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Caroline Goncalves while stopped by Mesa County Sheriff's Office Deputy and Western Colorado Drug Task Force Officer Alexander Zwinck

GJPD Cameras Accessed Five Times During Goncalves Incident

By Jacob Richards

On June 5, from when Deputy Zwinck first pulled over Caroline Dais Goncalves for following too close behind a semi truck, through her release and later arrest by ICE/HSI officers, five separate queries were made of the Grand Junction Police Department's Motorola Solutions cameras by two Garfield County Sheriff Deputies.

The Goncalves case has made national news after the Colorado Attorney General sued Mesa County Deputy Zwinck for aiding in the arrest of Goncalves by ICE/HSI. Now Mesa County has in turn filed suit against the Governor and the Attorney General.

According to the records obtained by *The Revolutionist* via a Colorado Open Records Act request, Sergeant Brett Borrow and SPEAR Task Force Officer Nate Lagiglia made a total of five requests be-

tween 1:36pm when Zwinck first pulled over Goncalves and 2:09pm when HSI reported to the "highway hitters" Signal group chat that they were "Transporting to HSI."

No reason was given as to why the searches were made or what they were looking for.

But we know a little about Nate Lagiglia. He is known to go out of his way and outside the law to aid ICE, like the next-county-over kind of out of his way.

Nate Lagiglia was the Garfield County Sheriff deputy involved in the arrest of Luis Armando Rivas at the Glenwood Springs Wal-Mart on June 3, which we reported on in the last issue of *The Revolutionist*.

A viral video showing Lagiglia and another officer in a SPEAR shirt arresting Rivas and placing him into an un-

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Montrose Fights Back Against MAGA Minion

By Peggy Carey

When carpetbagger and Montrose County Commissioner Scott Mijares is called out on his misconduct, he is often heard to trill: 'but I have a mandate, I was elected by 18,000 people'. One minor factor that Scotty fails to mention is that he ran unopposed. (The Montrose Democratic party did not stand one candidate in any race in the 2024 election cycle).

Scott Mijares is from Florida, by way of Hawaii. It's not difficult to trace his travels because of the trail of destruction he left behind. In case number 96-1043 Civ-Ord-19, Mijares entered into a consent decree that resulted in a permanent injunction prohibiting him from engaging in any SEC trading, using any means of communication or transport to sell securities, and engaging in any fraud (well, duh). In Hawaii, he was involved in an altercation that resulted in an assault charge.

That seems like ancient history when compared with the chaos he has sown since taking office as a County Commissioner. In what appeared to be a MAGA-like move, Mijares, acting in concert with his sycophant, Sean Pond, asked for the resignations of the County Manager, Frank Rodriguez, and County Attorney Marti Whitmore, and refused to fix a clerical error in the hiring of the county health officer, Mizra Ahmed, resulting in the termination of his contract. (They relented on this after the public went ballistic and allowed Ahmed to remain as "interim health officer").

The greatest irony of this racist-appearing move is that Mijares, pronounced with a hard J, is of Venezuelan descent.



Montrose is a county where the partisan divide runs deep, but where civility and respect have been the rule of the day. After the county commissioners hired a locally known rabble rouser, David White, as "interim county manager," Don Gladwell, former Mayor and city council member of Montrose, wrote a letter to the editor of the local paper, decrying the actions of Scotty Mijares and his sidekick, and calling on the community to get rid of them.

Luckily the effort was already underway; Recall Commissioner Scott Mijares, a bipartisan recall effort, was launched July 15, 2025, the first date that Scotty was eligible to be recalled. The grounds cited in campaign literature include lack of transparency by making decisions in secret meetings as prohibited by 24-6-402 C.R.S.; poor fiscal responsibility including pointing out that half a million dollars has been spent on severance packages and unnecessary outside legal fees; and violation of the public trust by limiting public

comment, and often closing public comment completely, on important issues, sowing chaos, and creating a toxic and fearful workplace. The last of these items has resulted in the loss of two long term employees, Emily Sanchez, assistant county manager, and, most recently, Lesley Quon's resignation as interim county manager, although she kept her job as HR director. Ms. Quon was quoted as saying she had been harassed and that she feared retaliation.

The Recall Commissioner Scott Mijares movement is moving along at warp speed. The committee reports that

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who and what is in these files. We demand more from our elected representative.”

Mesa County: Dodging Accountability Under Guise of Fiscal Responsibility
The Mesa County Board of County Commissioners recently sent a letter to the Governor and the leadership at the Colorado Statehouse complaining about unfunded mandates by the state. One of the laws they take exception to is HB21-1250, ‘Measures to Address Law Enforcement Accountability.’ The commissioners claim that complying with state Use of Force reporting requirements and cloud storage for body camera footage costs the county \$180,000 a year, and requires a full-time employee. It defies credibility that reporting data that every department already gathers to the state requires a full-time employee. If so, that’s too much use of force. MCSO’s bodycams have proven to be a critical tool for holding deputies accountable, like when deputies assaulted a student at Central High school in April of 2024, and most recently in the Goncalves case. Body camera footage has also proven useful for the Sheriff’s office in clearing deputies of wrong doing in cases of lethal uses of force.

Fire Season, Global Warming, New Normal
Western Colorado is having another epic fire season. Burning eyes, deadly heat, extreme drought, and hazy vistas seems to be our new normal. All while the EPA is gutted and even the most miniscule efforts to move past the burning of fossil fuels are being rolled back.

Britian Socialists break from the Labour

This month, Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn, along with Labor MP Zarah Zultan, announced that they were resigning from Labour to build a new, left wing socialist party. Already 600,000 people have signed up, making it by far the largest political organization in the United Kingdom.

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“Therefore I propose that when a person continues to possess and use old clothing, automobiles and buildings, after they have passed their obsolescence date, as determined at the time they were created, he should be taxed for such continued use of what is legally ‘dead.’”

This distinctly unsustainable ideology is quite harmful. We now see the effects of this in today’s world, minus the tax on owning well-used items. These are some of the many early examples, but I need not elaborate since today’s society is dependent on this tactic, as many of you may already have noticed in your daily lives. Your iPhone has no means for disassembly, at least not for the average person due to its lack of removable parts.

In an effort to appear minimalistic and in the pursuit of convenience, we have lost the ability to access and understand these appliances. The Allstate Protection Plans 2020 Mobile Repair Study conducted a survey of 1,009 American adults. 64% stated they would rather buy a whole new phone than have it serviced. This stems from a capitalist system weighing short term profits over long term sustainability.

Right behind these businesses shoving products in our faces is a society that only begs for more. The more we ignore the existence of these strategies, the better hold these companies have. The more we link our sense of satisfaction or joy with buying more, the emptier we will be. That’s how these corporations work. You will always be hungry with merchandise designed to keep you starving.

What can we do? Be conscious of what you buy. Question the intention of the product and its use. When possible, try to see the longevity of your item and opt for something designed to last, not to fit in.

Now, finally, I’ll leave you with a question you can ask whenever in doubt about a purchase. Do you want it, or do you want people to see you have it?



marked vehicle has garnered around 50,000 views on social media.

Lagiglia’s summary states that he aided HSI Special Agent Carter with the arrest of Luis Rivas. He states that he was told that Rivas “was wanted for federal charges.”

In the two months since his arrest, Rivas has not been charged with any crime and did not have an active judicial warrant. His attorney, Hector Gonzalez, of Gypsum, was unaware of any criminal investigation and confirmed that no warrant was executed in his arrest.

Lagiglia also reports being asked to follow Agent Carter to De Beque for “officer safety.” Agent Carter told Lagiglia that they “were meeting with ERO to transfer custody of Luis at the Debeque [sic] Maverick Gas station.”

The Garfield County Sheriff Department is still refusing to release the body camera footage from the June 3 arrest, citing ongoing federal investigation.

The GJPD cameras that Lagiglia accessed are Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs).

ALPRs, and specifically the company FLOCK Safety, have garnered the attention of activists in Denver and around the nation in recent months.

“Surveillance systems like this never remain limited to one group. The same technology used to track immigrants today will inevitably be turned on by others tomorrow: patients crossing state lines for abortions, journalists protecting confidential sources, workers organizing for fair labor conditions,” said Karen Orona with Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition, adding “FLOCK erodes constitutional protections for all citizens.”

Women seeking reproductive care in other states have been tracked using ALPRs, and cases of officers caught spying on their estranged ex-wives have come

to light in recent months.

“We do collaborate with local, state, and federal law enforcement partners to address serious crimes, the Grand Junction Police Department does **not** perform camera searches for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), nor do we provide ICE with access to our LPR system,” said Grand Junction Chief of Police Matt Smith in an email to *The Revolutionist*.

But ICE has repeatedly gained side-door access into these national systems through friendly agencies and officers.

In June, it was revealed that the Loveland, Colorado Police Department had given an ATF agent access to their FLOCK account. He was conducting searches on behalf of ICE of the entire nation-wide network of FLOCK cameras.

Additionally, 404 Media has reported on the ways that ICE has gained access to local ALPR camera systems thousands of times through friendly local agencies.

Many agencies, like the Denver Police Department, had no idea that ICE was finding ways to access their camera data.

In July, it was revealed that the Denver Police Department’s FLOCK Safety camera data was accessed by outside agencies from around the country 1400 times conducting immigration enforcement related searches before the national sharing function was turned off.

Of local note, a text message buried and unreported in the fallout of the Goncalves case from an unnamed Homeland Security Investigations supervisor indicates that the Mesa County Jail, Montrose, and Delta counties are working with ICE, and should give us pause about sharing camera data even with neighboring

Fri, May 16 at 2:56 PM

Hola! Yall can stand down regarding our Op next week. We will be in GarCo and EagleCo whole time.

Shit. That’s where I told my vatos to go. When are they coming to Mesa county if you know

Hahaha. Run away!

I don’t think for a while since the Jail, Montrose and Delta Counties work with us. Focusing on areas without ERO or who don’t work with us.

Text messages from HIS supervisor to MCSO Lieutenant Holdren, shows widespread local cooperation with ICE.

jurisdictions. Additionally, in 2019, GJPD cameras were sharing data with immigration enforcement. Documents from Vigilant Solutions (now Motorola Solutions) show that GJPD cameras were sharing data with

for certain bumper stickers are now possible via its “Vehicle Fingerprint” technology. According to the Grand Junction Police Department, they have a total of 250 cameras, 30 of which are ALPRs. GJPD uses a mix of three providers: FLOCK

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Detections Shared	
The GJPD Agency is Sharing its Detection data with the following Agencies: 1-21-2020	
100th Judicial District Attorney Traffic Enforcement	10th Judicial District Drug Task Force
17th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force	21st Drug Task Force
24th Judicial District Drug Task Force	32nd Judicial District Attorney Office
Addison Police Department (TX)	Alameda County Narcotics Task Force
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over 500 outside agencies, including “ATF National account”, ICE, and HSI. This technology has become omnipresent in the last two decades. Flock Safety ALPR cameras are in use by over 5000+ local law enforcement agencies nationwide, and are just one of many providers. Motorola Solutions cameras are in over 2000 communities. These cameras are not like red-light or speeding cameras that only trigger when an infraction is detected; they log every license plate, and that data is being added more and more to mass AI databases. According to FLOCK, searches

AUGUST NEWS BRIEFS

Mesa County’s Lobbying Firm Attempts to Illegally Access Election Systems
The Denver Post has reported that Jeff Small, a lobbyist and a principal at the Grand Valley-connected 76 Group, has called at least ten Republican county clerks claiming White House-backing in an attempt to gain access to voting machines.

The 76 Group also known as EIS Solutions is part of a shadowy cabal of influence peddling firms tied to Grand Junction’s very own Josh Penry, a once rising star of the Colorado Republican Party, and now just a grifter selling our democracy to the highest bidder. Mesa County Clerk Bobbie Gross said in an email to the Rev, “My chief deputy received a call that we presume was part of the 76 Group. They did not ask about our equipment, they wanted to know who our project manager was in 2020 and 2021 with Dominion. This is not public information and we did not release any information.”

Mesa County contracts with EIS Solutions for lobbying efforts at the State and Federal level. Mesa County pays EIS/76 Group \$10,000 a month.

It’s also been reported that Small tried to shake down Colorado counties that appeared on the federal list of Sanctuary Jurisdictions. He offered to remove counties from the list for a “small one-time fee.”

AOC Votes to Arm Israel, Gets Backlash
On July 18², New York Representative Alexandria Ocasio Cortez voted against an amendment to a bill that would have cut military funding for Israel. The amendment, proposed by Georgia Representative Marjorie Taylor Green, would have cut funding to Israel’s Iron Dome defense system. Greene would later go on to describe the conflict as a genocide.

Deputy Wanted on Child Porn Charges
Jesus Damian Nieblas, a former San Miguel county deputy is on the run, and wanted for 28 felony and 27 misdemeanor charges related to child pornography found during a search conducted by the Colorado Bureau of Investigations. Nieblas resigned in late June at the start of the investigation.

La Plata County Deputy Charged With Sex Crimes
On July 25th, Colorado Bureau of Investigations charged La Plata county jail deputy, Edward Aber, with 117 counts of Invasion of Privacy for Sexual Gratification. Aber is accused of accessing video of over 100 women inmates strip-searches.

Epstein List Divides MAGA and is Irrelevant at the Same Time
The fallout from the non-disclosure of the Epstein files is doing real damage within the MAGA movement. Trump is suing FOX News owner Rupert Murdoch for coverage in the Wall Street Journal, much of his base is not remaining silent, and many MAGA influencers and podbros have broken ranks. But let’s be real, we don’t need a client list. We have his little black book, and flight logs for the ‘Lolita Express.’ We also have depositions from numerous lawsuits, we know who is on the list. We just have to listen to and believe the victims. Trump and Clinton should be cellmates!

Polls Show Trumps and Dems Losing Support
Donald Trump and the Democratic party have more than a few things in common, but record low approval ratings for both should give you a dose of revolutionary optimism as people give up on our two capitalist, imperialist, and racist parties. Trump’s approval rating is hovering around 40%. The Dems are at 28% approval rating. In another poll, 62% of self-identified Democrats think the entire leadership of the party needs to be replaced.

Have you Hurd? Our Congressman Coverters for Pedophiles
A series of two banner drops occurred in recent weeks on overpasses along I-70. Banners question Hurd’s actions which protect Trump and Epstein’s famous clients. A communique sent to The Rev and other grassroots information outlets stated, “By voting no, Hurd chose secrecy over transparency, shielding information that could help bring accountability and justice. The public deserves to know more about

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being the strategy represented by Henry Ford's famous quote from his 1922 memoir *My Life and Work*. He wrote, "It does not please us to have a buyer's car wear out or become obsolete. We want the man who buys one of our products never to have to buy another. We want to construct some kind of a machine that will last forever."

Ford even went to the length of providing a toolkit with every car at no additional cost. This provided the user with the means to comprehend the inner workings of the vehicle and perform self-repairs. As Ford himself said, "Quality means doing it right when no one is looking." He reaffirmed this by saying, "We never make an improvement that renders any previous model obsolete."

He noted that "The parts of a specific model are not only interchangeable with all other cars of that model, but they are interchangeable with similar parts on all the cars that we have turned out." A sentence that is scarcely uttered, if at all, by today's leading business people.

This would soon account for an outstanding fall in earnings. While Ford focused on quality, General Motors placed more value on novelty. The shift in designs such as new trims, wider color selection, different wheelbases, and varying engine placement prompted the Model T to appear old. Only coming in the color black due to cost and efficiency, the Model T fell to the status of being outdated and generic.

From this shift to appearance over functionality, the average duration of an automobile's life fell to 5 years in 1934 and just 2 years in 1955. We see this transfer as



society moved from automobiles being something to engage in and learn, to contemporary design and social status.

In 1932, Bernard London published his book Ending the Depression Through Planned Obsolescence, in which he declared the following: "people generally, in a frightened and hysterical mood, are using everything that they own longer than

was their custom before the depression. In the earlier period of prosperity, the American people did not wait until the last possible bit of use had been extracted from every commodity.

They replaced old articles with new for reasons of fashion and up-to-dateness.

They gave up old homes and old automobiles long before they were worn out, merely because they were obsolete. All business, transportation, and labor had

adjusted themselves to the prevailing habits of the American people. Perhaps, prior to the panic, people were too extravagant; if so, they have now gone to the other extreme and have become retrenchment-mad."

London continues on, proclaiming that the solution to the post-war economy is making products disposable, forcing consumers to buy more. Not only does he emphasize relinquishing your old goods to the government, but his system demands a tax on those who retain their old products.

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tions, and Elsas have all the same pitfalls and privacy concerns that activists bring up about FLOCK Safety.

Elsag is a division of Leonardo Helicopters, a weapons manufacturer, which also manufactures cameras that are specifically designed for international border crossings.

Project NOLA is more focused on facial recognition and crime cameras, but in New Orleans, where most of their network is, the police are no longer allowed access to their data amid growing privacy and constitutional concerns.

These tech companies and police departments that use them are quick to point to cases where the cameras were pivotal.

FLOCK Safety also puts out pay-to-play quasi-scientific studies that don't seem to stand up to scrutiny.

Data shows that during 2019, just 26 ALPRs operated by the GJPD scanned 4,860,761 license plates and had less than 100 "hits" for all of 2019.

"Local law enforcement's partnership with ICE via these databases normalizes unchecked surveillance, disproportionately harming marginalized communities first while ultimately threatening everyone's rights. When police can retroactively reconstruct 30 days of any person's movements without oversight, it puts us all in danger. To protect both immigrant families and the freedoms of every Coloradan, we must dismantle this surveillance system," said Orona.

"There are no state guidelines for the use/deployment of ALPRs," said Lawrence Pacheco with the Colorado Attorney

General's Office. "The use of ALPRs is a local government issue."

The deployment of ALPRs without severely restricting the sharing features leaves agencies open to violations, often inadvertently, of Colorado state law which

prohibits the sharing of Personally Identifying Information (PII) for the purposes of immigration enforcement.

Without guidance from the Attorney General's office, local law enforcement agencies are left to navigate the technical, ethical, and legal implications of

these rapidly evolving technologies on their own, creating a patchwork of procedures and permissions that can be exploited by HSI and ICE to gain access to data they, under Colorado law, should not be accessing.

We need to secure and watchdog local law enforcement's use of these systems, remove them where possible, and demand investigations into the widespread cooperation by local law enforcement in western Colorado with immigration enforcement.

The online version of this article has links, videos, and documents used in this investigation.

Additionally a Spanish version of this article is available on our website: <https://therevolutionistgj.org>

Jacob Richards went on a deeper dive on these issues on a podcast with KWSI Radio.

<https://youtu.be/4T5X-ssZ0eM?>



Photo by Firefox.

The Put Out

By Cheese Burger

Part One: Hubris.

Wind gusts at 70 mph in my hair as a mirror flies by my face. That chicken fucker just tried to kill me. Chicken fuckers are happy to drive a hippie over in Delta if they're pissed off about their shit job in the morning, whereas at night, they just want a Banquet and choke the Colonel's chicken.

Living reduced to survival isn't real life.



Turnstiles at Homeward Bound. Photo by Firefox.

I was cowboy camping in Rattlesnake Gulch, full moon silhouetted off the canyon walls, dehydrated urine breaks, hoping I wasn't having heat stroke. My hitch-hiking skills flaccid, three years of domicile living made me soft and stupid. Perhaps a narcissistic pride. I tried to walk out of Delta.

"Notice, 'correctional facility', do not pick up hitchhikers". Twas Fuckersville.

It's time to go back for the Bustang at Fort Uncompahgre. Twenty-five miles walking in less than twenty-four hours with a mid-eighties ski pack blows.

Hitchhiking is easier when you're young, or when it's not Burger-land's apocalypse, or you're not in a fetid alley of methed out nazi's.

I arrived in Delta the day before via All Points Transit. The Methodists in

Montrose have curtailed services, but a free ticket to Delta is available. The houseless live in the grass, dispersed camping, survivalism away from the police.

No home quickly becomes no city.

Arriving in G.J., a Yosemite Sam character barks an indiscernible noise at me. "My name is Bob," more likely "Get a job." I looked pretty clean-cut but having a sleeping bag and water jug made Bob's eyes pop out of their sockets and explode.

Part Two: Ate.

Low on sleep and money I found "Homeward Bound."

I love the mid-90s talking dog and cat film, and I remembered that in San Francisco, there was a similarly named free bus ticket.

This was different. Two case managers swamped in 100-degree-ecocide sweltered bodies. "A month," the smarmy front desk kid I was trading passive aggressive barbs with said.

I asked for the lowdown from an employee who looked like what you'd expect to be running an Arby's east of Denver. "Sure, I'll see you in twenty minutes". Stonewalled.

Ken Kesey memories hit, and I see nurse Ratchet. The inmates ran the detention center. Under Ratchet's work-house model, free homeless labor "volunteered"

What is Planned Obsolescence?



By Pluto Brabaek

By definition, planned obsolescence is the practice of making an item (such as a car or phone) disposable. Large manufacturers affirm that a product has a mechanism designed to fail. In some cases, commodities are created to make fixing them difficult or in some outright impossible. If you can't fix a product, you are forced to replace it with the "newer" seemingly updated and more expensive version of the original.

Companies found that products made for longevity are bad for profits. If a high demand product meets the bare minimum standards of consumers and fails after a short amount of time, the market can be saturated while still meeting the agreed level of performance.

Take this example: in 1895, lightbulbs had an average life of 1,500 hours. By 1924, the average lightbulb could last upwards of 2,500 hours. This is consistent with trends in technological development during that time. Soon, though, something changed.

Corporations acknowledged that technological advancements made sales drop in frequency. Lightbulbs lasted long enough for profits to no longer reach their predetermined benchmark.

Unsatisfied and hungry for more, General Electric, Associated Electrical Industries, Tungsram, and many others collaborated in Geneva to create the Phoebus Cartel. From 1925 to 1939, the cartel controlled the lifespan of lightbulbs, decreasing performance to 1000 hours. Their market flourished due to the cartel's lightbulbs burning brighter, evidently causing a shorter life. This goes hand in hand with the pressure from society to follow the latest trend, the thirst for the newest thing to fit in and be accepted, where the illusion of happiness and worth is directly relying on your ability to consume more.

Another great example of this longing for in-vogue products can be found with Ford's Model T. Ford thrived in the automotive industry for many reasons, one

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for benefits, privileges, and the provisioning of good behavior which gets you out early.

A panopticon running on renewable homeless power, spritzed with a Stanford prison experiment lemon zest. A Marquis de Sade play of asylum seekers re-enacting the assassination of Marat. References fail; everything is becoming a concentration camp.

You'll get air conditioning, but you have to register with the Kapos. Sadistic delight accompanied any infraction.

"You're a dirty dog, and we're going to put you out". Out to pasture. Out to the curb. Say yes to chores, because there's no no. Let the pigs eat you alive. Full frontal lobotomy. Holy Buddha Cannabis is still a drug. Swiss army knife with beloved tweezers a weapon. I hid everything nearby.

The waiting room was a tented enclosure where I noticed several Montrosians. An elder who would read and sleep on his favorite sun chair in the public library, now sat with glassy eyed catatonia.

Part Three: Nemesis.

Ratchet wanted a McMurphy game. Ears assailed by pedestrian pep talk; I walk around as names are called. Having just completed intake, I wasn't on the list. Ratchet asked eventually, so I spelled it out. I saw Ratchet fucking it up, and I wanted the bastard to know I saw it.

After shower and religious T.V snack time, they assign mats. Before mat time was called, I had tried to fix the sheets that were on the mat with my name. Ratchet and Co gave me the smallest, which was next to multiple unused full-sizers. After seeing me trying to fix it before fixing time, I heard a simulated laugh, "You have to wait for mat time before you put your sheets on the mat."

Serialized false consciousness.

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I re-emphasized that I was staying one night and would be gone tomorrow. I think that only further angered them.

Immediate survival affected a given apathy. Defeat. Conformity. Behavioralist conditioning. Generalized narcissism. Trapped in Disneyland. Chain smoking poor killers, Soda pop mega gulps, white boxes, slop with extra slop, spectator alienated in cell phone images, sweaty tattoos, coughing death lungs, garbage bag suitcase, farts, psychotic mumbles, crotch smell, hostility, condescension, adaptive cynicism.

Business as usual. The put out.

God bless Ronald Reagan, and the new meat bag assembly line reincarnation.

I'm privileged, but it's going fast. Everything is for sale, it all must go. The copper wire is being ripped out and sold for baby buster biocide bombs.

I left the next morning.

Three years ago, my lady friend picked me up at this greyhound station. Fortuitous timing, as I waited for my bus to Denver at this same stop, serendipity called and we made up.

If love has any existence beyond capital today, it's the real movement of abolishing this current order.

I day-drunk at a local bar, watching a "homeward bound" advert on the T.V. The commercial ends with a forlorn paternalist walking to kitsch violin music, and the words "I don't believe in throw-away people".

Survival is getting old. Does it age faster than our superfluousness?

We have to wage our lives on our terms lest the system consume us. Today's spectacle of oblivion makes this obvious.

Wherever the will to destroy capitalism is strongest—is home—everything else is fast becoming a desert.



Over 100 citizens have been trained and are out in the community gathering signatures.

Photo courtesy of Recall Scott Mijares.

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they are 55% of the way to their goal in the first two weeks of gathering signatures, and that they are on the fourth printing of the petitions. By statute they must gather signatures constituting 25% of the total votes cast for a candidate in the previous election. Using Scotty's declaration that he received 18,000 votes, the committee needs to gather 4,500 signatures. Circulators have been active, and the committee has presences at all public events. More information on the committee's efforts can be found at recall-scottmijares.com, including calendars of places and times to sign.

Scotty is not taking the challenge to his "mandate" well. At a public event, he was seen confronting one of the circulators and haranguing people trying to sign. At the July 17, 2025 commissioner's meeting, he began defending himself against the allegations in the recall petition during public comment time. When fellow commissioner Sue Hansen tried to speak up, saying "It's not appropriate to talk about a recall in the county meeting,"

Mijares, the body's chairman, began tapping his gavel. "We have rules," Hansen said as Mijares declared her out of order. Hansen turned to the county attorney for a ruling. Despite the county attorney's caution that the item had not been noticed, Scotty's tantrum continued, where he blamed everyone but himself for the current situation, ironically not seeing that he was demonstrating the behavior that brought this all about.

While the video of the meeting is being widely shared as an example of Mijares' tantrum-like behavior, to me, as someone who started out as a public defender/criminal lawyer, it shows something far more sinister. This is a man who does not believe he has to conform to any rule or moral imperative. Who, in fact, is willing to use his public position to his own benefit, using the rules not for the purpose intended but to restate his unsupported position.

For more information on this issue be sure to visit recallscottmijares.com.

GRAND VALLEY ZINE CLUB: CHAOS ART AND COMMUNITY-BUILDING

By Heather L. Nicholson

Zines (short for magazines) are self-published mini-books and are distributed on a small scale," states the public Facebook page for Grand Valley Zine Club. "Come and make some with us (and even learn how)!" Read the "Get Involved" section of this article to find out more about joining the club.

HISTORY

In November of 2024, I got a tattoo from local artist Savannah Ashmore (SavannahAshmoreArt.com), and we started talking about zines. I'd made a few of my own over the last few years, and she had, too. When I ventured the idea of starting a zine club together, she immediately jumped at the idea.

The following month, we hosted our first meeting. Three other people showed up with pages to contribute. The theme for Issue #1 was Winter Solstice, and some of the art followed the prompt more closely than others,

but mostly we were just happy to hang out, share art, and go home with our own copies of the zine.

CHAOS ART

Since then, we have collaborated on three more zines made every other month, and we have met on the alternate months to hang out and make stuff. "When we set up, all we bring are stacks of magazines, scissors, glue sticks and printer paper," says Savannah. "This really encourages a space to make mistakes and make ugly art, and that is just as important in art making as the masterpieces." I call it chaos art. It doesn't matter what it is or how it turns out: just slap stuff on a page, and if you're having a good time doing it, that's all that counts!

Zine Club member Jenna says,

"It's very come as you are... I find it to be engaging for my art, and challenging to work with prompts." We choose a theme for each collaborative zine. However, you're welcome to submit pages that have nothing to do with the theme; we won't turn you away! We welcome all kinds of art from all artists, even people who don't think they're artistic. Again: chaos art! Just have fun with it.

COMMUNITY

It's not only about the art, though. We're building community while we build zines. "I felt welcomed and comfortable the moment I came to my first meeting,"

says member Chelsie. Savannah adds, "I really think the community benefits from any free activity that helps them be creative in any capacity."

Yes, it's a creative outlet for members, but it's also a place to meet people and spend time getting to know other artists. Member Jess calls Grand Valley Zine Club "more than community but... a network and an out-

let." Jess runs Queer Junction, a local organization that hosts and promotes events around the Grand Valley for anyone who identifies as queer. Message the Queer Junction page on Instagram for more information.

GVZC and Queer Junction teamed up at the start of Pride Month this past June for a zine workshop. We reconvened a couple of weeks later to put together a collaborative zine on the theme of Queer Artists, and it became a fundraiser: a suggested donation of \$5 would benefit both Queer Junction and Grand Valley Zine Club. "The way that the community came together in so many different ways to highlight queerness and diversity in both art and internally with themselves was amazing," says Jess.

After successful "sales" at a couple of local Pride Month events, Queer Junction has some cash to spend, and Zine Club finally bought enough scissors and glue sticks to go around at club meetings! Jess said Zine Club "did such a wonderful job welcoming the collaboration" and expressed their thanks that GVZC was "willing to use the money to fundraise for QJ... It really shows how (GVZC is) impactful to the community and wants to continue to show up and get involved."

GET INVOLVED

If you'd like to join the Grand Valley Zine Club, start by following us on

Facebook or Instagram. We always meet on a Sunday from 4:00-6:00, but the location changes, and the date is not consistent at this time. Checking our socials is the best way to learn about upcoming events.

August's meeting will be on the **17th from 3:00pm-5:00pm, at Copeka Coffee**. This meeting will solely be for making whatever you want to make. You can start your pages for the September Interactive collaborative zine, work on your own individual zine or zine pages, or just hang out. There will be collage supplies along with pens, pencils, and paper, but you can also bring your own stuff to work with.

Sometimes, it's easier to work on pages at home, away from the chatter of other members. (Common topics include books, baking, bitching about work, books, movies, local events, and books.) If that's the case, here's how to make your own pages for collaborative zines:

ZINE PAGE SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

-The zine will consist of letter-sized (8.5"x11") printer paper.

-Fold it in half for four zine pages: front, inside left, inside right, and back.

-Create anything you want on

YOUR four pages; due to varying pagination as zines are created (stacked and stapled), your four pages may not appear in order.

-Make 20 copies, front and back, to bring to the zine party. **If you need help with printing, including a place to print, email Savannah at Savannahashmoreart@gmail.com

-At the event, you pick up one page from each participant, fold and staple your zine, and take it home!

-Questions? Email Heather at grayscalerrainbowzine@gmail.com

We also sometimes bring zines to

trade. Many members have quite a collection already. GVZC co-founder Savannah says, "I love looking through them when I need a boost of creativity or inspiration!" If you don't have any zines to trade, most members are happy to just give you some. We make art so other people can

see it, after all!

Would you like to host a zine workshop for your group or club? Contact Savannah or me (Heather) at the emails above or through a DM to the GVZC pages on Facebook or Instagram, and we can bring our expertise to your place. You can contact us if you'd like copies of previous issues, or you could talk to your local indie booksellers about contacting us to add a stack to their shelves or counters.

In an increasingly digital world where AI seems to be taking over, zines are a tangible, comforting embodiment of personal artistic expression. "Zines help me collect, collaborate and connect with so many other artists. GVZC has been pivotal in connecting this community," says Savannah. We'd love to see you at an upcoming club meeting to build community and make some chaos art!

