

IT'S OVER AND OTHER STUFF

It's Over!

It may be over, but it ain't finished! "It", of course, is the freezer replacement project that has been hanging over our heads for months. Since the intensive week of the actual changeover is past us, maybe we can look forward to next week without that cloud of uncertainty plaguing us for weeks. Ahhhh! What a relief.

Fortunately the project came off smoothly, due in large part to the preparations and smart thinking on the part of several of our staffers: Bob, Ken Klaus, Kathryn, Wilma, and others. And actually, I don't mean "fortunately", because that implies luck or good things happening at random. I mean that by the hand of God, things went smoothly, because we asked that His Spirit prevail throughout the process.

Yes, my own anxiety and dread were due to my failure to trust Him about it, which you'd think I would have learned to do better by this time in my life! I hope I grow in learning to trust God for everything, even things as mundane as freezers and other store projects! This store does belong to Him, directly and legally. Why would anything that happens here NOT be of interest to Him?

I hope He accepts my thanks in spite of my human weakness. And thanks to those who contributed so much to make it work out so well.

Coronavirus

I just listened to parts of President Trump's press conference on the coronavirus. He assures us that we Americans are at minimal risk and that our health agencies are on top of things, preparing for the worst but far from expecting it. I don't know what or who to believe about it. Do you?

From some of our trustworthy sources, we are told that it is a manmade virus, possibly from a bioweapons facility that is located in guess where? – Wuhan, China. Other trustworthy sources say it's being over-hyped by the fake news

media, which serves their purpose in taking down the U.S. economy, which is their best chance of defeating President Trump. This might have sounded unbelievable only a few short years ago, but after what we've witnessed of the shenanigans by the fake news media allied with the deep state America- and Trump-haters over the last three years, it is now totally believable.

The bind we find ourselves in is that the media has so completely dishonored themselves and their calling to be the sound eyes of our national culture that we no longer have a way to know what's really going on. Jesus said, "Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness. Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light." (Luke 11:34-36) We now live in a darkness, because the eyes of our culture, the media, are no longer sound. We should NOT take at face value what we see and hear from any media! We must find the best sources who prove themselves sound in heart and spirit, and get the truth from them.

The coronavirus seems scary, if for no other reason than the effect it is having on the entire world economy. What should affect us more than the coronavirus, however, is a different virus: the virus of rebellion, pride, self-determination, and self-indulgence that has dwelt in our souls since we were born.

That virus leads to spiritual death with only one remedy available to us. Our spiritual health is restored as soon as we surrender to our Father and commit our lives to Him, and we are inoculated against the virus that afflicts us. "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matthew 10:28)

Think about that. You may want a flu shot or a coronavirus vaccine when available, but of much greater importance to your eternal well-being is a shot of God's Holy Spirit when you com-

mit your life to Him!

Sheriff Floyd Tidwell

Last Wednesday morning I was greeted by the VV Daily Press headline "Former Sheriff Tidwell dies, 90." It not only shocked me but also opened up a flood of memories into my mind. Sheriff Tidwell lived in Reche Canyon (between Loma Linda and Grand Terrace) at the time God led us to buy the little store there, the Hitchin Post. So did a number of other sheriff and police personnel, which was a comfort to us.

The Tidwell house was only a short distance from the store, and the family members would come



Sheriff Tidwell and Ernie Gommel at the ground-breaking ceremony of this store.

into our little store from time to time. When Mr. Tidwell himself appeared, it was always a thrill to my innocent young heart. He was a man's man, a tough cop, the type who fits the role of hero. As were so many law enforcement types at the time, he was also a cowboy at heart, and he and his sons and others spent time roping cattle on horseback.

One day when Mr. Tidwell came in, there were a couple of nasty low-life types at the beverage box. I cannot remember what they were doing, but he turned tough cop immediately, and told "those pukes" to get the heck out of there. Whoa! I loved that!

Another time, knowing that I was in awe of him, he got a skunky look on his face, came around our checkout counter, hoisted himself to sit on it facing me, and swinging his legs, just grinned at me. I turned into a pool of melted jello. He got a kick out of that.

His mother, Peggy Tidwell, lived next door to the store in Reche Canyon Mobile Estates, and she

became good friends with us. Since the Tidwells spent some years out here on the northwest side of Lucerne Valley during Mr. Tidwell's youth, we made a point to take Peggy out to the old place to renew her memories.

I loved Mr. Tidwell, an old-school tough cop. May he rest in peace, God's peace, I hope.

Linda Gommel

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

From the Web.

SILLY STUFF

Q: Why were they called the Dark Ages? **A:** Because there were lots of knights.

Q: Why don't ants ever get sick? **A:** Because they have little anty bodies.

Q: What gets wetter the more it dries? **A:** A towel.

Q: Where do beef burgers go to dance? **A:** The meatball.

Q: Want to hear a roof joke? **A:** The first one's on the house.

Q: What did the left eye say to the right eye? **A:** Between you and me, something smells.

Q: What's the difference between a hippo and a Zippo? **A:** One is really heavy, and the other is a little lighter.

Q: Why are teddy bears never hungry? **A:** Because they're always stuffed.

Q: What building in New York has the most stories? **A:** The public library!

Q: What do you call two monkeys that share an Amazon account? **A:** Prime mates.

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& E-Waste Collection
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Behind LV Fire Station, 33269 Old Woman Springs Road. For info call 1-800-OILY CAT.

ON THE PORCHES

AT THE STORE

SAT, March 7, 8A-1P, CRAFT & BAKE SALE, by 1st Assembly of God.

- Lucerne Valley Market
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