

It's More than just 'Rumors'

Comedy ushers return of live theater to Kingfisher



CAST MEMBERS include: front row, from left, Shane Blackwell and Colton Young; middle row, Amy Duffy, Ulanda Tiller and Karisa Eaton; back row, Cayman Matson, Tyler Roman, Kelly Kopp, Nichole Goodson and Mike Brown.

After squeaking in its last production just before the growing pandemic called a halt to live theater, Kingfisher Creative Inc. is coming out of quarantine this week with its latest comedic offering.

'Rumors,' Neal Simon's 1988 comedic farse about a dinner party that's gone topsy turvy, will be presented at 7 p.m. July 30 and 31 and Aug. 6 and 7 at Kingfisher Heritage School auditorium.

Co-directed by Val Snow and Tyler Mueggenborg, 'Rumors' features four couples arriving for the 10th anniversary celebration party for New York's deputy mayor and his wife, only to find the mayor wounded in bed and the wife missing.

The cast includes veterans of Kingfisher community theater, along with some newcomers: Mike Brown as Ken Gorman, Nichole Goodson as Chris Gorman, Ulanda Tiller as Claire Ganz, Kelly Kopp as Lenny Ganz, Cayman Matson as Ernie Cusack, Karisa Eaton as Cookie Cusack, Tyler Roman as Glen Cooper, Amy Duffy as Cassie Cooper, Colton Young as Officer Welch and Shane Blackwell as Officer Pudney.

The play is the eighth production for Kingfisher Creative. Its last endeavor was "Murder at the Pie Auction," presented as dinner theater in March 2020.

"We're so excited to be back with another production and grateful we're back to a place where we can safely enjoy live entertainment again," Snow said.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online at <https://kcrumors.eventbrite.com>.



Damien Lodes

TV weather guy Damien Lodes to read at final Lantern event

A TV meteorologist who was born in Kingfisher will be the featured reader at the final Summer Lantern of 2021.

Damien Lodes, a meteorologist at KFOR-TV in Oklahoma City, will read to students and their families on the front lawn of Gilmour Elementary school at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 27.

"The goal of this program is to improve students' reading skills through a continuous flow of instruction from regular school to summer school back to regular school in the fall by keeping Gilmour's lights on all summer," said Lesley Redwine, Gilmour's library media specialist, at the beginning of the summer.

The theme this summer has been "Every One is the Hero of Their Own Story."

Although he grew up in Oklahoma City, Lodes' roots started in Kingfisher.

After moving, he graduated from Southeast High School and served in the United States Marine Corps for five years.

He then graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor's [See Lantern, Page 2]

Taking It to the Streets

New law provides route for UTVs to be 'street legal'

In accordance with a new state law, certain utility vehicles can be titled, tagged and driven on city streets and state highways.

Kingfisher Tag Agency owner Eric Barker said about 10-15 of the so-called "street legal utility vehicles" have been appropriately tagged and titled through his agency since the law took effect in May.

"The vehicles must be insured and will be treated like any other motor vehicle on the road, as long as they have the required equipment and are driven in accordance with state and local traffic laws," Kingfisher Police Chief David Catron said.

To qualify as "street-legal," a utility vehicle must have either bench or side-by-side seats with safety belts or shoulder harnesses for each occupant.

The vehicle must have four wheels on the ground and a combustion engine with a piston or rotor displacement of 400 cubic centimeters or greater and be capable of maintaining speeds of at least 45 miles per hour.

To be street legal, utility vehicles also must meet the same equipment requirements as [See Street Legal, Page 2]



KINGFISHER POLICE Department shared this photo on Facebook of a utility vehicle that could be driven on city streets and county and state roads and highways by a licensed driver if it is appropriately tagged and titled under a new state law. Eric Barker at Kingfisher Tag Agency estimates his business has tagged and titled between 10 and 15 such vehicles since the law took effect this spring. To qualify as a motor vehicle under the new law, the UTVs must have head, tail and brake lights, street legal tires, seat belts for all occupants and other equipment.

Volunteers sought for state study

Kingfisher Community Collaborative is recruiting volunteers to participate in a two-week, smartphone-based research study to identify how, why and in what contexts rural Oklahomans use tobacco or other substances.

Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the study is being conducted by Dr. Julia McQuoid, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center assistant professor.

Qualified study volunteers can earn up to \$166 for their participation.

The goal of the study is to gain an understanding of rural cancer risk-related substance use behaviors by combining smartphone data collection with qualitative mapping.

Participants must be 18 or older, use at least one tobacco product at least three times per week and use at least one non-tobacco substance (alcohol, cannabis, opioid or other drug) at least three times per week.

Volunteers who don't already own a smartphone will be loaned one to use for the 14-day study period.

Prospective volunteers can visit this link: <https://redcap.link/Rural-OK-OUHSC> to complete a brief screening questionnaire to determine their eligibility.

Once eligible, each volunteer will download an app and complete twice-daily questionnaires that take about five to 10 minutes each.

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KHS STUDENTS ATTEND SWOSU 66th BAND CAMP

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's 66th annual band camp recently attracted nearly 500 students from three states to the Weatherford campus for Oklahoma's oldest and longest-running band camp. Camp director Marc Mueller said the students auditioned for placement in concert bands and participated in rehearsals as well as a variety of recreational activities. The six-day camp ended with a final concert featuring all of the bands. Among the students attending the camp from Kingfisher were: front row, from left, Emily Thomas, Destiny Buckner, Syra Littlehawk and Landon Eaton; middle row, Sara Farris, Adah Anderman, Centhany Vannoy, Erica Jenkins-Farris and David Owens; back row, Clayton Weinmeister, Livia Varnell, Zoe Yandell, Andrew Osborn and Slade Snow.



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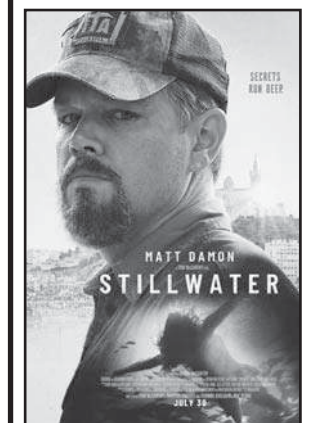
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Kingfisher Police Department responds to recent reports

The Kingfisher Police Department has investigated or responded to the following reports:

June 27 - Domestic abuse assault and battery. Officer Tyler Girten took a report of an assault in the 600 block of West Bowman Avenue.

July 8 - Cruelty to animals. Officer Tyler Girten responded to a report of a dog locked in a car at the Holiday Inn Express, 1700 South Main St.

Girten said in his report that he observed a dog in the passenger seat of a black Pontiac G6 in the parking lot.

According to the report, Girten made contact over the phone with the dog's owner and the 22-year-old male stated that he had left the dog in the vehicle while attending a funeral in another town, but was delayed in returning due to car trouble.

Girten determined that the dog had been in the vehicle for over 24 hours without food and water while the temperature had reached over 90 degrees outside, according to the report.

Officers took photos of the dog and it was taken into custody and placed in the Kingfisher animal shelter, the report said.

Girten said in his report

the owner returned to claim his dog at a later time and was informed that the dog could not be released into his custody due to possible pending charges of cruelty to animals.

Sgt. Charles Trout assisted with the investigation.

July 9 - Public intoxication. Officer Christopher McDaniel responded to a report of an individual attempting to gain access to an outbuilding at a residence in the 300 block of South Fifth Street.

McDaniel said in his report that when he arrived the suspect had left the residence, but he located an individual matching the description on the corner of Fifth Street and Wyatt Avenue.

According to the report, the suspect exhibited signs of intoxication and was placed under arrest for public intoxication and transported to the Kingfisher County Criminal Justice Center.

The suspect was then transported to the Mercy Hospital Kingfisher, where he received medical clearance for incarceration and was returned to the Kingfisher County Criminal Justice Center, the report said.

Officer Matthew Hollon assisted with the investigation.

Street Legal

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other motor vehicles, including a windshield, functioning head and tail lights, brake lights, hazard lights, license plate lights and rear reflectors, and street-safe tires of sufficient tread.

Like other motor vehicles, street legal utility vehicles will display a license plate with a current year's registration decal.

Drivers of vehicles tagged as street legal must be 16 years of age or older and have a valid driver's license. No special endorsement is required.

The law specifically excludes tractors and does not permit the vehicles to operate on interstate or federal highways.

Catron reminds local residents that the restriction also includes U.S. 81, a federal highway, both inside and outside city limits.

The law provides an exception for crossing the highway, but during daylight hours only.

Catron said utility vehicles are not allowed to use their floodlights and must comply with city noise ordinances.

Volunteers

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At the end of the 14-day period, each participant will be interviewed in person or over video chat to discuss his or her experiences.

All data collected during the study can be accessed by study personnel only and will be kept strictly confidential.

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degree in meteorology with minors in broadcast journalism and political science.

He worked in the Midland, Texas, and Lawrence, Kan., markets before joining KFOR in 2016.

Families are encouraged to bring their blankets and/or lawn chairs to listen to Lodes read.

Lodes will also be in one of the "4Warn Storm Team's" weather chaser vehicles.

"Everyone will be able to see it and visit with and ask Damien questions," Redwine said.

There will also be a limited number of back-to-school backpacks given away Tuesday night as well as other prizes and popsicles.

"Parents and children of all ages are welcome," Redwine said.

"We hope everyone can come out for a night of fun-filled reading."



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Certain types of asthma drugs, known as β_2 -agonists, can boost sprint and strength performance in athletes who don't have the respiratory condition, finds a review and pooled data analysis of the available evidence, published online in *The British Journal of Sports Medicine*. The performance-enhancing qualities of β_2 -agonists seem to be greater when taken by mouth rather than when inhaled, the findings indicate.

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Third Grade



Elexa De Alba
Third Grade

The Times & Free Press in the next several editions is publishing Students of the Month for Heritage Elementary School for the 2020-21 school year. Listed in this edition are the students who were honored in January 2021.



Nathalia Cuellar
Third Grade



Camila Jimenez
Fourth Grade



Kamryn Salcedo
Fourth Grade



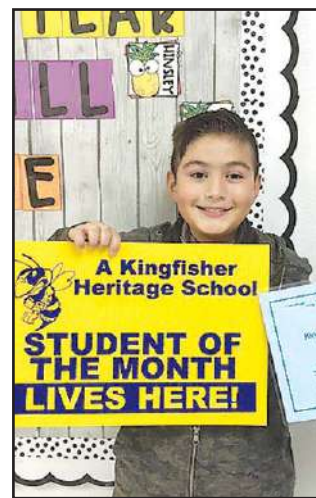
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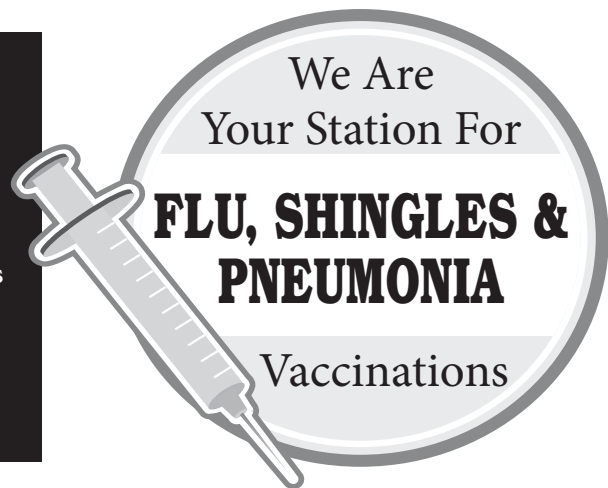
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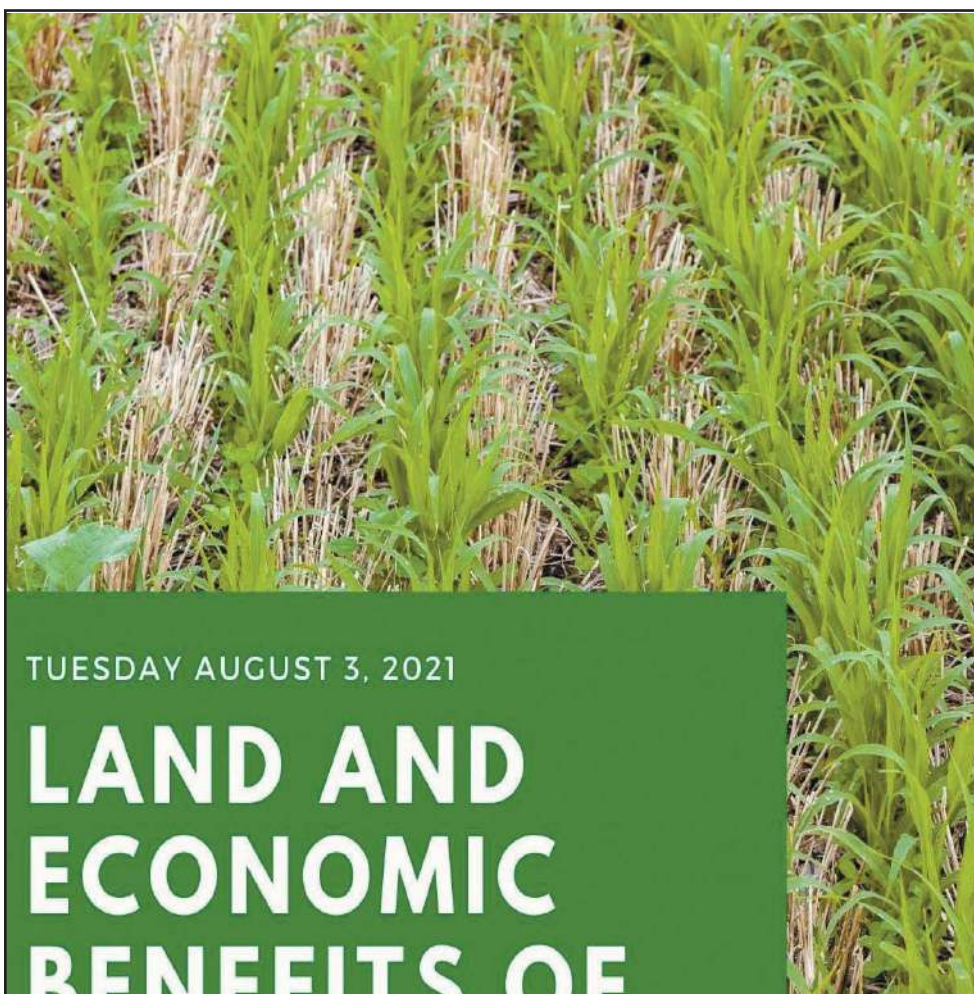
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TIMES & FREE PRESS EDITORIAL AND COMMENTARY

VIEW from behind the plow (A column of opinion by Gary Reid, Publisher Emeritus)

Writer claims Trump voters 'Christ crucifiers'

We read an article in Liberty magazine by a fellow named Ed Guthero who criticized all voters for President Trump as Christ crucifiers.

The article was entitled "Crucified Twice." The gist of the column was this: No real Christian could vote for President Trump and that Trump's decision to continue to challenge how the 2020 election was handled is an attack on democracy.

The guy is obviously a victim of Trump Derangement Syndrome, possibly caused by getting his information through major news media, which have abandoned any effort to provide straight, unbiased news but, rather, have fallen into lockstep with the anti-American, pro-One World government policies of the leftist elite now in charge of the Democratic Party.

Wayne Grudgen, professor of theology and biblical studies at Phoenix Seminary, in Arizona, had a dandy response to the Guthero remarks even before Guthero got on his "high horse."

Grudgen wrote an article in a publication prior to the 2020 election that read as follows:

Over 80% of evangelical voters supported Donald Trump not because they liked him as a person but because they favored most or all of these policies:

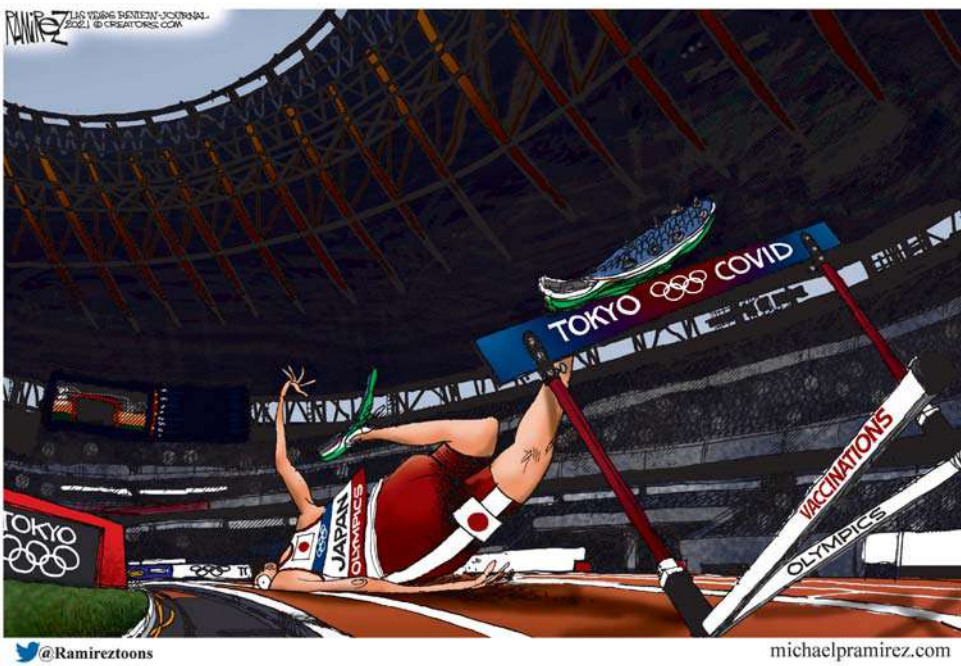
- originalist judges,
- pro-life policies,
- a stronger military,
- a free-market economic system,
- lower taxes,
- fewer government regulations,
- strong support for Israel,
- clearheaded recognition of the economic, military, and information threat of China
- a high value placed on human freedom,
- personal accountability for committing crimes,
- good jobs and school choice as the best way to help the poor,
- a strong border wall and a secure border, followed by a comprehensive reform of our immigration system,
- careful extraction and clean use of carbon-based fuels (coal, oil, natural gas),
- freedom of conscience (government should not force Christians to use their artistic skills to convey a message of approval of same-sex marriage or to use their medical skills to perform an abortion, or to use their pharmacies as the distribution point for drugs that cause abortion),
- racial inequalities in income and quality of education should primarily be solved by
- greater availability of tax-supported school choice in low-income neighborhoods,
- economic growth resulting in more and better jobs, and
- an increase in safety through an increase in police presence in high crime neighborhoods
-medical marijuana should be allowed (with a prescription from a doctor) but recreational marijuana should be prohibited, and
- restrooms, locker rooms, and single-gender sports teams should be restricted to people of one biological sex or the other.

The Other Side

On the other hand, I fail to see how an evangelical Christian who believes in the moral values of the Bible could support the increasingly far-left Democratic Party. How could Christians in good conscience support a party that promotes laws and policies that:

- allow abortion up to the moment of birth,
- authorize the use of our tax money to pay for abortions and gender reassignment surgery,
- cripple our economy with ever-increasing government control and taxes,
- further cripple the economy with expensive Green New Deal energy regulations,
- increase unemployment,
- weaken our military in the face of increased aggressiveness by China,
- promote a Jimmy Carter-like foreign policy of appeasement,
- abandon Israel to fend for itself,
- nullify the Senate filibuster rule (both Obama and Biden have recently spoken about this) so that all legislation can be passed with only 50 senators plus the vice president casting the tie-breaking vote,
- support the rising influence of judges who are not constrained by the original meaning of the words of the Constitution or of the laws, perhaps even adding six additional seats to the Supreme Court in order to be able to give the court a new 10-5 majority of such justices (this could be done with control of both the House, the Senate, and the presidency)
- grant statehood to both Washington DC and Puerto Rico, thus adding four more Democrats to the U.S. Senate (I have heard three US senators already predict that the Democrats would do this if they had the votes)
- support draconian laws that compel an artistic professional or a professional counselor to affirm the validity of same-sex marriage even when that is contrary to the professional person's conscience,- reinstate the Obama-

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Analysis: Why America is losing to Marxist Democrats in two sentences

If We Continue To Fight, And Fight Correctly The American People Will Win And This Will Remain The Freest Country On The Earth

Guest Post By Dr. Joel S. Holmes From The Lid blog

Here in two sentences (really), is how the Marxist Democrats defeat us and have pushed America half-way to hell.

Let us begin by making it clear that the warfare we discuss is not military. It does not involve violence. It is political, social, and economic warfare. All within the law and the rule of law. That is what we stand for.

Here are the two sentences that explain everything.

In the Art of War, by Sun Tzu, we find sentence number 1:

"All warfare is based on deception."

And dear readers, everything the Marxist Democrats do, and I mean everything, is based on deception. Everything is lies and smoke and mirrors.

Looking at our ways and means in the battle, we see that nothing we do is based on deception.

No matter what else happens, this is about enough to ensure that we lose and they win.

Sentence number 2 is as follows:

The Marxist Democrats plan in secret, attack by surprise, and destroy something important to us... by then it is almost too late to respond.

Take, for example, the nice coffee mug I have with an American flag printed

on the side. I like it very much. So I make efforts to keep it in one piece. That it does not fall off the table, for example.

Now let's compare that to what happens if it accidentally is knocked off the table and broken into pieces.

Once something is broken, it is very, very hard to repair it. Particularly when compared to what is needed to keep it safe in the first place.

Thus, in dealing with the Marxist Democrats, who successfully Pearl Harbor us at every turn, we are faced with the prospect of repairing the broken. Which is much more difficult than by defense keeping things safe in the first place.

These two sentences describe why we have been losing for a long time, and now at a very rapid pace, our losses mount as the Marxists in the federal government break more things every day.

We face a flood of broken things which are important to us. Such as safe and secure borders, law and order, freedom of speech, medical freedom, the right to bear arms, a society without racism... we are losing them all.

How then to turn things around?

First, we must learn quickly how to use deception. And do so.

This does not mean telling the communist-type big lies that they do. But it does mean taking them by surprise, confusing them, demoralizing them, even when we are weak and at a disadvantage.

Some of the ideas of Sun Tzu show the way to effective deception, which are effective but are not the pathogenic types of big lies of the Marxist Democrats. Here is what Sun Tzu recommends:

Appear weak when you are strong, and strong when you are weak.

All warfare is based on deception. Hence, when we are able to attack, we must seem unable; when using our forces, we must appear inactive; when we are near, we must make the enemy believe we are far away; when far away, we must make him believe we are near.

If your enemy is secure at all points, be prepared for him. If he is in superior strength, evade him. If your opponent is temperamental, seek to irritate him. Pretend to be weak, that he may grow arrogant. If he is taking his ease, give him no rest. If his forces are united, separate them. If sovereign and subject are in accord, put division between them. Attack him where he is unprepared, appear where you are not expected.

First steps Theory is the foundation, then the actions based on it are the victory.

As an example of specific first steps today in repelling the onslaught against freedom by tyrannical Marxists Democrats... we have the parent revolution against school boards teaching racial hatred and division of Critical Race Theory. Best to sharpen the objectives. For example that the school boards pushing this Marxist doctrine will resign. Or if

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Down At Dirty Harry's (Best Of)

I am often asked where I get my material to write about. Basically, writers have three options. They can invent a story, which requires a fertile imagination, or they can share their interesting life experiences.

But if I relied on this method my career would be over in two paragraphs. My favorite system is the third option, to hang around more interesting people and tell their stories. I prefer this method because I can gather the material without being bucked off, dirty or embarrassed.

The secret then to being a good writer is in collecting an interesting array of sources. Like my mechanic, Dirty Harry. I do almost all of the maintenance on my old truck, which explains why I have a radio that shuts off when you turn on the wipers and an engine that leaks more oil than the Exxon Valdez did. But once every two years I am forced by the state to get my truck "smog checked." For this I require the services of Dirty Harry. He only charges \$49 for the smog certificate but I never seem to get out of his shop for under \$500. That's because he finds a plethora of other problems that must be fixed. Leading me to believe that the smog laws were passed by legislators who were coerced by mechanics who threatened... "Pass this smog law and make us rich or you'll have to change your own oil."

Dirty Harry's Garage is a fountainhead of interesting material. Harry has thumb-

tacked a collection of weird press clippings on a bulletin board. As an example, the story titled, "Man Hung by

It's the Pitts

By Lee Pitts

Chevy" tells of a businessman who decided to check a heater hose while his car was still running. His long tie got caught in the fan belt and well...you get the picture. The lesson Dirty Harry wants to impart with his bulletin board is that you should never work on your own vehicle and if you do insist on playing amateur mechanic wear a bow tie or turn off the engine first!

Another clipping on Dirty Harry's bulletinboard came from the Kalamazoo Gazette. The yellowed and oil stained clipping dated 1995 told of an intellectual giant of a man named James Burn. According to the author James owned a "farm truck," the implication being that anyone who owns such a vehicle is not running on all cylinders. It seems that James was bothered by a loud noise, even when his wife was not in the truck. So, the 34 year old resident of Alamo, Michigan, convinced a "friend" to drive his truck while James hung underneath to ascertain where the noise was originating. Of course, James never heard the noise ever again.

Another reason not to work on your own truck

was graphically illustrated by a 1996 story from the Arkansas Democrat Gazette. It related the plight of two more Jeopardy Game Show rejects who were injured when their truck crashed near Cotton Patch, Arkansas. According to the clipping on Dirty Harry's board, Thurston Poole and Billy Ray Wallis were going home after a frog giggering trip when the headlights on their truck quit. Because they had always done their own maintenance the men were very creative in fixing the problem. They quickly deduced that a fuse had blown and not having a spare, Billy Rae placed a .22 caliber bullet in the fuse box next to the steering column. (Being skeptical, I tried it on mine and it does fit.)

The shell completed the circuit and the headlights were as bright as the two men's spirits until the shell exploded. Apparently, the shell overheated, discharged and struck Thurston right in the... let's just say, if Los Angeles was Thurston's head and his feet were New York City, Thurston got shot in Omaha. The vehicle swerved to the right, struck a tree and Thurston will not be siring any more children. Upon hearing of the accident, the first question out of Poole's wife was, "How many frogs did they get?"

See what I mean about stealing other's stories? I could never make that up. www.LeePittsbooks.com

DENNIS PRAGER:

You have a right to be transgender; You don't have a right to expose yourself to women.

How many examples could one give to show what a sick world left-wing activists, the media and the Democrats - the left's political party - have wrought? The number is equal to the number of policies they advocate.

There is no more obvious example than their position on the display of genitalia in front of girls and women.

No issue - with the possible exceptions of defunding police departments as murders increase and biological men competing in women's sports - better reveals the moral and rational decline of an individual or institution. If anyone you care about defends a person's right to display their genitalia in front of a group of girls and women, my heart goes out to you. It is very painful to lose respect for a loved one.

Within the lifetime of even the youngest person reading this column, exposing the male organ to strangers, especially women and girls, was considered sick and criminal. Men who did it were arrested and charged with indecent exposure, and rightly so. In the span of a few years, thanks to the schools people still send their children to, and thanks to the media people still watch, listen to and read, exposing one's genitalia is to be considered wholesome and not only legal but a fundamental civil right.

A couple of weeks ago at a spa in Los Angeles, a biological man walked into a women's changing area completely naked. Needless to say, the girls and women were shocked to see this naked man, but thanks to progressive politicians in California, if a man says he is a woman, this individual can go to any place heretofore reserved to women.

Women's colleges, for example, must accept anyone who claims to be a woman. But to show how intellectually dishonest progressives and women's colleges are, if a female student at a women's college decides she is a man, she/he is allowed to remain a student there. Either they do not believe that a girl who transitions to a male is really a male or they no longer believe they are a women's college.

A Los Angeles Times editorial defending the right of the biological man to expose his genitalis to girls and women illustrates the intellectual and moral state of the left.

Take, for example, this sentence from the editorial:

"There is no doubt that Wi Spa did the right thing in defending the right of a transgender customer to be nude in the women's area, even though the sight of male-appearing genitalia discomfited at least one female customer, who complained at the front desk."

Note the Los Angeles Times' way of describing a male organ: "male-appearing genitalia," not "male genitalia."

Regarding the discomfort of any of the girls or women at the spa, the Times editorial simply dismissed it: "No one has an absolute right to feel comfortable all the time." However, that is not the position of the Los Angeles Times or the rest of the left regarding transgender people. The left emphatically insists that trans people have an absolute right to feel comfortable all the time.

But they don't. A man who identifies as a woman yet retains male genitalia may have a legal right, but not a moral right, to display those genitalia in front of women.

A man who identifies as a man and exposes himself to a woman, let alone to a group of women and girls, is deemed sick and arrested. But, according to the left, a man who says he is a woman and does the exact same thing with the exact

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