

just focused on the premise that if you lower taxes, the economy will grow so fast that you will always get more revenue. This has been tried five times before, with zero success so far.

In other words, history has shown that if you lower taxes, you always end up with less revenue. Which is probably why when all U.S. economists were asked in 2012 if they believe in the Laffer Theory, 96 percent said no.

I would like to suggest a more pragmatic idea. If you lower taxes, cut spending by an equal amount. If the Laffer Theory actually works, then feel free to increase spending to match the increased revenue. Cutting taxes and hoping for an increase in revenue simply hasn't worked out in the past, and increasing our debt is not something I'm in favor of.

Kent Jarnig

Student denied chance to show solidarity

This morning at 10 my child tried to walk out of Palmer Ridge High School for 17 minutes to show solidarity and respect for the 17 lives lost in Parkland, Fla., one week ago. However, he was informed that he could not leave his classroom as the teacher thought he was "trying to ditch." His father and I are Air Force veterans. We each left our children for six months at a time to protect their Right to Bear Arms and, far more important, Freedom of Speech. I cannot imagine how PRHS, a bastion of excellent education and progressive thought and encourager of outstanding citizenship, would actively try to prevent students from rallying to support the MSD HS students whose friends and teachers were slaughtered last week.

Our family is not interested in taking away anyone's Second Amendment rights. We are interested

in ensuring our children feel safe at school every day. We teach our children to stand up for what they believe in, and accept the consequences (even the negative ones) that those actions may lead to. In the future, should either of my children choose to walk out of school in support of a cause they believe can save lives, I have asked them to give me a head's up so I can ensure I email the Attendance Secretary ahead of time that they have an "appointment" and are not detained at the whim of a suspicious teacher. And then I will proudly encourage them to use these life-changing experiences to understand the importance of advocating for others who do not have the courage or freedom to do so themselves.

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Parent of two PRHS students ■

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Spring break reads and activity books

By the staff at Covered Treasures

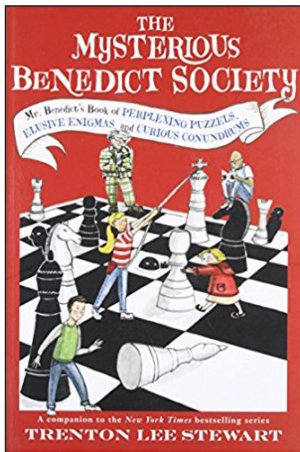
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This book will help free you and your kids from the tyranny of the screen with 100 ways to beat the "I'm bored" monster. Learn how to have an indoor picnic, start an herb garden, go on a car scavenger hunt, build an obstacle course, make an artful sandwich, and much more. Includes step-by-step instructions as well as a list of materials you'll need to get kids off the couch and thoroughly engaged.

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By Sean Connolly (Workman Publishing) \$12.95

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Saturday, March 17, 1-3

Carmen Crowley — *A Sporting Affair: Lisa's Story*

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March Library Events

Spring break special events; quilts in the library

By Harriet Halbig

The Palmer Divide Quiltmakers will hang their works in the library during March for National Quilting Month. Plan to drop by and enjoy the show! There will also be a display of books on the subject for those wanting to try their hand at quilting.

For the younger set, there will be special programming during spring break.

Family programs

Come to the library from 4 to 5:30 on the first Friday of each month for Coloring for Everyone. There is a new theme each month (Luck O' the Irish for March), and there are coloring sheets for all skill levels and various coloring tools including pencils and markers. Drop in and stay as long as you like!

The Fun for the Family program on March 10 from 2:30 to 4 is Balloon Science. Balloons are fun, but they're also great for learning scientific principles. Come play with balloons in the name of science!

The Lego Build Club will meet from 10 to 11:30 on

Saturday, March 17. Build with Legos to your heart's content with other enthusiasts.

During spring break, come to the library for the Science and Circus Arts Show on Monday, March 25 from 1:30 to 2:30. Movement artist Peter Davison presents juggling, unicycling, balancing acrobatics, and more while teaching the science behind the artistry.

On Tuesday, March 27 from 10:30 to 11:30, be entertained by Mark the Amazing Ventriloquist as he narrates Jack and the Beanstalk with the help of a full stage marionette puppet production. Kids will participate in the story, meet Pansy, a lovable baby chimpanzee, and see a drawing that comes to life and talks.

Teen and tween programs

Come to the library during Teen Tech Week and try your hand at designing your own video game on Friday, March 9 from 4 to 5:15. Join us to learn how to use Bioxels to design your own simple 13-bit pixel game. Space is limited, so please register at 488-2370. Open