

Guest Editorial

Changing the Way We Invest Public Money and Create Jobs

By Susan Shaver

Good jobs are simply the backbone of what keeps a society running. They pay for houses, food, education, recreation, transportation and government. As jobs evaporate, the huge energy of our economy sputters and slows, so it's no wonder we are so protective of any project that creates or protects good jobs... This atmosphere of protection wraps itself around the elements of the federal budget that create jobs, and affects our federal spending priorities more than most of us could possibly imagine.

The biggest sector of that economy is the military, and it eats up over half of our federal discretionary budget pie, leaving crumbs for human and environmental needs. But changing those budget slices has proven nearly impossible over the years since President Dwight Eisenhower warned after World War II that the "construction of an immense military establishment and a large arms industry is new in the American experience."

Most every debate about cutting the military budget circles back to the issue of jobs. The military establishment is good at creating such jobs, and at educating Congress about how those jobs are central to our economy. What this means is that every member of Congress who guards the jobs in a district ends up protesting the military projects that generate those jobs.

When Congress considers the prospect of cutting a military project — e.g., a weapons system or a military base — they have to consider how many jobs will be lost. How many jobs, means losing votes; defying the military means losing support.

How, then, can we begin to scale back the enormous military machine that has built since World War II? It's a daunting, yet readily impossible, task.

— Shaver is executive director of the National Action Fund for New Directions.

OPINION Elizo Viewpoints

Greetings from Nevada!

I hope you are all having a great week.

What a great long weekend! Well, Ben, Analise and I had a pretty good one, but Antonio gives us the rough one.

We went up to the mountains this weekend with our friends to stay in their family cabin. We went up on Saturday around lunchtime and stayed the night and left Sunday just before lunchtime.

Sometimes in the early evening on Saturday, Antonio gets hurt. Not seriously hurt, but one of the little girls up near the back of the porch swing and as he came out under the swing was going forward and got him right under the eye.

We were screaming pretty loud, the poor thing, and it instantly purpled up. He still has a little bit of a bruise, but basically it is looking a lot better than it did on Saturday night, and even on Sunday morning.

They, on Sunday after we got back, the kids were playing, and as I believe I have mentioned before, Antonio likes to play with the dogs.

Well, he was playing with our coat closet door, but he had his hand near the back of the door where the hinges are, when Analise shut the door. It got the top of his thumb pretty good. The top of it was all white from where the door crushed it, but he cried out about a half an hour straight.

We gave him some Motrin and thankfully it started feeling better so he was able to eat dinner, but for a while I thought we were in for a very long night. Thankfully it seems to be better and we don't even seem to be a bruise.

You would think it would have been worse with playing with the doors, but it hasn't. He still likes to open the coat closet, but he doesn't have any more accidents for a while.

Monday we didn't have any accidents, thankfully! I am beginning to foresee many in our future however, if the continents to play as hard as he does right now. The term "all boy" certainly fits him!



Elizo Viewpoints by Amy Reed Vitek

I wanted to talk again about my new client that I'm working on. It's a great project and we are gearing up to launch and still taking registrations for the opportunity to win the...

— Amy

Visitors

As Palin becomes Commander-in-Chief...

— Amy

Talkin' From The Mountains

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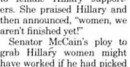
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Steve's Report

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Last week I started telling you how Cindy and I met. I lived in Indianapolis and Cindy lived 72 miles away in Terre Haute.

When the day of the conference finally arrived, I was beside myself with excitement and anticipation about finally seeing Cindy again. I had been dreading about how it would be: I'd walk through the conference, I'd shake hands and my eyes would meet.

By the time we got to the workshop, most of the seats were already taken so we took the last two seats up front — which just happened to be side-by-side. I don't think I remember a single thing about that workshop, except for the sound of Cindy's laugh every time the instructor said something witty.

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Mercury Memories

5 years ago September 3, 2003
The City Council experimented with new technology by using the Internet for the first time to accept online bids for the new trash truck.

73 years ago September 4, 1935
The Carlisle Maskettes football season began. Players like Malcolm Armstrong, "Greasy" Smart, "BlackJack" Blount, "Chicken" Cartmill and "Bungs" Greene led the team to a perfect undefeated and -united record with two of the players selected that year for All-State.

15 years ago September 1, 1993
The Carlisle cemetery got a new look as the Cemetery Board, with assistance from the American Legion and the VFW, installed lights for the World War I memorial.

109 years ago September 2, 1897
Mr. Kendall opened a stock exchange in the Kimbrough Hotel at the corner of Main St. and Maple, and began doing healthy business.

10 years ago September 5, 1998
County Clerk Doug Fryman received a telephone bomb threat that forced the evacuation of the courthouse and cancellation of that day's court.

75 years ago September 3, 1933
An airplane enroute to Cincinnati was forced to land near the farm of James Parsons after becoming lost in the fog and rain.

25 years ago September 7, 1983
After experiencing several weeks of temperatures that remained near the 100-degree mark, Kentucky utilities announced that customers had set a new record for electric bills.

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Seems like only yesterday that you were born. Now you're turning 16 and you'll be driving soon! So everybody stay off the road!

Nicholas County Hospital
Specialty Services
Richard Blake, M.D. Cardiology
Gary Earle, M.D. Gynecology
Fred Laue, M.D. Podiatry
Regina Raab, M.D. Neurology

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her. I tried to appear calm as I made my way across the room but it was all I could do not to break into a run. Then she saw me and came towards me, meeting me halfway.

We danced the next several songs until we had both worked up a bit of a sweat. I walked her out to the refreshment table, got her a drink and then suggested we step outside for a moment to cool down. We sat down on the steps in front of the building and talked. A few minutes I worked up my courage, reached over to her and stood beside her. She flashed me another one of her smiles and said, "Oh, good! That worked out nicely!"

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