



THE GOOD THE BAD THE UGLY

We hope you had a happy Halloween MU readers. The MU has a great Halloween dad joke: Why don't monsters eat ghosts? Because they taste like sheet! (Wah. Wah.) Ok here we go!

## The Good - The Apology

MLA Lyle Stewart stripped of legislative secretary position

[Adam Hunter](#) - CBC News - Posted: Oct 31, 2022 3:07 PM CT | Last Updated: October 31



Demonstrating leadership not usually seen in politics these days, Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe stood in the legislative assembly Monday and offered an "unequivocal apology" for convicted killer Colin Thatcher being invited to last week's throne speech. Thatcher, 84, was invited to Wednesday's throne speech by his long-time friend and Saskatchewan Party MLA for Lumsden-Morse Lyle Stewart. On Monday, the provincial government announced it was relieving Stewart of his duties as a legislative secretary. Thatcher, 84, was found guilty in 1984 of the first-degree murder of his ex-wife JoAnn Wilson, who was found beaten and shot to death in the garage of her home the previous year. He was sentenced to life in prison with no parole for 25 years and granted full parole in November 2006.

The MU remembers this case exceptionally well as the MU's 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher

was also, coincidentally, named JoAnn Wilson. To read more about Premier Moe's decisive action click [HERE](#).

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## The Bad - The Invite

### 'I'm sorry for those words': Saskatchewan minister responds to criticism over Thatcher comments



By **Connor O'Donovan** • Global News

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The MU is not finished with this one. Tone deaf just doesn't seem to capture why Saskatchewan Party MLA Lyle Stewart would think it remotely acceptable to invite convicted killer Colin Thatcher to the throne speech. That's right up there with thinking it would have been a good idea to stay at Jeffrey Epstein's townhouse in Manhattan, (ahem Prince Andrew), or that as President you would want to have every single conversation in the White House recorded (what could go wrong President Nixon?) Oh, but that's not all MU readers. Along with completely tone deaf, we also were treated to a defense of the undefendable: Saskatchewan Policing, Corrections and Public Safety Minister Christine Tell said last week, "Colin Thatcher is a citizen who has gone through the justice system, gone through the courts, did his time in incarceration. He's now paid that debt to society that society has deemed for him to do and he's living his life as a citizen of our province. He has a right to be here."

The MU is reminded of a very apropos quote by Mark Twain; "It's better to remain silent and thought a fool than to talk and remove all doubt." Read, no surprise, Minister Tell's apology [Here](#).

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## The Ugly

# Pelosi suspect, a Canadian man, wanted to break U.S. speaker's knees, police say



The man accused of attacking U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband with a hammer told police he wanted to hold the Democratic leader hostage and "break her kneecaps" to show other members of Congress there were "consequences to actions," authorities said Monday. In a chilling federal complaint, officials say David DePape, a Canadian citizen (MU readers feel free to cringe here), 42, carrying zip ties, tape and a rope in a backpack, broke into the couple's San Francisco home early Friday morning, went upstairs where 82-year-old Paul Pelosi was sleeping, and demanded to talk to "Nancy." OK, this is so unacceptable that the MU is actually restraining itself as we type. The MU knows it doesn't have to tell its readers that you are more than welcome to your political views, in fact the MU encourages active engagement in respectful political discourse, BUT, you are not allowed to be violent, get physical or even become belligerent when expressing your views. This is not a problem of the right or the left either, it's a problem across the political spectrum.

The beating of the speaker's husband follows other attacks and threats, including over 10,000 threats against members of Congress last year. This summer, a man carrying a gun, a knife and zip ties was arrested near Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh's house in Maryland after threatening to kill him. In 2017, Republican Rep. Steve Scalise was seriously injured when a Bernie Sanders supporter opened fire on Republicans at a congressional baseball game practice. To read about the fall of democracy click [HERE](#).

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