction of our city leaders are stubbornly resistant to change; they have become the epitome of the definition of die-hard while they callously turn the other eye, watching our sick and elderly die harder.

Respectfully, Elliot Chalew chalew@gmail.com



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RUMOR: Is it true that my grand-kids' school doesn't have an emergency plan?

TRUTH: We don't know which school you are referring to, but according to: https://www.azauditor.gov/arizona-school-safety-emergency-operations-planning "None of the school emergency operations plans (EOPs) we reviewed fully met the State's EOP Minimum Standards and none of the schools we reviewed had fully implemented and tested their plans; additionally, student safety could be enhanced State-wide through efforts to provide more guidance to schools, review and update the EOP Minimum Standards, monitor compliance, and clarify the role of emergency responders."

In a recently published report, the Arizona Auditor General found that most schools had fewer than half of EOP Minimum Standards, and some charter schools didn't have any EOPs. The Auditor General determined that all schools needed increased outreach, guidance, and training on emergency planning.

"Most schools we visited had not provided emergency procedures training to all staff, including substitute teachers; had not conducted all required safety drills; and had not posted certain safety reference materials, which could affect their preparedness to respond to emergencies," according to the report summary.

In response, the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools stated it lacks the "resources or subject matter expertise" for monitoring and enforcing compliance, "The Charter Board believes it is appropriate for a state-centralized review process to be established to monitor whether EOPs meet the required minimum standards. This process would ensure that both charter and district schools are held to the same standards of review and oversight," said the Board.

The standards were developed jointly by the Arizona Departments of Education (ADE) and Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA). DEMA responded that the State Board of Education and ADE bore statutory responsibility for supervising and regulating public school conduct, "ADE has full-time school safety and preparedness planners that can support this purpose and has an opportunity to communicate any additional resource needs to further effect this recommendation through their Audit response process.

Saegesser to Run Local GOP MCRCC elects new leadership

Jodi Saegesser of Lake Havasu City was deemed elected as the new Chairman of the Mohave County Republican Central Committee. Saegesser ran unopposed for the position, and will replace outgoing Chairman Jeannie Kentch. The term of office is two years and thus she will oversee the local GOP activities through the 2026 mid term election.



Saegesser served as Vice Chair of

the MCRCC for 8 months, replacing Holly Tolleson, beginning in June, 2024.

Previously, Saegesser worked as a Constituent Service Representative for the late Texas Congressman Ron Wright (R) from Jan 2019 - Aug 2020. She also worked as a Special Projects Director for former Texas Congressman Joe Barton, from 2006 - 2019.

Currently, she is the administrative assistant to District 3 Supervisor, and former State Senator, Sonny Borrelli.

Saegesser has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, Government ,and Geography from University of North Texas.

The remaining MCRCC Board positions were filled by: Janet Wilson - First Vice Chair, Barbara Carpenter - Second Vice Chair, Pam Ford - Treasurer, Linda Elkins - Secretary. Jeff Ryder will remain as District 1 Director for the Kingman area office, as nobody else stepped forward to run for the position.

Breaking Free From the Trance

by Don Spencer, CCHt www.SleepNow.comTM©

The purpose of this article is to take a deeper dive, in order to expose both the good and the bad of cultural trances. In order to do so, let's lay a strong foundation that will give us "eyes to see" and "ears to hear." From this platform, we can discern correctly any information we allow into our conscious mind, which will become a fixed idea in our subconscious mind and subsequently be acted upon in our everyday lives... right, wrong or indifferent!

Let's begin with a definition of what hypnosis is. Once you get it, you'll never be able to un-get it. That is the key to strengthening our ability to separate the bad trances from the good.

Hypnosis is the technique employed to transform emotionally charged belief systems. It is used to suspend our attention for a time, allowing the creation of different behaviors, beliefs and/or attitudes. These new ideas will remain until another trance of emotionally charged energy interrupts and suspends our attention with another system of beliefs. The outcome of installing a new system will be new behaviors, beliefs and attitudes, which create a different perspective.

Hypnosis is based on suggestions, and emotional suggestions are the most powerful. So, let's examine what a suggestion is and how it affects us.

A suggestion is the inducing of an idea that is accepted or acted upon readily and uncritically. Suggestibility is the process of being highly susceptible and/or influenced by a suggestion or an idea. Now you can begin to understand how our human minds are affected on many levels by the constant barrage of internal and external environmental stimuli that are presented to us.

In the grand scheme of things, everything that is, has been or will be, has been the creation of intelligent thought. These thoughts have been given form and presented to us as an idea or concept of meaning. The interpretation of meaning is the conscious process of our personal subconscious programming or early child-hood conditioning.

Something you should be aware of now, is that these concepts have been hijacked by unscrupulous actors who intend to control your mind in ways that are not in your best interest. Keep reading, because I will present the key for you to take back control of your own mind and life on your terms. Feel free to share this.

If you are still curious as to how your mind can be hijacked, here is a very simple exercise. Imagine for a moment, squirting a big, juicy, yellow lemon into your mouth. Your mouth becomes moist from the tart juices and begins to salivate, as if the juices run across your tongue and down your throat. Imagine standing in front of your home and how it looks. These are simple suggestions. You can now only imagine what suggestions have been given to you that rule your life.

DANGER ZONE! There is a debate about hypnosis, over whether or not a trained and skilled operator can control you. The answer is as simple as it is frightening. YES. If you still have any doubts, think what recently happened in the world, when a PLANdemic was introduced and fear flooded everyone's mind. Fear is an emotion, and it causes the mind to "stop" and look for answers. The Powers that Be gave them to you in the form of "mandates" (and free donuts) for your compliance. Think of that as a test run for what is to come.

You must learn these concepts to break free from the trances that do not serve you! Your personal freedom is at stake. All ideas or suggestions must be filtered first by your conscious mind, and before they become accepted by the subconscious mind, you have to ask yourself just one question. What is your basic program? When a skilled operator knows the answer to that question, it then becomes a simple matter of moving thoughts and ideas to the left or right, front or back, up or down, in such a manner that floods your mind to the point where you hopelessly give up and give in.

As you are now becoming more aware of the programs being installed in your mind, it will become your personal choice to act wisely. Conscious Living is the process of becoming aware that you are aware. It is having the experience of participating in the moments that you call life.

We know from studies of the mind and also from the evolving science, that consciousness is something that we can shape, when we have the right tools. Since the beginning of time, man has used these tools in order to gain greater understanding of self and others.

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Miners' Mark

by Mark Fargo

In this edition we start getting into the good stuff, where we start processing gold. I'll talk about what tools you can use, how much they cost and how to use them. But first, I want to hear your stories. Have you found gold? Tell me about it. Send it to the Editor-In-Chief of the paper and I may use it in a future column!

Ok, what kind of equipment can you use to sample and process your dirt? It really depends on where you are and what type of deposit you are working, lode or placer. Since we live in the desert I'll focus more on dry methods. That is the bane of desert prospecting, the water...or lack thereof. Carrying a lot of water to the gold fields usually isn't an option, but you can carry enough to fill a panning tub for sampling. For processing you will need specialized tools.

One of the most popular processing tools in the desert is a drywasher. This machine works a lot like a sluice box in a river but uses no water, hence the "dry" in the name. It uses a regular looking sluice box with some distinct differences. One difference is that the riffles, the cross pieces that catch the gold, are reversed from a water sluice. Second, the bottom of the sluice isn't solid, it is usually some sort of perforated screen or mesh. Air is blown through this mesh from the bottom to agitate the dirt to let the gold settle. It uses a leaf blower or shop vac to provide the air. The action of the air movement also causes an electrostatic charge to be created which helps the gold separate. The recovery rate on a well setup machine can be as high as 95% or better, depending on how it is used.

You can build your own drywasher fairly easily or you can buy a commercial model. The price can range from around \$100 for a DIY unit up to \$500 to near \$1000 for a commercial model. It is not cheap but it can process a ton of dirt quickly, which is what you want whether you are testing or processing. There are also drywashers that use a puffer system with a bellows that creates the airflow. These can be manually or electrically operated. These puffer types are not nearly as efficient than the blower types but will do the job.

Another tool also used frequently is sort of a crossover wet method. A mini high-banker is great for sampling in the field. The drawback is you have to carry enough water to operate it. Most can be used with just 5-6 gallons of water so it is not prohibitive, but needs planning. Once set up it is also not mobile, you would have to carry your dirt from the dig location to the unit for processing. The advantages are a much higher recovery rate by utilizing water and they are generally lightweight and portable. A DIY unit can be made for around \$50-\$75 and commercial units are generally \$300-500.

Both drywashers and mini highbankers use a two sluice setup. The top sluice box is a simple hopper with a classifier screen to let only a certain size dirt/gravel to enter the sluice box with riffles. This classifying is crucial. A general rule of thumb on classifier size is to try and match the size of the dirt/gravel allowed through to the size of the gold in your area.

Metal detectors are probably the most used tool in a desert environment. They can be easy to carry require no water and are great at finding pickers and nuggets. Remember, though, there is far more fine flour gold than there are nuggets, so you are going to have to work. Another issue with detectors is you will always find a lot of junk; bullets, shells, foil, lead shot, beer cans, rusty parts of old machinery and more are all things you will have to dig up in your quest for the gold. It is also advised you dig up every target, especially for beginners. Metal detectors are a tool, not a guarantee. They can frequently give false signals, both positive and negative. They require a lot of patience and fortitude to keep at it, but the rewards can be huge.

Which detector you use is almost entirely predicated on your budget. You can get cheaper models from \$50-100, or you can spend up to \$10,000 or more on the higher end units. What's the difference? All metal detectors will detect all metal, it is kind of in the name. Actually they detect differences in electrical resistance, but that gets into the geek speech weeds and not relevant for our purposes. The main differences in all detectors are the bells and whistles with which they are equipped.

Some allow you to seek deeper, ignore certain ferrous targets and more.

There are two main divisions in the detector world; VLF and PI. VLF stands for "very low frequency".

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The Patriot's Corner

H-1B Visas versus MAGA

By guest patriot Clair Van Steenwyk VansCrossroads.com



Let's examine just what the rules are to get an H-1B Visa; You must have a Masters or Doctorate Degree from a USA University.

There are supposedly 65,000 + 20,000 Additional Visas issued each year. Here's how the real #'s work:

1st. Entry Level Salaries are \$42,000 or 36% Less than standards.

2nd. Qualified Level Salaries are \$21,000 or 18% Less than standards, these are experienced median level wage.

3rd. Premium Salaries are \$21,000 more than standards.

These different levels cause a question for me, why is it that the 1st two categories earn less than the standards now being received by those they're replacing and the top level receives more than they're replacing?

Here's another issue, in 2024 the Top 30 H-1B Visa Employers Laid Off 84,566 employees and only hired 34,414 New H-1B Visa Workers to replace them and this includes firms such as Elon Musk's Tesla.

The Corporate Profit Shares at all time high Labor Costs at Decades Lows. Labor by Law must Notify Workers they're Losing their Jobs-Like Disney did in 2015, but required them to Train the so called replacements.

I do agree that the USA must Rebuild our Education system for K-12 and the Universities as well, and also Re Educate in Real U.S. History, Government, and World History, and Train those displaced by the Poor system we've now had for Decades with children who can't Read, Write or do Math, at all levels and this would include Trade Schools and Apprentice positions.

I'm hoping everyone who reads this understands that just by looking at the categories the Corporations are hiring at and at the same time laying off apparently Well qualified American and those taking their jobs for the most part do so at lower wages is not exactly a level playing field and also why lay off less than you hire? I can only think of two reasons for fewer workers 1. improved technology and 2. Longer hrs. for the replacement workers.

We know the Corporations are making enormous profits and this practice is helping it, however to terminate Americans and Replace them with Foreign Less Expensive Workers to add to the Bottom Line, Higher Stock Price, Larger Bonus Checks for the Execs is for me still Unjust and we're all going to Pay a much Higher Price One Day Soon & do believe it's already happening and will only get worse, and please I know we live what's called a Free Enterprise system, however that doesn't mean we now import foreign less expensive workers just like we exported manufacturing jobs to China mostly to accomplish some scheme thought up by our State Dept. & Big Business, as I don't believe that's worked out to well for the USA as China is now a World Power who threatens us and Paid for with the American Dollars spent on what we import.

Clair Van Steenwyk is a former conservative radio talk show host.



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Shall Not Be Infringed

Do We Need New Gun Laws? By Alan Korwin



Ask the average gun buff if we need new gun laws and the knee-jerk reaction is, "Not just no, but hell no!" That's followed up with, "What part of 'Shall not be infringed' don't you understand? All those gun laws on the books are illegal and should be repealed!" Let's just think about that.

You know rights come with limits and responsibilities. Your right to swing your arms ends at the tip of my nose, right? Who would argue a law disarming convicted murderers in prison violates the Second Amendment? You get the point. Some gun laws are just fine. A five year old can't walk into a gun shop and buy a gun.

Yes, on cool reflection, some gun laws work and are a part of the American concept of ordered liberty. We control bad elements in society and mete out punishment for bad actors and their bad acts. The worse the act is, the harsher the penalty. You want those laws.

But let's change the rules of engagement. You help undermine anti-gun-rights bigots, and co-opt their work, by demanding reasonable, common sense gun laws of your own — a superb paradigm shift.

Let's look at our legitimate need for gun laws. Because laws protect the innocent as well as punish the guilty. That's especially important now the Constitution no longer constrains Congress. Officials do whatever they please, trashing our rights, ignoring their limits, acting like tyrants unrestricted by "a government of limited delegated powers." You can fight this using new laws, with teeth, to stop those defilers of our magnificent system.

Here's how you grow teeth. Instead of a law stating (in simple terms), "It's illegal to take a gun away from an innocent person" (a toothless statement, but oh so typical), you say instead, "Anyone who takes a gun from an innocent person shall go to jail." Now the authorities have to watch their butts because there's a penalty for violating your rights, not just some feckless statement they shouldn't do it. We win. See: https://jpfo.org/articles-2019/kosher-gun-laws.htm

Other Ideas: No one who reads Handgunner should be a spectator in the struggle to preserve freedom. Find out who your local legislators are and start enacting reasonable common sense gun laws with them. That's how things get done. What laws? You can read the details of these and more "Model Gun Laws" at www.gunlaws.com/ModelLegislation.htm. Here are some ideas.

Constitutional Carry: The right to discreetly or openly bear arms should not require a government-issued permission slip, taxes, paperwork and an expiration date. Gun-Free-Zone Liability Act: If you create a dangerous, make believe, so-called "gun-free" zone by simply hanging a sign, you are liable for any harm it causes. High School Marksmanship Act: An elective class worth one credit is offered toward your high school diploma, earned after you safely discharge a firearm at a target. "Educate kids on the constitutional roots and proper exercise of the right to keep and bear arms." Protection of Private Property Act: Any legally owned private property may be kept in or on a private means of transportation at any place the means of transportation may legally be. This removes bans on guns in vehicles (without mentioning guns).

And there's more. Defensive Display: Warning an attacker you're armed is protected by law in Montana and Arizona. Get your state onboard. The warning can be verbal, a motion or reach, or presenting a firearm in a way a person would understand is meant to forestall an assault. BIDS vs. NICS: If we must have gunbuyer background checks to stop criminals, at least do it without compiling massive records on the innocent. A simple system called BIDS can do this, and at far less cost than NICS. Limited Immunity for 911 Emergency Reporting: If you have the right to remain silent, and the right to have an attorney present during questioning, why are you encouraged to call 911 after self defense and speak into a police voice recorder, to the people trying to convict you? Yes, America needs more common sense gun laws.

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This type of detector will only punch a few inches into the ground but are very accurate on even the tiniest of targets. The smallest nugget I found with a VLF was only 0.7 grams, very small. PI stands for "pulse induction". PI's can seek a lot deeper, sometimes even several feet into the ground, but they are generally not very good at finding those tiny targets. It really depends on the type and size of gold you are going after as to which will work better for you. Because of this there really is no "best" gold detector. I have found gold with a cheapo Radio Shack special and with my PI.

In my next article we'll go deeper into the processing arena. All of the tools in this article, except for metal detectors, are used to concentrate your raw dirt into just the heaviest of materials. These always need further processing, whether by panning or some other mechanical means.

As always, if you have questions, comments or your own prospecting stories, please submit them to the editor of this paper and I will get them. Until next time, happy prospecting!

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He has also used them to further his progress as a species on this planet; and in many cases, he has used them to enslave others.

The tools of Conscious Living, as presented here and applied by you the reader, will free you from mental enslavement. You will become well-versed and prepared to create new ideas and goals, with your own self-directed thoughts to determine each moment through your own will.

Next month, we will learn exactly how to program your mind, in order to determine your life on your terms. Keep on Trancing! www.SleepNow.com™

Off The Grid

How to survive in a modern world

As folks gather for warmth and company around a cozy campfire or fireplace during the winter, the demand for firewood can often exceed the supply, but you can make a campfire patty out of stuff you probably throw away!

You will need:

two 5 gallon buckets, a drill, a disc of wood for a press, customized drill bit, water and some otherwise presumptively useless biomass such as The Standard newspaper or the Kingman Miner, junk mail, leaves, paper towel rolls, paper plates, napkins, beer boxes, cardboard egg cartons, etc. (nothing plastic coated)

About 2 inches down from the lip of one bucket, drill a lot of small holes all around and on the bottom. Place the bucket with holes inside the other bucket. Start putting your biomass in it. fill with water. The buckets of water can be left outside the door, so that you can keep adding trash.

You will need to customize a drill bit, to act like the blade in a blender. (An old table saw blade welded to a shaft of steel.) Puree the wet trash to create a pulpy mess.

Pull out the bucket with holes and let it drain. If you save the water you can reuse it.

To make a press place a bucket on some wood as a template, trace around the base and cut out the disc of wood. Place the press inside the bucket on top of the pulp. Place something heavy on top of the press, like the other bucket full of used water.

Once most of the water is pressed out, take the bucket out to a sunny place. Turn the bucket over and tap on the bottom until the campfire patty falls out. Let dry completely. This is the desert so it shouldn't take too long. If you want it to dry faster, cut the campfire patty into several smaller sections like a pizza.

These campfire patties are supposed to burn a good long time and best of all they're made with stuff that would otherwise go in the landfill.

Home Cookin'

TUNA QUEASADILLA

12-oz albacore tuna in water
4 oz chopped scallions
4 oz shredded carrots
2 oz olive oil
2 oz mayonaise
4 oz finely chopped celery

salt and pepper to taste
10-inch flour tortilla
2 oz olive oil
2 oz fresh lemon juice
8 oz jack cheese

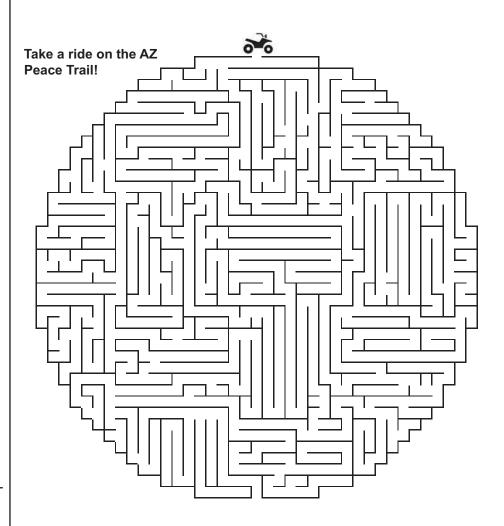
Preheat pan to medium-low heat. Mix scallions, carrots, and celery together with lemon juice. Add tuna and mix gently until well blended. Add mayonaise and salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle cheese on tortilla and add tuna mixture to desired quantity. Fold tortilla in half. Add drops of oil to the pan and grill quesadilla until golden brown.

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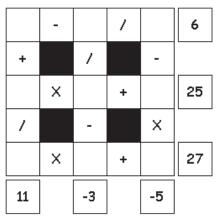
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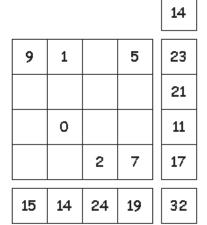


Try to fill in the missing numbers.



Use the numbers 1 through 9 to complete the equations.
Each number is only used once.
Each row is a math equation.
Each column is a math equation.
Remember that multiplication and division are performed before

addition and subtraction.



The missing numbers are whole numbers between 0 and 9.

The numbers in each row add up to totals to the right.

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