

The Truth About Weed and The Brain

Judith Grisel, The Washington Post / The Week

It may make sense to legalize marijuana, said neuroscientist Judith Grisel, but Americans are being “astoundingly naïve about how the widespread use of pot will affect communities and individuals, particularly teenagers.”

The research on marijuana’s effects on the brain shows that the ingredient that causes its “high,” delta-9-THC, can indeed dampen motivation and interfere with a successful life, as well as lead to “tolerance, dependence, and craving—the hallmarks of addiction.” In particular, the research on THC’s impact on the developing adolescent brain is “inconveniently alarming.” Teens who smoke weed regularly, studies show, have reduced activity in brain circuits critical to noticing new information and making decisions; they are 60 percent less likely to graduate from high school, “are at substantially increased risk for heroin addiction and alcoholism,” and are seven times more likely to attempt suicide. Recent studies even show that THC can turn on or off genetic expression in a teenager’s epigenome, making young users’ children “at increased risk for mental illness and addiction” years before they are conceived.

Yes, it’s true that alcohol and tobacco also have caused great damage, but let’s not pretend that marijuana is “benign or beneficial.” And let’s not pretend that legalizing weed will be without costs.

American Deaths

- 1. Gulf War.....383
- 2. War in Afghanistan (as of 3/19/12).....1902
- 3. War in Iraq (as of 3/19/12).....4,422
- 4. Revolutionary War25,324
- 5. Korean War36,574
- 6. Vietnam War.....58,220
- 7. World War I.....116,516
- 8. World War II.....405,399
- 9. Civil War625,000
- 10. Unborn Babies 54,000,000+
...since abortion was legalized in 1973

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Communion
second Sunday
each month

Sunday School
& Church at 10:30
Coffee, Snacks & Fellowship
Before & After



Drop kids off at 10:15-10:30
& Pick up angels at 12:00



No school buses at the Rally

By Ron Cooper

One interesting fact about the recent Trump Rally in Grand Rapids at the VanAndel Arena was that there were no school buses there.

We have a sitting President coming to our local location making himself available for anyone to come and see and hear. Usually, only the well-connected are able to have that experience.

We have a President that rents a huge auditorium and invites the public to be in the same room with him and it’s free, and it’s just down the road. It’s a once-in-a-lifetime experience. It seems that our educators would bring bus loads of students to experience the rally and write a paper about their experience and what they learned from it.

Don’t they teach Government and Civics anymore? It seems that our educators, all of them, are asleep at the wheel.

**CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES
and other Controversial Subjects**

Attention Christian Parents

The First Congregational Church of Fruitport is interested in sponsoring either or both, **AMERICAN HERITAGE** girls group and **TRAIL LIFE USA** boys group. The troops are similar to

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts except they come from a Christian standpoint.

If you are interested in having your kids be in groups like these, please call 231-865-6370.

Fruitport Calvary Christian Students are on Robotic Team that Wins Robot Design



Calvary Christian Schools of Fruitport M.A.R.S. (Muskegon Area Robotic Students) Mini Rovers team members competed in the First Lego League Regional Competition in Grand Rapids, December 1st. Along with completing missions with the Lego-built robot contest, the team had to come up with a problem and solution related to long duration space exploration. The team chose, “Slow

Communication in Space Causing Social Issues for Astronauts.” Coach Amy Richards stated, “It was a wonderful experience for the whole team.” The team won the Trophy for “Mechanical Robot Design Award” (see picture). Congratulations to the CCS Robotic Team members!

Commemorative Badges

submitted by Heidi Tice



When an emergency call comes in, Fruitport Fire Department is ready to show up and do whatever it takes to solve the problem. Some problems are large (like a house on fire), and some problems are smaller (where a person has fallen and needs help getting up). Fruitport Fire Department treats every emergency professionally and with care. Carolyn Ahrens, throughout the past few years, has had to call upon Fruitport’s Firemen to help her now deceased husband, on several occasions when he fell. She was always so grateful for the care and compassion they showed each and every time they came to help, that she wanted to show her deep appreciation in some way. After several months of persistence, while being told it wasn’t necessary, the family paid the cost of commemorative badges for the fire department to show appreciation for their service to the community. On January 14, 2019, Mrs. Ahrens and her family presented the badges to each of the firefighters in the department. The Firefighters of Fruitport are proud to service their community and do not look for gifts. This unexpected gift was incredibly humbling and gratefully accepted. The design of the badge not only honors our Fire Department it also honors out 150th Anniversary. The Fruitport Firemen will wear their new badges all this year with pride. Thank you, Ahrens Family.

