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# Motorcade, services planned for Mills



Mills

FROM STAFF REPORT

A motorcade and funeral for Ouray Police Sgt. Scott Mills will be held this morning in Montrose.

Mills, 51, was killed in a motorcycle accident March 14.

A public funeral service is at 11 a.m. today at Grace Community Church, 16731 Woodgate Road, Montrose. Interment will follow at Grand View Cemetery, 16204 Hogback Road, Montrose.

There will be a police motorcade from Sunset Mesa Funeral Home, 155 Merchant Drive to the church. Active-duty U.S. Air Force representatives will be at the service due to Mills' military background. At least 1,000 people are expected, a Sunset Mesa spokesman said.

According to Colorado State Patrol,

Mills was riding his motorcycle on U.S. 550 southbound into Ouray when he slowed to make a left turn onto Ouray County Road 3A. He was hit from behind by a pick-up truck. He died at the scene. Mills was off-duty at the time of the accident.

The Colorado State Patrol's crash report was not available Monday.

Mills joined the Ouray Police Department in 2014. He previously worked with the Los Alamos County Police Department in New Mexico.

A memorial fund has been established for the family of Mills at Citizen's State Bank of Ouray. Donations are accepted at any of the branches or call.

All arrangements are being handled by Sunset Mesa Funeral Directors.

## MOTORCADE ROUTE

- Route to church
- 155 Merchant Drive to Grand Avenue
  - Grand Avenue to North Townsend
  - Proceed south to Otter Road
  - Turn left on Woodgate
- Route from church to cemetery
- Woodgate to Otter Road
  - Proceed north on Townsend to Main Street
  - Turn West on Main Street
  - Main Street to Chipeta
  - Turn left to Grand View Cemetery

# Atheists challenge Delta school info policy

*‘Kerfuffle’ as group plans literature distribution*

By KATHARHYNN HEIDELBERG  
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A plan by Western Colorado Atheists and Freethinkers to place their literature in Delta County schools has spawned threats, support and some confusion.

“It’s causing quite a kerfuffle. People don’t want those alternate points of view,” said Anne Landman of atheists and freethinkers.

Her nonprofit is working with the Freedom From Religion Foundation, the latter of which was contacted by the Temple of Satan. The temple is to make available its coloring book, the foundation’s attorney said.

An earlier Bible distribution by Gideons International at Delta County schools prompted the current action, Landman said.

Initially intended for Thursday and Friday, the nonprofit will have its literature placed on April 1 instead.

“What we would like them (school district) to do is stop distributing religious materials in public schools. They have the ability to change that policy at any time. Until they change it, everyone has the right to use the policy and they can’t discriminate based on particular points of view,” she said.

“If people are upset by different points of view being distributed, they can approach the school board and ask them to change the policy.”

Word of the distribution spread through social media sites, prompting outcry, and, on

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A fire south of Montrose Sunday afternoon destroyed vintage autos and other possessions shortly after 4:30 p.m. The blaze was started by a controlled burn that rekindled and blew onto neighboring property. (Kirk Roberts/Courtesy Photo)

# Blaze devours garage, several classic cars

## Second grassfire Sunday taxes resources

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A south Montrose family’s Sunday afternoon turned into a temporary evacuation and attempts to save vintage autos as fire from neighboring property tore through their own in the 17000 block of U.S. 550.

“My son came up and said the grass was on fire. (He) was able to push one car out of the way, but that fire was fast,” Dennis Lambert said

Monday, recounting the blaze that destroyed his large storage building, as well as the six cars, four motorcycles and other vehicles inside.

“He pulled a car out of the fire. His adrenaline was pumping,” Lambert said. The younger Lambert was treated at the scene for smoke inhalation and later went by private vehicle to the emergency room as a precaution.

Firefighters racing toward the blaze shortly after 4:30 p.m. Sunday

knew they were in for some work.

“The fire moved rapidly enough that when we received a call en route to the fire, we had heavy, heavy black smoke in the sky. It was obviously a defensive fire. There was no saving the 100-foot garage,” Montrose Fire Protection District Deputy Chief Allen Weese said.

Weese said a neighbor to the north of the Lamberts was burning leaves and branches and, thinking the fire

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# Montrose Community Band



Members of the trumpet section of the Montrose Community Band, from left, Jake Johnson, Ed Fry and Matt Bohling were among the musicians who took part in the Montrose Community Band Concert Sunday afternoon at the Pavilion in Montrose. The theme for the concert was “Music from the Isles.” (Paul Wahl/Montrose Daily Press)



Drummer Josh Sickles and guitarist Rob Wolcott concentrate on their performance during the Montrose Community Band Concert Sunday afternoon at the Pavilion in Montrose. (Paul Wahl/Montrose Daily Press)

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