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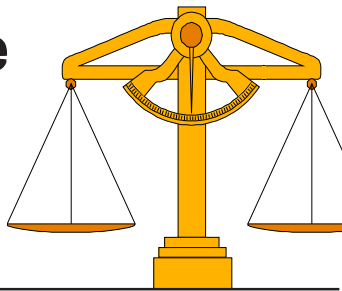
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The Ten Commandments *The bleat goes on*

What do you think the author would think about the silliness surrounding his words? Do you think He would like to smote someone? Would it be the mayor, Pat Collins, Pete Laybourn, Reed Eckhardt, all or none?

It is often time-consuming and tedious to actually read the documents being written about but Reed should now and then do so just for the hell of it. The recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling on matters concerning religious works on display on public property confused even most who read them - it obviously has confused all who have not.

As presented in the last issue of the Cheyenne Herald, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that monoliths such as the one which had resided for decades in Lions Park did not violate the Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution. One of the affirmative defenses used in the Texas case ruled upon would have provided the same cover for Cheyenne. And that was the monolith had stood in place for over 40 years and had never provoked legal challenge so it obviously was not religious in nature or was "passive" enough in its display so as to not offend atheists and agnostics or the ACLU.

Reed's continued anti-religion rants have even placed him as an ally with the person he singular despises most in local government - Pete Laybourn.

Reed is more anti-religion than he is anti-Pete, he now reveals. Do you suppose he, too, got whacked on the back of the hand too many times as a child?

On a radio appearance November 18, 2003, Jack Spiker and Patrick Collins defended their positions on the need to change the Ten Commandments from a stand alone monolith to one surrounded by others of a secular nature by averring that their city attorney Mike Basom had advised them so well on other matters. All of the defeats on illegal annexations approved by Basom had not been litigated at that date, I guess.

Casper's clustering their monolith with the Magna Carta, Declaration of Independence, etc., has not rid them of the Kansas faux preacher. He still insists he should be able to place a hate-filled message against Matthew Shepherd with them.

Reed's Saturday, September 22, 2007 column is further testament to his not reading any material before he types his words. He is, granted, an expert on residents indifference. The WT-E claims a circulation of over 15,000 but when they ask a question, four dozen or so readers respond. Does that mean that the other WT-E 14,950 subscribers don't care? He alleged that Patrick and Jack made no donations themselves to the cause. Jack did, in Karen's name - \$150.00 - and his mother also donated.

Murder in broad daylight

The unsolved murder of Jamie Kamai

There is increasing confidence that the murder of Jamie Kamai will be solved.

In cooperation with the Laramie County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) that is investigating the June 21, 2001 murder, I have agreed to withhold information that may complicate or compromise their investigation.

As the murder of Jamie Kamai passed its sixth anniversary without an arrest being made of the killer, a family member of Jamie's contacted the Cheyenne Herald and asked if I would be interested into looking into the matter. Incredulous that a murder could be committed on one of our busiest streets, near the intersection of So. Greeley Hwy. and College, south of the city, and remain unsolved for over six years, I thought the challenge worth taking.

I was provided print media reports about the murder and began to gather information. Because this is an ongoing investigation, I have not had access to all of the data in the possession of the LCSO. But I have been generated information that they did not have. I have provided what I could without compromising sources to the LCSO. I have also met with Laramie County Sheriff Danny Glick and Lt. Linda Gessell, lead investigator on the case, on a few occasions and have spoken on the phone with both at other times.

Both the Sheriff and Lt. Gessell have been cooperative and are eager to receive any information which has been given to me.

Based on several interviews I have done, I believe there is a principal person of interest in this case and I also believe the Sheriff's Office agrees with me - even though they follow-up on leads involving other potential suspects.

Short of a confession from the killer, it is likely circumstantial evidence will have to lead to charges being made and any subsequent conviction.

In the past sixty days, several bits of information have been provided to the Cheyenne Herald that do suggest that the person of interest is a reasonably strong suspect. Virtually everything I've been told has been relayed to the LCSO and they are diligently pursuing leads provided by me and through other channels.

Other agencies are now involved. Specific data is being sought and searches are being conducted in pursuit of evidence. Records available to law enforcement are being reviewed to tie together pieces of the puzzle.

Some people who may have information about the murder or the person of interest (or other suspects) are being interviewed or interviewed again.

On the chance that the murder was the result of mistaken identity, leads in that direction are being followed. A person who might have information about that possibility has been interviewed in prison.

Sheriff Danny Glick and Lt. Linda Gessell are open to all possibilities and take each tip, story and lead seriously. This unsolved murder - any unsolved murder - is more than an irritant to the LCSO. It is an embarrassment. They have pursued unconventional crime-solving in search of the one piece of the puzzle, or several pieces, which will lead to an arrest and successful prosecution of this murder.

With the renewed publicity provided by the Cheyenne Herald, it was to be expected that illegitimate witnesses would come forward. One did. But the LCSO treated him as though he could be helpful and prepared photo line-ups for him to view. Six years after the fact, the chaff must be taken with the wheat.

Information on this dastardly crime is still being sought. The details are as follows: On Thursday morning, June 21, 2001, at about 8:00 am, Jamie Kamai's off-gold (bronze) Chevrolet Cavalier with a severe slope to the glass rear window (hatchback) and a black pickup with what appeared to be primer spots on the passenger side drove fast and erratically down Central Avenue (So. Greeley Hwy.) and turned right (west) on College Avenue, beside what was then a Mini-Mart convenience store. It is now a Loaf 'n Jug.

Less than 100 feet on W. College Ave., Jamie Kamai stopped his car in the traffic lane and went back to the pickup. What he said or did is unknown. The driver of the pickup never left his vehicle but shot Jamie Kamai three times, including once in the back as Jamie presumably was trying to make his way back to his car. In the car was a young boy in the passenger's seat and an infant girl in a car seat in the back seat.

The description given by the best witness at the scene fits both the person of interest and a vehicle he owned at the time of the murder. There are specifics of the descriptions that I will not release here because further confirmation is still being sought and I don't want to prime the pump for anyone saying they saw what happened. The sketch printed in the Cheyenne Herald is not consistent with the description made the morning of the murder and the sketch was done a year after the event. The eyewitness description provided more specific information about clothing, piercings and type of facial hair that have not been reported.

Anyone with information about this murder can call Lt. Linda Gessell at the LCSO (633-4735) or Dave Featherly of the Cheyenne Herald (637-2879).