

The **PAYSON** NEWS™

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EVENTS:

JAN. 24, 2023

Payson Library **Toddlers Story Time** 10:30AM - 11:15AM at the Payson Library

JAN. 25, 2023

Payson Library **Babies Story Time** 10:30AM - 11:15AM at the Payson Library

JAN. 26, 2023

Payson Town Council Meeting starts at 4:30PM - 7PM at Town Hall. As of publishing date the Town Council Schedule has not been updated.

JAN. 31, 2023

HASHKNIFE PONY EXPRESS

Parade: 10:30am Holbrook

Statue Dedication: (Gillespie Park) 11 am

Swearing In: (Gillespie Park) 12:00 noon

Dinner: Holbrook Elks Lodge 714 7:00 pm

FEB. 1, 2023

HASHKNIFE PONY EXPRESS

Mail Arrives Payson Post Office 100 W

Frontier Street 4:45 pm

Dinner: Mazatzal Casino, Hwy 87, Mile

Marker 251 6:30 pm

FEB. 2, 2023

HASHKNIFE PONY EXPRESS

Mail Leaves Payson Post Office 100 W

Frontier Street 9:00 am

FEB. 7, 2023

Payson Town Council Meeting Work Session Budget starts at 3:00PM - 5PM at Town Hall. As of publishing date the Town Council Schedule has not been updated.

McAllister Smith Steps Off Council



In first official ToP Council Meeting McAllister-Smith unable to fulfill her 4 year term leaving a vacancy that will appoint not elect a candidate.

By Paul Frommelt

At the January 12th town council meeting, there was a very interesting, and unexpected revelation. Tina McAllister-Smith let her intentions be known, that she intends to step down from the town council in the near future. Really? This had only been her first full regular meeting after being sworn in as a councilwoman in December! She has only been on the town council a few weeks, and is already stepping down?

Her reasons given do elicit some sympathy. Apparently, a "family emergency" has developed, requiring that she, and her husband, Steve Smith, move out of town. It is believed to involve a family health issue of sorts.

So, here are some questions that come to mind. How long has she and Steve known about this? I know personally, that anytime I moved out of town with my family, for any reason, I knew about the action many months in advance. When we left Flagstaff to move to Southern California to care for my mother, it took months just to plan the move, and many more to actually do it. It too, was a 'family emergency', as my father had passed away, and my mother was incapable of properly caring for herself. Prior to that, the move to Flagstaff 13 years earlier, involved finding a replacement for my position in management, new employment in Flagstaff, locating a place for my family to live, and much, much more.

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MAKE AN EFFORT TOWARDS FREEDOM



By Lance Marble

Payson, AZ- The first Presidential election cycle in which I had the opportunity to vote saw the elected President win with just under 51% of the popular vote. He carried 44 States and had 489 Electoral College votes. I voted for that candidate because I believed in his vision for the Country, his commitment to the Constitution on which the Country was founded and the personal/political views that he stood for. I can honestly say I have changed absolutely nothing about what I believed back then and those same principles, in my opinion, are still the best ones for this (or any) Country.

It is interesting to note, though, in today's culture, those long-held and once popular beliefs are under attack. In fact, people who hold to them are now considered "right-wing, Christian, gun-toting, extremists" who some think should be classified as "domestic terrorists." People with historically normal conservative political views are being called every imaginable derogatory and inflammatory name one can think of. Today, in the United States of America, people with conservative political views are literally being fired from their jobs (in spite of it being illegal to do so), deleted from social media platforms and ostracized from communities. Their lives, families, religious beliefs and constitutionally protected rights are literally being threatened and attacked.

All this in a country whose very foundation was established in freedom

from an oppressive Government, freedom to choose (or reject) specific religious beliefs, a system of political representation designed to treat all people equally and a Constitution which provides a framework of continuing guidance. Have we always been successful in our collective attempt to uphold those principles? Absolutely not. Our forefathers lived with each other through hundreds of years of learning how to build and govern this amazing place. They struggled with difference of opinion, difference of philosophy, political differences and religious differences; just to name a few. But ... and this is a really big "but", the desire to live in freedom, even with differences, was more important than seeing fellow countrymen live in fear of each other.

I have friends and acquaintances from many cultural, ethnic, religious and political backgrounds. I have respect, admiration and love for them whether they think like me, look like me or believe like me. We share in "life, love and the pursuit of happiness" from our own perspectives and engage in life together. I don't "wish ill" for them because of our differences and hope they feel the same about me.

I believe our "Union" must once again see its people regain their respect for others and even prioritize others over self before our differences will once again become our strength. I'm no historian but I have read and observed enough to know, throughout the entire course of the human experience, people prefer to

be around other people like themselves. That doesn't mean you can't, don't or won't enjoy the company of others, it just means commonality creates some level of comfort.

See if this rings true for you. If you are traveling in a place far from where you live and happen to meet another person from that same place, there's immediately a conversation between you that begins to explore things like; what neighborhood do you live in? What school do your kids go to? Where do you work? Do you know this person or that? Even though you never met this person before, when you get done talking to them you might very well think favorably about them - because of commonality. You don't have to tell them about that crazy winter snow storm 2 years ago because they were there; but you're going to anyway because you know they experienced it too. Inevitably you get to the people and/or experiences you don't have in common but, because of the people/experiences you do share, those are not as important as they might have been otherwise.

It's time we all make a greater effort to find the "six degrees of separation" with our fellow American's instead of labeling them, condemning them or even wishing they would experience pain/death. We must re-learn collectively what previous generations learned the same hard way; we are better as a group of people who are different than we are as a group of people who are all exactly alike. And the reality is, once you get to know some of those people you are convinced are so different from you, you'll probably find you have more in common with them than you realize. For example, you probably both want what's best for your respective families, you probably both want to enjoy the freedom that allows you to be different, and you probably both want to be happy. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness - together.

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By Warren Norred

Concerned mom Terrie Chumchal only wants simple information to help keep her child—and other children—safe in school. But her son's Texas school district refuses to give her the straightforward answers she deserves, underscoring the urgent need for transparency in our public school system.

After watching her son be viciously bullied over and over again, Terrie Chumchal submitted a records request to the Joshua Independent School District (ISD) to determine how prevalent such harassment was in her son's middle school. In a shallow attempt to derail negative exposure, the Joshua ISD [demanded \\$7,111.12 to produce the requested records](#), arguing that the fee was necessary because personal information in the records needed to be redacted.

I'm proud to represent Terrie in her fight for transparency. But concerned parents like her shouldn't need a lawyer just to find out what's going on in their child's school. Regardless of whether \$7,000 would be an appropriate fee to redact these documents, the district supposed "need" to redact was superfluous. Terrie specifically stated that she was *not* looking for these details; she was seeking *only* the top-level number of bullying incidents by year and school from 2015 to 2022.

The Joshua ISD's petulant response caught the attention of the Goldwater Institute, which is helping the Chumchal family get

the answers they're entitled to. As member of Goldwater's American Freedom Network of pro bono attorneys, I've filed a complaint with the Texas Attorney General, who can question the excessive fee and take formal action to discipline the district, ensuring Terrie gets the answers she's entitled to.

Beyond the question of redaction, this information should have been available at a negligible cost. The Texas Education Code requires the board of trustees of every public school to develop a set of policies to address bullying. Public schools must ensure that its teachers are trained to prevent, identify, respond to, and *report* bullying incidents ([Tex. Educ. Code § 21.451](#)). They must also develop policies to watch for and reduce bullying, and to *collect information* on every instance of bullying ([Tex. Educ. Code § 37.0832](#)).

As it is required to do by law, the Joshua ISD has published its [harassment policy](#) and [bullying policy](#) on its website. These policies clearly include the collection of harassment and bullying reports.

Based on its own policies, the Joshua ISD should have already compiled the bulk of the information that Terrie sought *before* she requested it. What's worse is that we know this information was available because the district provided the data for the four-year period spanning 2018 to 2022 when another individual requested it.

To be sure, the Joshua ISD is not the only school district that abuses parents with overblown public records fees. And the Joshua ISD uses other abusive tactics, such as [criminal trespass notices](#) that it gives to those who question the "wisdom" of its operations. The difference between the Joshua ISD and many other districts around the country is that Joshua has parents who refuse to back down in the face of the district's irascible behavior.

Education reformers in Texas are right to demand that legislators fulfill campaign promises to rein in these clear attempts to keep parents in the dark. But it is the parents and their children who bear the brunt of the problems and are in the position to expose these issues. For the moment, Joshua ISD parents owe more to Terrie Chumchal than they owe to their elected legislators.

The question is whether those legislators will act on their campaign promises and put real teeth into state law to defend the rights of parents like Terrie. Concerned moms and dads shouldn't need to file serial grievances and then hope that the Texas Attorney General acts on their complaints. They shouldn't need legal assistance from attorneys like me just to obtain simple answers about what's happening in their children's schools.

Transparency ought to be a given—not something parents need to fight for in legal filings. Parents in the Joshua ISD, and across the state of Texas and the entire country, deserve better.

Warren Norred is Texas-based attorney. As a member of the Goldwater Institute's American Freedom Network, he is [representing](#) Joshua mom Terrie Chumchal in her fight for transparency.

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PREPPING WAS NECESSARY FOR LIFE. (SHOULD WE SHOULD TAKE HEED?)



By Angela Godac

Yes, maybe we should take heed. With all the unrest and the unreliable supply lines these days, as well as the many fires/explosions at warehouses, manufacturing plants, etc., etc., we could very well end up (again?) in long, volatile lines to get toilet paper, canned goods, eggs and more only to find them all gone from the shelves! Or, they may be priced higher than our budget allows. Speaking of eggs...a friend sent me an email recently that listed 10's of millions of chickens that were destroyed at multiple facilities during just a part of last year, 2022! I stopped counting at 50,000,000! I looked up some articles [Avian Flu; 1.8Million Destroyed](#) and it was confirmed that these millions of chickens, as well as huge numbers of turkeys and ducks had been destroyed due to bird flu (Gee, couldn't they come up with a vaccine real quick? And do I really believe that was all the reasoning?). Soooo, this is the reason eggs are so high-priced!

Back to my original story! My great-grandparents, John Bartolomeo and Mercedes Mungarro Belluzzi, homesteaded Rim Trail Ranch which is where Washington Park is now, just past Whispering Pines and about 15 miles north of Payson. This was in the late 1800's/early 1900's. They raised their

family of 7 children and farmed and grew hay and corn and had a major apple orchard among other crops. They raised some cattle and had hogs and would of course, butcher both. The Apaches marauded nearby ranches and killed a few people (interesting article here about the beginnings of our rodeo, and one of these killings-- [Read it Here](#)) but always left the Belluzzis alone because my great-grandfather would leave a half or a quarter of a beef hanging in a tree for them.

My Aunt Margaret told me that my great-grandma (her maternal grandmother) and the children would grow a huge garden and would harvest and can a

minimum of 900 quarts of produce to get them through the winter! And I whine at canning 75 quarts!!! Not really. When the hogs would be butchered, Grandma would fry up a great amount of chops and pour them and all the fat into a huge crock that was kept in the kitchen. Whenever they would want pork chops for supper she would just stick a big fork down in the crock and throw some chops on the frying pan and cook them up again!!! They were tough people back then and must have had cast-iron stomachs!!! I actually claim that today as I can eat some questionable things!! Haha!

I know they also cured meats and had a root cellar--all those lost arts and preservation methods that kept their families fed and alive.

Last week I bought a large quantity of sea salt. I have some meat in my freezer and I'm going to try my hand at curing it with salt. I'll let you know how that turns out.

And to talk about eggs again, I have 3 dozen eggs in a big jar that I water-glassed in August of '21. They are in the shell and covered in a lime solution and they are fine!!! This is a wonderful way to preserve eggs. They cook up just fine and taste perfect. The yolk is just a tad bit runnier than fresh eggs. This is yet another of the amazing ways that the pioneers invented to preserve foods. I'm always fascinated by the things people can conjure up to make things work or make things better.

We'll have occasional articles here on prepping and preservation of foods and such. Keep coming back y'all!

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A Letter to Steve Christensen

When the Gila County Board of Supervisors voted to certify the election, they are in effect saying, "This was a secure, reliable election."

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS (FOIAs): While we are enjoying some traction with the Recorder's FOIAs and being willing to pay \$116 in costs for voter registration data, we have yet to receive the data but trust it will be provided in a timely fashion. We can't say that about other FOIAs and understand that the County must adhere to federal FOIA law. But the County cannot drag out the process without legal fulfillment or denial. Public/private status of election data is a hot potato right now.

Apache County flatly denied releasing its Cast Vote Record (CVR), misinterpreting A.R.S. § 16-625 to declare anonymous ballots as off-limits to public scrutiny because the CVR was derived from anonymous ballots ,but Apache County is supposedly required to maintain voter secrecy! ***This couldn't be further from the truth...a voter records his or her intent in private; a voter casts his or her ballot into the ballot box (or tabulator), wherein it becomes public. There is no violation of voters' privacy once a ballot is cast because the ballot box is secured against inspection by election employees under oath—the same A.R.S. Oath of Office which county supervisors and all other elected officials are required to take. FOIAs for election data from all over the country are being fulfilled and subsequently posted publically online.***

While caution to ensure adherence to law is expected, the FOIA review process is under statutory deadline for fulfillment; enough time has lapsed but response is not forthcoming.

MACHINES: [Draza Smith](#) is a computer engineer has two master's degrees in electrical engineering and in computer engineering. She completed her doctoral work in computer engineering, and awaits defense of her PhD dissertation. She has worked for Sandia National Labs focusing on Cyber and Grid Security.

"Since most election systems in the US are "closed source" – meaning that their source code cannot be easily audited – it's not clear exactly how this [algorithm] manipulation is occurring, but it deserves deeper investigation, and is yet another example of why closed-source election software run by private companies should not be used in elections."

One county Photoshopped its Certification to extend the expired certification period to try to prove compliance with law.

Election departments that cannot produce legal documentation have violated federal law. This is not hard to prove; it should not be hard to prevent in the first place. But what does one do when there is no legal path to certification when a rogue SoS had debauched the process? One must refuse to use uncertified election systems with alternate plans. Missing certification details is not an excuse.

Only a full hand count to compare to the machine count will determine the accuracy of ballot count. BUT, counting illegal ballots will still only show a false election result. More steps must be taken to ensure compliance with the Arizona Constitution Article 7 Sec 7 that only 'legal votes' are counted.

VOTER REGISTRATION ISSUES: One would think that a Recorder would welcome cleaning up the voter rolls. We certainly hope Sadie Bingham is more than willing to do so, and maintain such in the future.

Monthly voter roll cleaning is a requirement of federal law. Systems are in place to help automate removal of deceased voters from the rolls; but ask Adrian Fontes if it is difficult to remove them! It is not entirely the

Recorder's fault for broken systems.

Data shows problems with 'phantom voters'; once a ballot is cast, there is no identity connected with such ballot (unless handwriting analysis of a write-in candidate is determinable). We are conducting neighborhood canvassing and have over 130 documented problems with voter registration and ballot mailing.

Even one illegal voter registration is out of compliance with state and federal law; this has to be 100% accurate to invite public confidence in Gila County elections.

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS: A survey of 17 problematic ("swing") states having 100 suspect counties found only four percent (4%) compliance with federal law, yet their elections were certified!

We have no confidence that Gila County is legally compliant with state and federal law; we are lead to believe, "Just trust us, you don't need to know," when our inquiries for factual data proving such are refused.

We doubt that Department of Elections personnel are even sure themselves, that everything is in compliance. Without Department of Justice pre-clearance (which today no one in their right mind wants to have), and without outside, neutral auditing of the election processes, who provides oversight to the intricacies of Gila County election systems except the department itself?

VOTER DISENFRANCHISEMENT: If the Board of Supervisors certified a perfect election but Gila County voters were disenfranchised on statewide races, what is the BoD doing to protect its citizens against violation of state or federal law? Did they not suffer damages as well as their voters and must we all initiate a county-wide class action lawsuit to recover damages (order a new election without such damages)?

When will the County Attorney protect Gila County taxpaying voters as well as the County? We can provide all the evidence needed by federal law (elementary exercise) but there has to be a court with the guts to do the right thing. When the County

Executive branch precipitates an action because they represent the citizens, the Judicial branch needs to remedy the situation.

When one county violates election law, it affects all other counties in statewide results. The SoS is required to ensure that all counties have the same representation in statewide elections.

Article 7 Section 7 - Highest number of votes received as determinative of person elected Section 7. *In all elections held by the people in this state, the person, or persons, receiving the highest number of legal votes shall be declared elected.* (emphasis ours).

How does anyone know if an anonymous ballot provides legal votes if the system certification is broken, if the voter alienated from the ballot was authenticated legally and correctly, and if another county illegally and surreptitiously produced ballots influencing the outcome of the election?

What recourse does a supervisor, who was also disenfranchised, have or use to remedy the same?

Again, ANY violation of law by ANY county employee or elected official becomes a burden on the entire county and the taxpayers, and in the case of elections, has repercussions beyond remediation; voters lose trust. Trust lost is much harder to regain; this is what we all are up against, and spillover from Maricopa County is costing us here at home.

We hope this is a good start toward re-establishing trust and transparency in Gila County elections and administration. We know this is a lot of information to pile on your already full plate, and we hope to carry as much of the load as we can for you. Our non-partisan purpose, again, is to restore citizen confidence in, and transparency of Gila County elections.

As a Precinct Committeeman, I found it shocking and it became old very quickly to get the door slammed in my face by citizens who said they will not vote in an election again. Maybe they had in mind Mark Twain

who said, "If elections made any difference, they wouldn't let us do it anymore!"

Thank you again for being willing to work with us to accomplish this as we hope to set the standard for the "most secure and

reliable elections in Arizona." Please ask any questions that come to mind.

Cordially, For the Gila County Election Integrity Team

Douglas Ardt

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NEWS ANALYSIS

FIGHTING GREAT RESET

TAKE ACTION

We've all heard the phrase, Think Globally, Act Locally. Before the big global warming hysteria began, hard left environmentalists used this phrase as part of a bigger program to inculcate citizens, students, industry, and governments around the world to undertake local activities based on the dubious concept of saving planet Earth.

We'll look into this background that connects Agenda 21, Agenda 2030, and the Great Reset and suggest ways you can help restore the Republic in today's episode. Please be sure to take the suggested actions, including getting a free download of our latest booklet that further explains this and how you can fight it in your local community.

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MCALLISTER-SMITH LEAVES

A move of this sort, involves many moving parts. There is the sale of a home. There is resigning from jobs, and even leaving positions of authority in local enterprises. There is also the search for a new home, and new employment opportunities. All of these things take time. Making such a decision takes a lot more than the few weeks Tina McAllister Smith has been on the town council.

So another question to consider, is the possibility that they knew of the impending departure, long before she was sworn in. Possibly even before she was elected. If that is proven to be the case, then there may be the legal matter, of running for a position in government, knowing in advance there is no intention of fulfilling the term. That might be taken as a sort of voter disenfranchisement. It's just a possibility.

Another possibility could be that she was deemed electable, while perhaps another, more desired person from their circle of supporters, was considered a greater risk to get elected. By electing Tina McAllister Smith to the position, and then having her step down shortly afterward, it would allow a sympathetic Town council, to then 'appoint' their original best choice. This brings up the memory of the resignation of Richard Croy back in 2018, immediately after the elections that year. Roughly 23 applicants submitted paperwork for the position. By their own admissions, few ever even received the courtesy of a phone call from anyone on the council at that time. That included lame duck, outgoing mayor, Craig Swartwood. Yet, at the December 2018 town council

meeting, when the vote was scheduled to take place, Tina's husband, Steve Smith was there, dressed in suit and tie, to accept the appointment, BEFORE THE VOTE WAS EVEN TAKEN. (Almost like he knew in advance). And he beat out others who were at least as qualified, including a former Arizona State legislator!

This news brings up so many questions. Hopefully, we will receive answers in the coming weeks, as the Smiths plan to be in Payson for at least the next few months. And it could all just be coincidental. We know there are a lot of 'coincidences' happening in the news these days.

Regardless of future findings: We wish Tina and Steve Smith success in their new lives, away from Rim Country.

"One of the truest tests of integrity is its blunt refusal to be compromised!"

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DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know the Payson Town Council Meetings have changed to Wednesdays at 3:00PM? In the January 12th Town Council Meeting our new council made it even harder for most folks to attend the meetings. Most people work until 5PM on weekdays, and Wednesday evening is a popular day to go to Church.

Why did they change? Surely it was to better accommodate the public at large. They want you to participate in the meetings. No one cares if you have to miss 2 hours of work.

This should be another red-flag-reason to watch this Council like a hawk.

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Garden Grower's GUIDE



By Kim Nichols

What to compost:

Fruit and vegetable peels and scraps, banana peels, rotten fruit and veggies, houseplant trimmings, coffee grounds, unbleached paper filters, tea leaves, eggshells, paper, cardboard, shredded newspaper, napkins, paper towels, grass clippings, leaves, flowers, raw sawdust, raw wood chips, hay.

What not to compost:

Pet waste, bones or meat, fish or poultry, dairy products, walnuts, coal ash or charcoal, large pieces of wood, fat, cooking oil, and grease, pesticide-treated plants, baked goods, plants that are diseased or infested with insects.

1. Create your compost pile

The first step to composting is determining where you want your compost heap or bin. Try to select an outdoor location with partial shade and plenty of drainage. It's also important to pick an area that's easily accessible but removed from animals, including pets and wildlife.

Your pile should be at least 3 feet in width and height, which is a manageable size for most gardeners and ensures that it can retain heat. I dug down about 1.5 feet to start mine. The ground in our area is hard as a rock, so I soaked it with water and liquid sulfur before I started and when I hit hard clay again, soaked it again. Eventually I got there without too much effort. I was lucky the layer of clay was only about a foot deep and gave way

to granite underneath so it has good drainage. I've also had success building a 3X3 foot box with old pallets. We shall see if the "hole" works.

Heat is produced during the composting process as bacteria break down organic materials. Alternatively, you can use a compost tumbler, which is a container designed to make it easier to rotate and mix your composting materials.

2. Begin adding materials

Once you've picked a location for your compost pile, you're ready to start adding materials. It's generally recommended to alternate green and brown materials in layers. The term "green materials" refers to items like food and yard scraps,



while "brown materials" include carbon-rich items like branches, paper, straw, and wood chips.

Although layering isn't required, I do it because it's how I was taught and it makes sense to ensure that the right balance of green and brown materials are in there to optimize the decomposition process.

Start by creating a 4-8-inch (10-20-cm) layer of bulky brown materials, such as twigs, at the bottom of your pile to provide aeration and drainage. Then,

alternate layers of green and brown materials until your bin is full. Be sure to add a bit of water to each layer to keep it moist.

3. Turn the pile regularly

I let the layered pile sit for a week or so. After I see it's warmed up and starting to break down, then I start to turn the pile regularly to ensure efficient composting. You can use a shovel or pitchfork to turn and rotate the materials, which helps distribute air and moisture evenly.

How often you need to turn your compost depends on many factors, including the size of the pile, amount of moisture, and ratio of brown to green materials.

As a general rule of thumb, you should start by turning your pile every 4-7 days.

As your compost starts to mature, you may need to turn it less often.

While the pile should be kept moist I find it's more of a problem if the pile becomes soggy, if this happens I add cardboard or

you can add extra brown materials and turn it more often to remove excess moisture.

4. Use your compost

It can take anywhere from a few weeks to a year for your materials to fully decompose, depending on a variety of factors, such as the size of your pile, type of materials used, and moisture levels. Here in Payson during the summer things will quickly break down. I personally don't compost much during

the winter because I don't have a barrel or compost tumbler. I do put my coffee grounds in my house plants but that's about it.

I also cover my compost pile with 4-8 inches of hay. I do this to keep the important stuff warm, and to continue the process during the winter. This will also allow enough moisture to seep in while the snow melts. In between snows, I bounce out and remove the hay cover, turn it a couple times, and put back my hay cover.

Turning the pile regularly, keeping it moist, and shredding scraps into smaller pieces can speed the process. I usually stick the "green materials" I've gathered for the week in the blender for a couple seconds to give it a good start. This usually consists of banana peels, egg shells, coffee grounds & filters, rotten fruit, old leftover vegetables from the fridge, etc.

When your compost pile is ready to use, the compost should appear dark brown and crumbly, similar to soil. It should also have a rich, earthy smell and be free of any large chunks of material.

You can use compost by mixing it with potting soil, sprinkling it over the surface of your garden, or replacing mulch with it.*

You can also brew your own compost tea by steeping a small amount of compost in water for 24-48 hours. Then, strain the mixture and spray it onto plants to supply beneficial nutrients and enhance the growth of your garden.

*Next time I'll share with you a mulching technique that will save you a lot of work in your garden.



FOOD TAX BILL HB2061



By Dave Golembewski

A New Bill Sponsored by a state representative to eliminate the grocery tax, HB 2061, in all cities, towns and municipalities in Arizona is being voted on now. I'll call it the hamburger 🍔 bill. No longer will you be paying the evil regressive tax on your groceries. Now the town government and overpaid administrators will cry 😭 that they need the money for the first responders police 🚔 and fire 🚒. The truth is they need your hard earned grocery tax money to pay their Yuuuge newly hired and unneeded bureaucrats salaries, some over 100k a year, that they call management. They are not hiring more parks or streets workers to fix the streets or maintain the parks they hire more managers. We have terrible roads, no pool, no splash pad, no covered event center, canceled events such as the Mudder and high fees that that scare away tournaments not to mention businesses that leave town also. And we have a 9.48 % sales tax and a 2.88 % grocery tax. You tell me if you feel like you're getting a great deal?? Also We the People never voted on the grocery tax just the 7 Dwarfs on the council years ago enacted it for us. Thank you but we'd like

to vote on it ourselves. P.S. The .88% sales tax in 2017 was also enacted on us by our current mayor and one member of the council without our vote. They now claim it is against Arizona State Law to raise a sales tax without our vote. It sunsets 🌅 in 2027 so our sales tax in 4 years would be 8.60%. I like math but hate taxes without representation. Hey sounds familiar. No taxation without representation. Our town government claims they are our representatives. I say the representation is "We The People" not just the council members or the 7 Dwarfs as I jokingly call them. I'll never vote for another tax unless it's a revenue bond that "We the People" agree on for a special project like covering the Rodeo Event Center. But No More IMPOSED Regressive Evil Taxes like the grocery tax put on "We The People", us. I hope someday to celebrate this bill when it is passed by eating some tax free groceries. 😊

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BUSH FAMILY SAGA PART II.

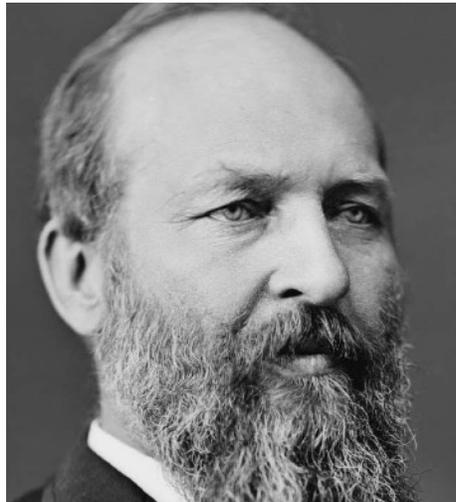
Submitted by Dinah Lundell

American History is partly a fairy tale, for about the time of its founding, a banker by the name of Rothschild conceived of a plan to take over the financial institutions of Europe and the United States. "Give me control of a nation's money and I care not what laws it passes." He gained control of England's banking system by 1776, and his five sons were schooled by him to do likewise in the European countries.

A Brief Review of Banks in the US.

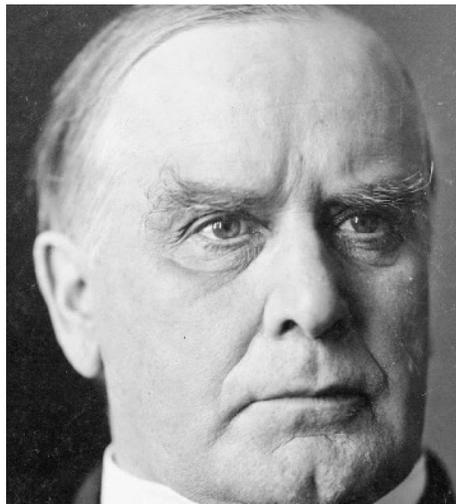
Alexander Hamilton became the Sect. of the Treasury during Washington's presidency. A wolf in sheep's clothing!! In January of 1791 he pushed through congress a bank bill which established the first central bank, supported by the Rothschilds, Oppenheimers, Montefiores and Goldsmids.

The central bank had to be re-chartered every 20 years. Pres. Jefferson opposed the re-chartering of the bank and was threatened with another war, the War of 1812. In 1855, Andrew Jackson opposed the re-chartering of the bank. He swore he would kill it, an assassin almost succeeded in killing him. Not long after that, Pres. Lincoln refused to pay the interest on the Civil War debt to the central bank, obtaining money from Russia, our ally, which also did not want Russia annexed into the central banking system. The next Presidents who made noises about the central bank were Garfield in 1881 [Read about it HERE](#) and McKinley in 1901. They were both



20th President of the US, James A. Garfield.

assassinated. JFK was next and we are not given access to the documents. (An author by the name of Mark Shaw has written a book about the assassinations of JFK, Dorothy Kilgallen, and Marilyn Monroe.) An assassination attempt was made on Ronald Reagan. The



25th President of the US, William McKinley.

Constitution says that the Treasury Dept shall coin gold and silver, real money. Our Federal Reserve Notes are fiat, meaning, not backed up by precious metal held in a repository.

The basic plan for the Federal Reserve System was drafted at a secret meeting held in November of 1910 at the private resort of J.P. Morgan on Jekyll Island off the coast of Georgia. Those who attended represented the great financial institutions of Wall Street and, indirectly, Europe as well. What emerged was a cartel agreement with six objectives: 1. Stop the growing competition from the nation's newer banks; 2. Obtain a franchise to create money out of nothing for the purpose of lending; 3. Get the control of the reserves of all banks so; 4. that the more reckless ones would not be exposed to currency drains and bank runs; 5. Get the taxpayer to pick up the cartel's inevitable losses; 6. Convince Congress that the purpose was to protect the public.

Those in attendance were Nelson W Aldrich, Henry P. Davison, Abraham Piatt Andrew, Frank A. Vanderlip, Benjamin Strong and Paul M. Warburg. "The Federal Reserve System is a legal private monopoly of the money supply operated for the benefit of the few under the guise of protecting and promoting the public interest." Sutton, Wall Street and FDR, p. 94. A German national, Paul Warburg knew English well enough to author the 1700 page document. The Federal Reserve Banking Act was adopted in 1913, along with the direct election of senators and the income tax. A very bad year!

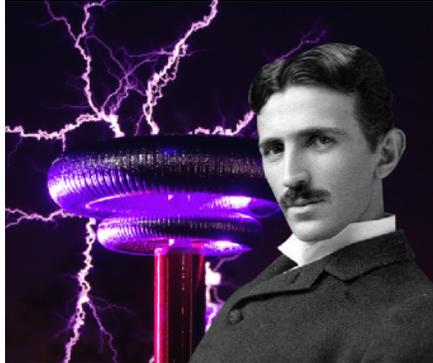
Nikola Tesla

Nikola Tesla was born July 10, 1856 in what is now Croatia. Prior to World War I, Smilja was on the border of the Austro-Hungarian empire so, in effect Tesla was

a citizen of Austrian origin. He was the son of a Serbian Orthodox priest and so had the opportunity to study the books from his father's personal library. He studied at the University of Prague and showed an innate ability in science and electricity. His first job was working for Edison Telephone Co. Tesla went to America to meet and work for Edison.

Tesla found it difficult to work for Edison, due to Edison's renegeing on financial promises, but soon found backers to finance his research and development projects and his new invention. Financiers, such as John Pierpont Morgan, George Westinghouse and John Jacob Astor were among those who saw the potential in Tesla's pioneering, entrepreneurial spirit to capitalize on his technological discoveries in electricity, wireless communications and physics.

Previous accounts of Tesla's association with Edison projects place him in the United States in the 1870's. His many technological discoveries were certain to have drawn the attention of those hungry for world domination and superiority.



Tesla's inventions and patents were stolen and weaponized eventually by the Germans. It was never intended for us to learn about the suppression of Tesla's advanced scientific discoveries, nor about those who profited from their theft - the

orchestrators of the master plan. Research and development costs had largely been paid (unknowingly) by US taxpayers. Many of Tesla's patents fell into Nazi hands prior to WWI and II. As a result, Tesla continuously found himself in litigation over his patent rights, etc. Stolen technology, embezzled capitalization, he never achieved the financial success he deserved. By the time of his death on January 6, 1943, he died virtually penniless.

You will see how all of this history is connected in our next two stories about Nikola Tesla's assistant George H Scherff Sr. Stay tuned.

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CHAMBER LUNCH

By Inga Chouinard

The first Chamber meeting of the year was held at Mazatzal Hotel & Casino on Tuesday, Jan 17th from 11am-1pm.

Lost funding from the Town of Payson has given the bottom half of the building on the corner of Hwy 87 and Main Street to the Bureau of Tourism & Visitor Center, where maps and information are made available to tourists through brochures and hand outs by member merchants. Also available is a calendar of upcoming events.

This is the space the Rim Country Regional Chamber of Commerce had occupied for years, however, with the town's recent decision of not supplementing the RCRC of Commerce, the chamber has moved upstairs. The Chamber does operate on a part-time, as well as, a remote basis and can be reached either by going to their website and scrolling down to upcoming events. At the Round table discussion the ideas the membership would like to see the chamber implement are: 1. Bring back 1st Friday socials (perhaps even expounding on this idea by getting food trucks and bands involved). 2. Bring back newcomers orientation class. 3. Bus tour for ambassadors to tour 6 businesses per month to get acquainted. 4. Get more involved with CTE program. 5. More family oriented events. 6. Family picnic. 7. Educational classes for businesses to promote their wares. 8. Participate in sponsoring a Main Street event maybe even during rodeo time. 9. Form a committee to discuss possibility of making Payson a "destination" town rather than a "drive-through" town.

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