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HAPPY BIRTHDAY GEM STATE PATRIOT



We invite you all to join us in celebrating the First Anniversary of The Gem State Patriot. Without you this newsletter would not have been possible. Thanks to you our readership has increased to over 12,000 in the past year. To help us celebrate we would like everyone To go to our face book page and “Like” us.

<https://www.facebook.com/gemstatepatriot/timeline?filter=2>

Our heart felt thanks to all who made this possible.

Bob, Steve, Tammy & Parrish

COMMON CORE PROGRESS REPORT

We support H0499 - Parental Rights Bill (Sponsored by Rep. Janet Trujillo). In its original form, this bill reaffirmed the fundamental right of parents to exercise primary control over decisions regarding the upbringing of their children, including moral, religious and medical decisions as well as educational choices. The specific reference to educational choices has landed it in the office of House Ed Comm. Chair, Rep. Reed DeMordaunt, who has been sitting on it for a couple of weeks. Both House and Senate education chairs are outspoken proponents of Common Core and we believe, as such, are reluctant to codify parental rights over education. Rep. DeMordaunt has stripped the bill of all content except education and has carefully avoided use of the words "primary control" as contained in the original. No doubt this was due to a statement from the AG's office that said *"...it cannot fairly be said that parents have a fundamental right to exercise primary control over the education of their children..."* See the amended language --[HERE](#)--. It's difficult to understand why Rep. DeMordaunt is still reluctant to release it. Please contact the House education committee at hedu@house.idaho.gov and ask that the bill be passed out of committee for debate on the floor.

We support S1343 - Curriculum & Testing, Public Schools (Sponsored by Sen. Russ Fulcher) This bill would require legislative approval for any education contract or signed agreement that the State Board of Education or the State Dept of Education wishes to enter into with the federal government or any multi-state consortia, such as the commitments that were made with the Common Core standards and testing through the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortia (SBAC). Unfortunately, it cannot retroactively undo existing obligations, but it's a step in the right direction going forward. This bill currently sits with the Senate Ed Comm. Chair, Sen. John Goedde, and awaiting discussion. Please contact the Senate education committee at sedu@senate.idaho.gov and ask that it be passed out of committee for debate on the floor.

We oppose S1296 - Student Data Accessibility, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2014 (Sponsored by Sen. John Goedde) This bill is nothing more than the boiler plate version offered by ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council) as seen --[HERE](#)--. They didn't even change the name. This obviously serves as a quick and easy solution to satisfy a political need to address the public outcry against the privacy violations of collecting and sharing student-level data. It merely gives the State Board of Education the authority over everything, which is exactly how we ended up in the Common Core *data mining camp* in the first place. This bill does introduce some penalties for violations, but relies on compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) to qualify those decisions. Yet we have learned that FERPA was rendered essentially worthless following 2008 and 2011 revisions. We have submitted an iron clad version of a student data privacy bill that will actually safeguard the data. House and Senate education committee members are mulling over the differences with Sen. Goedde, where we hope he can be convinced to simply replace his. We will keep you advised on the status of both.

??? SBAC Testing ??? In addition to data privacy, this was one of our primary goals this session. While there were several legislators interested in getting something done, they unfortunately do not feel they have adequate support this session. We were given some brief hope that we might at least get a joint resolution through, but that too has dried up. *Perhaps a little pressure from the masses will change their minds.* (?) We suggest contacting your favorite legislator as well as both education committees. Let them know how you feel about the new 8 hour tests and *ask them for a one or two year delay* to allow them further research!

Thanks for your support!

Valerie Candelaria – [The 9-12 Project of Idaho, Inc.](#)
the bill number to see the full text)

Stephanie Zimmerman – [Idahoans For Local Education](#)



SIGN UP FOR SELF GOVERNANCE WORK SHOP CLASSES

The Center for Self Governance will have a Introduction Presentation on Self Governance Work Shop Classes on Sunday March 16, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Caldwell Industrial Airport Gary Hubler Terminal 4814 Linden Street, Caldwell. The will have a class on Monday March 17th at 8:00 AM to 5:00PM at Hugh Nichols Public Safety Building. Nampa Police Dept. 820 2nd St S. Nampa, ID. Cost is \$40 For more information please call or e-mail Darryl Ford at 208-412-3214 canyontea@gmail.com See the video on their web site:<http://www.tncsg.org/>

10 BASIC SUGGESTIONS FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN TRAINING

1. "Declare" to be Republican with the County @Elections Office. You can **not** vote in the Primary if you don't Declare your Party.
2. Call the Elections Office for your County. Introduce yourself as the PC for your Precinct and request a **"Declared Republican" walking list**. If you are not presently a PC, then ask for the same list because you live in that Precinct. You can use it to make contacts and let those in your Precinct know that you would appreciate their vote if you are running in the Primary.
3. Attend monthly your county Republican Central Meeting held each month. Example: Bannock Co Republican's meet the 4th Thurs, 7pm, in the Brick Loft.
4. Attend monthly meeting of the Patriots.
This is not an official Republican meeting. The goal of this meeting is to discuss, educate, and strategize for the promotion of the proper role of gov't. Until the Republican Chairmen are willing to discuss appropriate and timely subjects. It is imperative that the Patriots meet for these discussions.
5. Create an email address for your Precinct or organize your present one to accommodate your precinct contacts.
6. Introduce yourself to those in your Precinct as the Precinct Committeeman. Voice your concerns, explain why you have gotten involved and ask if you can contact them with appropriate info. Please send only what is needed and appropriate.
7. Gather Patriot and Declared Republican email addresses and phone numbers. Encourage all to "Declare" as it is necessary to be able vote in the Primary.
8. Start educating on issues of importance to saving our country. Notify them of events and meetings that will give them an opportunity to voice their concerns, talk to our elected, or question candidates, etc. Especially, invite them to attend the Central meeting with you when you feel they would benefits from the meeting.
9. Create a solid base of Patriots. This is how we change "politics"we educate, we hold elected officials accountable and we vote them out if necessary. Choose an Alternate that can attend a meetings with you and who can attend as an educated PC when you can't attend. Their name, address, phone #, and email address needs to be forwarded to the Chair and the Secretary (in print) as your requested Alternate. It is better to choose and educate someone who is reliable so that you aren't always trying to shuffle someone in to vote in your stead. This does not work. You can change your designated Alternate with the note of a new Alternate and the appropriate info to the Chair and Secretary. Check your own county Bylaws incase there are specific rules. All PCs and Alternates are replaced at each Primary election. If you are currently a a PC (elected or nominated to an empty Precinct), you are released at each Primary and need to file during the designated time to be on the ballot for the Primary. Your name will appear on the ballot only in your Precinct on the Republican Ballot. Create 5-6 Patriots in your Precinct that are part of your team. It makes an easy job for a team to cover a Precinct with literature or other pertinent info.
10. You can do it!! It's really is fun!! Remember....if not me....who? Thanks LaRae Oram



*Guardians of the Republic
...Honor your Oath.
Join Us.*



Samuel Whittemore, American Patriot and old Bad-Ass

On April 19th, 1775 the British were returning to their headquarters after the Battle of Lexington and Concord while being harried by the Colonial Militia. The Redcoats finally got some separation from their pursuers and were passing through the town of Menotomy, Whittemore's town.

Not letting a thing like being 80 years old stop him from doing anything, Whittemore took his musket, his prized dueling pistols and sword and ran outside to join the fray.

Whittemore, by himself, with no backup, positioned himself behind a stone wall, waited in ambush, and then single-handedly engaged the entire British 47th Regiment of Foot with nothing more than his musket and the pure liquid anger coursing through his veins. His ambush had been successful – he fired off his musket at point-blank range, dropping the nearest soldier before anyone was the wiser.

Now, when you're using a firearm that takes 20 seconds to reload, it's kind of hard to go all Leonard Funk on a platoon of enemy infantry, but damn it if Whittemore wasn't going to try. With a company of Brits bearing down in him, he quick-drew his twin flintlock pistols and sent two hot rounds down range, dropping two grenadiers dead. Then he unsheathed the ornate French sword he had wrenched from a dead Frenchman 30 years prior during the taking of Louisbourg in Canada, and this 80-year-old warrior stood his ground in hand-to-hand combat against a couple dozen trained soldiers, each of which was probably a quarter of his age.

The Redcoats had time to assess and fired upon Whittemore, shooting him in the face. They then marched up and bayoneted him 13 times. The Brits, convinced that this man was sufficiently filled with holes, left him for dead kept on their march back to base, harassed the entire way by Whittemore's fellow militiamen.

When the townspeople rushed out after the Redcoats moved on they found two amazing things. First, miraculously, Samuel Whittemore was still alive and perhaps even more remarkably, he was loading his pistols in order to carry on the fight. Remember: SHOT in the FACE and STABBED THIRTEEN TIMES.

Not only did he recover Whittemore survived the war and lived long enough to see the US Constitution ratified and George Washington become the first President. He finally passed in 1793 at the age of 98.

LYNN HOUSE

A Reality Check **By Rich Loudenback**

Is it possible that 'Great American,' best intentioned talk show host and author Mark Levin is naïve, mis-informed or too trusting? Or is he too caught up in book sales to pursue full understanding of Article V of our Constitution?

I'm reminded of Chief Justice Roberts of our US Supreme Court who was believed to be not only a good traditionalist American but a staunch Constitutionalist ruling that Obamacare's mandate is a tax instead of a penalty. The Conservative world that understands our Constitution was and remains shocked.

Whereas most of Levin's radio listeners consider him to be a feet-on-the-ground solid American conservative, I felt the same kind of shock as I had at Roberts' decision when I read that Mark Levin's answer to most of our problems can be corrected with a Constitutional Convention. We don't have a Constitution problem; we have an adherence and enforcement problem. Who is to believe the three branches would follow the law of NEW amendments?

Of course, any traditional-thinking American agrees with all the issues Mark Levin mentions that are wrong with our government. His enthusiasm for fixing them is to be appreciated. Unfortunately, his fix is flawed. La La Land.

There is no guaranty that 3/4 of the states will have a chance to ratify and that such a convention won't be a runaway convention!!!

Given the nature of the far left socialist and world global elitists' extremely well organized 'machine' and its many manipulations, a 'Con Con' probably would not go well for our constitutional republic. Our Constitution and America as we have known it will probably end.

For every American who has read Levin's book '*The Liberty Amendments*' here is a reality check. If you've bought into this '**Fix**,' for the love of God, your country and your grandchildren, please read the following:

Ratification Reality

Idaho Falls, ID lawyer, and former Assistant Attorney General for the state of Idaho, the late George Detweiler wrote specifically for State Legislators' consumption: Quote - "Convention advocates have touted the ratification process for Amendments as an adequate safety net for adoption of bad Amendments. They claim that there is no danger of a Constitutional Convention having the authority to change the Constitution. All it can do is to propose Amendments. It cannot enact them they assert. They place total reliance on a great safety net called ratification. Any Amendments proposed by a convention must go to the States for ratification, they have erroneously claimed. Remember the ratification process was not sufficient to stop the Runaway Convention which met in 1787.

Fortunately, that convention gave us the superb document which we call The United States Constitution. But the delegates were called to meet in Philadelphia for the sole and express purpose of revising the Articles of Confederation and reporting to Congress and the several Legislatures such alterations and provisions therein. Yet it did not take the delegates long to assume upon themselves more powers than what they had been given to scrap the Articles of Confederation and to propose a totally different system of government.

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–A Reality Check By Rich Loudenback

As they finished their work, they faced a serious problem. The Articles of Confederation were still in full force and effect. Any Amendments to that document had to be ratified by the Congress as well as by each and every one of the Legislatures of the 13 states.

The Founders knew the politics of their day. It was impossible. To overcome the problem they agreed to ignore the clear requirements of the law under which they operated. They re-wrote the rules so that the chances of approval were improved. They provided that 9 states were sufficient to put the new Constitution into effect, and since the Founders anticipated resistance to ratification in the State Legislatures, they further changed the rules of ratification so that it could be accomplished in Special Ratifying Conventions called only for that purpose.

The new Constitution did not have to face hostile State Legislatures in order to be approved. While the new Constitution has provided the world's best government, it was nevertheless adopted in complete disregard of the Rules of Ratification which were in effect.

The point is simply this: the governing Rules of Ratification were totally ignored and disregarded once in our history. Who can say with a straight face that it can never happen again? A new convention could re-write the Rules for Ratification for a New Constitution just as it could re-write or eliminate any other part of the Constitution as we now know it.

The late Richard B. Morris, Professor of History Americus, Columbia University, in his comprehensive history of the writing of our Constitution entitled 'Witnesses At The Creation,' wrote: **'The delegates at the convention were sober realists. They knew that the greatest battles lay ahead. The convention had overstepped its instructions. It had scrapped the articles instead of amending them. Having defied Congress, the convention decided to pursue what amounted to a revolutionary course by declaring the ratification by nine states sufficient 'for the establishment of this Constitution between the States so ratifying the same.**

In other words, the constitution was being submitted directly to the people through Ratifying Conventions. Not even Congress, which had summoned the convention, would be asked to approve its work. Still, Congress, after acrimonious debate, and without endorsement or disavowal, did submit the Constitution to State Legislatures, to be submitted in turn to conventions in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, providing that once 9 states had ratified the Constitution, it would go into effect between the affirming states.'

Reliving Reality

Our Constitution, unlike the Articles of Confederation, is not a failure. It works well when its provisions are observed and it needs no revision.

Even under the current ratification procedures in Article V, if they are not changed by a newly sitting convention, a Legislature is not guaranteed to have a proposed Amendment come before it for ratification.

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A Reality Check

By Rich Loudenback

Take the example of the 21st Amendment, which was adopted to repeal Prohibition. The last State completing ratification was Utah, a State whose political and religious demographics made it the least likely to approve the repeal of Prohibition. **There is little likelihood that the Utah Legislature would have approved the repeal if it had been given an opportunity to vote on it. But the Utah Legislature never got to consider the Amendment.**

Congress proposed the 21st Amendment and provided that it would be ratified by conventions assembled in the States for that purpose. Congress wrote the rules and created a process for selecting the delegates to Ratifying Conventions in each State in such a way that the delegates' selection process was biased to favor the repeal, so that even in Utah the Amendment was approved.

It was all done in accord with Article V Constitutional Procedures. This could happen again if a convention is called today. – Unquote, George DeWeiler

No Quick Fix

Good representatives doing good representing should see to it that all is well. What has happened?

“What’s a guy to do?” we ask at the overwhelming effects of mostly government caused screw-ups. To start with, recognize that most problems stem from government meddling, micromanaging, and regulating in areas in which they have no right, expertise, or accountable, management skills.

It hasn’t been what Government did that made America great. It was what Government was prevented from doing in our Constitution that made the difference. America became great precisely because the stifling effect of too much government had been prevented. However, freedom in America was not totally restrained, Americans overwhelmingly chose to limit their actions to moral codes such as the biblical Ten Commandments. Personal morality and limited government; it’s the combination that characterized America and made it the envy of the world.

It truly is ‘**George Washington Time.**’ We must hang in there and keep our objectives clear. Think of the years of Washington’s defeats, with a ragged, sometimes shoeless army slogging it out in miserable winter conditions, never giving up.

We must start educating ourselves and as much of our centers of influence as possible about the reality of what America has been about: Freedom and Capitalism exuding from our wonderful Constitution. Our problems have all come from not adhering to it and not enforcing it. If we haven’t done too well lately following existing law, why again, would anybody believe results would be different with new Amendments?

The Constitution of the United States is the bones of what has become the greatest country man has known created by wise men who had first-hand knowledge of real tyranny. Truly a new Con-Con would be a dream come true for the machinating socialist and world government advocates who wish to finish fundamentally changing America as we’ve known it for their own designs. Those that don’t understand their motives are either deluded or the deluding.

The “Little People”

By Andi Elliott

When the law breaks the law, where does a citizen turn? In Maryland, the state has established a department dedicated to handling citizens’ complaints about law enforcement and elected officials who abuse their power. But in Idaho, there is no such thing. And by design.

You see, years ago the Idaho State Legislature determined that Idaho citizens henceforth known as the “little people” would not have access to a safeguard against such tyranny. Recently the legislature attempted to correct this “injustice” against the “little people” but alas, it was determined that there was no funding for such a luxury. Though it does seem in theory that providing a means by which the “little people” could address overreaching power by local officials should be a fundamental function of our government. And goodness knows, it would serve to placate the “little people”. At least let them think they can affect some change for good.

So in my Jefferson County where the power elite regularly take liberties with our laws, what recourse do we “little people” have? Yes, I know. We can hire an attorney and sue the county, but realistically, how feasible is that for most “little people”? So we watch as our county attorney is continually embroiled in questionable situations with the “little peoples’” money. And our sheriff is under investigation for double billing for business expenses. And then there’s the matter of his bookkeeper’s cell phone that mysteriously became his wife’s personal phone. (I bet he wishes he’d paid for his own darn cell phone.) And of course, there’s his resignation 90 days early from his position as Chair of POST. But since we “little people” are not privy as to why that happened, we’ll leave that issue to conjecture. And our county commissioners ignore state “sunshine” laws and threaten “little people” with bogus laws as they seek to silence their critics, all the while our county attorney looks on. Does he not have an ethical and legal responsibility to keep the commissioners “legal” and also prevent “little people” from being falsely intimidated?

Complaints to POST (Police Officers Standards and Training) regarding ethical violations by law enforcement fall on deaf ears. And just this morning POST told me, in regards to my questions about the filing of a false probable cause affidavit, to contact my attorney. What? POST isn’t interested in upholding ethical standards for those under its jurisdiction? “Little people” can be so annoying.

And the “little people” have sadly learned that petitions to the Governor’s office and that of the Attorney General for intervention are thwarted by law. Seems that the very ones that need investigating control the pathway to just such investigations. (Kind of like Dr. Seuss’s bee watcher watching the bee watchers watch bees.)

And these same “powers” also control the information that the “little people” receive. Reminds me of what I was taught about Communism in “little people” school...control the flow of information and you control the “little people”. But it fits in with the stated purpose of some of those serving in our legislature...they are there to protect their own interests. So sorry, “little people”.

But some “little people” refuse to be thwarted. And though they attempt to find legitimate pathways to address their grievances, King George merely laughs at them and their paltry petitions. And some of us “little people” were taught crazy notions like...laws were made to be followed by all, that good can overcome evil, and persistence pays off, and other such antiquated and silly notions. We may be jousting at windmills at times but at some point one of those windmills is going to have a screw come loose. And the “little people” will gain a foothold and storm The Bastille. Lesson to be learned: treat the “little people” with respect and dignity. Louis and Marie sure were surprised at how unhappy the “little people” were

TO GOVERNOR OTTER AND THE STATE LEGISLATORS

WHO VOTED FOR THE STATE EXCHANGE. “WE WANT THIS LAW REPEALED”

Governor CL “Butch” Otter

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WHO AM I

By Lance Earl Candidate for Representative of Dist. 28



My position is not complicated. It is, in fact, predicated upon my personal study of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, and the words of the patriots who penned these documents. From this foundation, I make my stand on the following issues. Sanctity of Life

Those who perform and those who have abortions have an absolute obligation to prove that there is no life before they do harm. Since Roe v Wade, over fifty-six million babies have been killed while those who do the killing have yet to prove the absence of life. Abortion is man's most far reaching crime against humanity.

I will work to protect and defend all life, born and unborn.

Obamacare and the Health Care Exchange: is a perfect example of governmental abuse of power. It came into being when the Senate hijacked a house bill that was completely unrelated to health care and added a massive amendment to that bill which is now Obamacare. When it was found to be unconstitutional on every front, rather than correct the legal problems, the supreme court relabeled the bill and called it something else. If it was illegal and bad for America in its original form, then it is still bad under a new name.

The Idaho legislature had two choices. First, they could have defended the Constitution and resisted the federal government. Second, they could accept government bribes, increase the federal debt, increase Idaho spending and embrace socialism by capitulating and laying down. They chose the second.

I will fight for the immediate repeal of the Health Care Exchange in Idaho the ultimate repeal of Obamacare.

Common Core: There are three primary reasons why Common Core is bad for Idaho. First, the Tenth Amendment expressly prohibits the federal government from participation in the education system. Second, the earmarks of all federal programs are waste, debt, ineffectiveness, mediocrity and corruption. Third, true educational success will only occur when educators, parents and students are free to be innovative and creative while being unhindered by government shackles.

I shall do all in my power to repeal Common Core. The Second Amendment

The Second Amendment is clear. For those who twist it for their own purpose, the words of the founding fathers add clarity and leave no doubt. If we would keep our liberties, our freedoms, the American people must be armed. These arms give the people power and the government reason to think twice before they act. When we give up our arms, monarchy and tyranny are assured.

With my dying breath, I will defend the right of peaceable citizens to keep and bear arms Legal Plunder

Government was created by man, not the other way around. Therefore, it follows that government can possess no powers that were not first possessed by the people who created it. If it will be a crime for a person or group to forcefully take from another, then it is still a crime when the government does so on behalf of that person or group. A crime does not cease to be a crime simply because it is wrapped in a signed bill. The funding of Planned Parenthood, Obamacare, Common Core and many, many others are examples of this corruption.

I pledge to fight against any bill that incorporates the concept of legal plunder.

IDAHO AT A CROSSROADS

By Representative Ron Mendive Dist 3 Coeur d' Alene



Idaho is at a crossroads. We are considered to be one of the more conservative states in the Union, but the current direction of Idaho resembles nothing of Constitutional, limited government.

A clear example would be the Idaho State Healthcare Exchange. The creation of the state exchange has invited the Obama administration to control the healthcare of Idaho's citizens. It is the vehicle to deliver Obamacare to the nation. When Idaho implemented the State Exchange Idaho citizens became invested in its success --- their names are on it! The complete consequences have yet to be realized. But if Obamacare is fully achieved, America will be transformed forever. Interestingly, in 2010, the Idaho legislature passed and the Governor signed the *Idaho Health Freedom Act*. That act stated that no Idahoan will be forced to buy health insurance against their will. It is currently part of Idaho code, yet today it is irrelevant.

I firmly stood against the State run healthcare exchange, and I am opposed to Medicaid Expansion. Such action would complete the next phase of Obamacare. It is in the best interest of Idaho's citizens to repeal the state exchange and pursue free market solutions to our health care issues. Not to aid the federal takeover of our healthcare system.

But healthcare is not the only issue. There is a push to approve and allow "Common Core" into Idaho's schools. Common Core is being sold as a state lead transformation of the education system. Unfortunately it nearly eliminates local control. If adopted, this program would place 85% of K-12 education in Idaho under bureaucratically centralized jurisdiction. In fact proponents of Common Core argue this is a positive for Idaho. Because 15% of Idaho's K-12 schools will still be under local control. I believe education should be locally controlled with the parents making the ultimate decision of where and how their children are educated. But I fear that common core is being implemented in the same manner as the State Exchange.

In 2005 the Federal Government passed the *Real ID Act*. It stated that every American citizen would have to have a national identification card in order to enter a federal building, fly on airplane, etc. In 2008 the Idaho legislature stood tall and passed a law shielding Idaho citizen's against compliance with this federal mandate. This was to prevent centralizing private information of Idahoans unto a single identification card. One of the more troublesome aspects of both Common Core and the State Exchange is the gathering and storing of information on private citizens. The goals of the National *Real ID Act* seem to work in conjunction with the data collection components found in Obamacare and Common Core.

This trend of surrendering Idaho sovereignty and the freedoms of its citizens to the federal Government is very alarming. Considering the blatant disregard for the Constitution shown by this administration, Idaho should be protecting, preserving, and promoting the Constitutional principles that made this Country and this State great. Sadly we are not.

It is time for Idaho to return to those principles and demonstrate to the Country the benefits of Constitutional, limited government. It is in the hands of the voters to decide.

<https://votesmart.org/candidate/136961/ron-mendive#.UxDEGYWXZac>

ITS ALL ABOUT THE ISSUES

By Senator Bob Nonini Dist. 7 Cottonwood



2nd Amendment Rights- The Idaho Senate approved by a large margin the right to carry concealed weapons on Idaho owned college campuses. I supported the bill. For those that did not support it, they argued that we were taking away local control. I couldn't disagree more. Local control belongs to the many law abiding citizens in the communities that are the home of those college campuses. Giving more local control to elected officials (college trustees) only further erodes the constitutional rights to the above mentioned law abiding citizens.

States far more liberal than Idaho already allow with an enhanced concealed weapons permit, the ability to carry weapons on college campuses. Two of those states are Colorado and Oregon, and there have been no major problems or increase in gun crimes. In fact the proof is in the pudding as they say. Criminals tend to stay away from areas that allow for the law abiding citizens to carry weapons. The law the Idaho Senate passed will make the campuses safer. In fact just a few days

ago a female student was robbed as she got out of her car on the North Idaho College campus. Would the results have been different if she would have been carrying a concealed weapon? I really believe they might have been. Or if other students arriving at school would have been carrying a concealed weapon? Maybe the perpetrator of the young lady would not have even been at the campus.

Medicaid expansion- Senator Thayne and I co-sponsored legislation this year that would have redirected the state CAT fund dollars from hospital ER's to community health centers. Although the bill did not make it out of committee the discussion was positive. The current Medicaid system does not provide that recipients have any real skin in the game so to speak. Here is an example of that. A severely obese Medicaid patient can go to the local hospital ER and complain of a severe headache. They can obtain a prescription to treat the headache and the local county or state CAT fund pays the bill. If that same patient was treated for their obesity which in turn through high blood pressure causes the headaches and diabetes and other unhealthy disorders, at a community health center, we could start to lower overall health related costs. That same patient needs to be held accountable of their own health problems and not be able to pass those issues on to taxpayers.

Our current Medicaid system provides too much unaccountable health care and does not look always at the underlying problem or require that the patient have any skin in the game. Between the 44 counties in Idaho and the state CAT fund, we are paying \$65,000,000 annually for the Medicaid care. And the federal government and some Idaho legislators want to expand it. The United States currently borrows around .35 to .40 for every dollar it spends. Until the state of Idaho can address the problems the system currently has, it would be a devastating mistake to expand the Medicaid program.

The grocery tax credit- It needs to be completely phased out and sales tax on food in Idaho needs to be removed. There are those lawmakers in Idaho that want to continue to decrease the upper levels of the personal income tax rates. It is ironic those lawmakers are the high income earners. Sales tax on food penalizes the low and middle income earners the hardest. And guess what? The low and middle income earners are the majority of workers and residents in this state. It is time the state legislature do something for them. Senators Fulcher and Bayer have a bill drafted that I am a co-sponsor of. They are having difficulty getting a hearing scheduled. Is that because the legislative leadership has political reasons. It is time to put those political reasons behind them and do what is right for the vast majority of Idaho citizens.

Please email me at bnonini@senate.idaho.gov or call me at (208) 332-1338 to share your comments and thoughts.

UPDATE ON PROTECTION OF OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES

By David Ripley of Idaho Chooses Life

You may have already heard that the Idaho Legislature has decided to abandon efforts to erect greater protections for Idahoans' religious liberties at a moment of unprecedented aggressiveness by the homosexual lobby around the nation. Just as they did with *Roe*, judicial activists and the media are attempting to impose their will upon the citizenry through deception and extra-legal means. (*Did you notice the Statesman's 3-day expose on whether Idaho is sufficiently "Gay Friendly" to attract business investment?*)

Rep. Lynn Luker's legislation to protect business owners from being forced to violate their religious beliefs has been returned to committee and pronounced "dead" for the session.

It is hard to see this as anything other than a capitulation by the Legislature's leadership to the small, if loud, band of homosexual activists setting up camp inside the Capitol building. Numerous protests at the Legislature this session have ended in arrests as the homosexual lobby tries to intimidate the Legislature into enacting special protections for their community.

Some have tried to argue that the refusal to deal with Rep. Luker's legislation is part of a broader strategy to defend Idaho's Marriage Protection Amendment from assault in the federal courts. Perhaps. But the present threat to Idaho's constitution and traditional religious values would seem to prove the case that Luker's legislation is more necessary than ever, rather than some kind of "distraction".

The last election continues to bear fruit unsuitable for market: We have too many members of the Legislature looking at an easy path to re-election rather than the long-term welfare of Idaho.

Furthermore, it is difficult to see how surrender by the Legislature will appease federal judges like Lynn Winmill and his comrades on the 9th Circuit.

What is perfectly clear is that the homosexual lobby and their allies on the Left have been handed an easy and needless victory. This will make passage of social legislation more difficult in the future - whether that be defending religious freedom, preborn children or the traditional family.

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A PLAN TO PHASE OUT (ABOLISH) SOCIAL SECURITY

By Evalyn Bennett

The \$1 trillion budget recently approved by Congress included only minor cuts to discretionary spending, but did nothing to address the programs that account for the lion's share of federal spending. This week I sent Idaho Rep. Raul Labrador a proposal to phase out social security within about thirty years. I'm sure my suggestions will be viewed as radical because they are outside the frame of reference for most generations of Americans. But that is precisely the point: We have been duped into the socialist mentality that the "nanny state" should invest a portion of our earnings and "help" us plan for our retirement! No, "Uncle Sam," you do not know what is best. American citizens are perfectly capable of making financial decisions to save for retirement and choosing private investment options for those savings.

As you read my proposal, consider how you might have preferred to invest 7% of your income throughout your lifetime. (That is the approximate percentage of social security taxation, plus a comparable match made by employers.) Maybe that 7% would have gone toward retirement, or maybe you have other retirement savings and would have used that money to avoid debt such as a mortgage, car loan, or student loan.

I believe Social Security should be entirely phased out, because the premise of Social Security is fundamentally flawed on four counts:

- It incorrectly assumes a "right" to retirement.
- It is based on an economically unsustainable principle of annuity/pension payments for life.
- It is not an enumerated power of the federal government to tax citizens and employers and put those monies into forced retirement savings accounts.
- The savings earned for retirement are forfeited if the person dies before retirement age, with no provision for full payment to the beneficiary's heirs.

Social Security incorrectly assumes a "right" to retirement. Prior to the past few decades, most people in our country (and certainly around the world) accepted that they would work until they died, unless they possessed the financial means to "retire." Retirement was something to be earned and saved for. Person who did not have the means to "retire" either had to continue to work or move in with family members (elderly parents used to live with and be cared for by their grown children). The federal government has taken over "retirement planning" when that ought to be the responsibility of individuals and families.

Social Security is based on an economically unsustainable principle of annuity/pension payments for life. Social Security calculates a monthly payment based on a person's individual (or spousal) lifetime earnings and social security contributions. However, there is no guarantee that the recipient will receive only the contributions he and his employer made, plus interest; the citizen may receive more than they contributed, or less (see #4 below). Rather than pay out only what was "invested" by the federal government on the citizen's behalf, social security operates in a fantasy land of lifetime payment calculations *with periodic adjustments for inflation*. This is unsustainable economics! No life insurance company would (or could) operate this way. (This is also a flaw of federal, state, and city government pension funds - many of these government entities face bankruptcy as a result.)

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It is not an enumerated power of the federal government to tax citizens and employers and put those monies into forced retirement savings accounts. The Constitution is utterly silent on the topic of federal retirement planning for its citizens. (As I noted in #1 above, the concept of "retirement" was probably unheard of in the Founding Father's era.) All powers not specifically entrusted to the federal government are reserved to the states and the people. In this case, it is clear that the people should be responsible for their own financial management, not the federal government or the states.

The savings earned for retirement are forfeited if the person dies before retirement age, with no provision for full payment to the beneficiary's heirs. This flaw is linked to #2 above. In some cases, the citizen dies before reaching social security benefits "age" and no one in the family receives benefits. This is theft, for the citizen contributed to Social Security throughout his working years and those citizen and employer contributions, plus interest, should pass to his heirs.

Having established the need to abolish Social Security, the remaining dilemma is how to phase it out?

The measures I suggest would:

- move most retirement assets management from the public sector to the private sector, stimulating the financial management sector of the economy;
- greatly reduce the staff and scope of Social Security administrative functions, phasing the agency out entirely within 30 years;
- reduce employer and IRS staff obligations to collect social security taxes;
- maintain benefits for current recipients and those approaching social security retirement age (should they elect to participate in social security);
- ensure retirement savings are received by the contributor and his or her heirs, if the beneficiary dies before retirement age; and
eliminate "payments for life," instead providing payments that reflect the amount of money actually in the person's social security account, with projected interest.

Here are my specific solutions:

- A. Continue to provide current social security (SS) retirement benefits recipients with monthly benefits according to the "contract" specified when they enrolled for benefits (including survivor benefits). In lieu of annual cost of living increases (COLAs), (1) provide annual lump sum dividend payments based on that year's interest earnings in the aggregate of the retirement recipients' SS accounts, with earnings shared among enrollees (as for mutual fund or insurance dividends); or, (2) keep those earnings invested to ensure there will be enough funding for current recipients and their survivors who are entitled to benefits.
- B. B. For SS enrollees approaching retirement age (age 60+?), provide the citizen with **one of three options**. Allowing a choice of distribution options acknowledges that citizens of this age are in their last years of spending their financial resources, and should be trusted to make their own decisions for how those resources will be used. **(1) A fixed payment monthly retirement annuity for 10, 15, or 20 years (no COLA or dividend payments), to be projected based on the citizen's actual account holdings at retirement.**

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The citizen would make the judgment about the length of annuity payment desired (e.g., higher payments for 10 years or lower payments for 20 years). A primary and secondary beneficiary would be designated to receive any remaining account assets should the retiree die before the last annuity payment date. **(2) A lump sum payout of all citizen contributions and employer matching contributions with accrued interest, for the retiree to manage as he or she sees fit.** That lump sum can be used to pay off a mortgage, given to the citizen's heirs as an inheritance, used to buy a business, put into a long term health care savings account, etc. **(3) A lump sum payout into an IRA or other retirement plan**, thus preserving the accrued assets for retirement purposes, but moving the assets to the private sector and placing the burden of financial management on the citizen.

C. For persons ages 20 and under, issue an immediate lump sum pay-off of all social security contributions made to date. That lump sum should be theirs to use to pay for college, buy a vehicle, save for a house down payment, put into an IRA, buy a business, etc. Assuming these high school and college youth earn \$3,000-5,000 per year, 15% of this amount would be \$450-\$750 per person per year worked. This is a small investment to make to free this generation to plan for their own retirement without government interference. The government will save far more than this in reducing the Social Security Administration (SSA) staff associated with managing these young citizens' SS accounts for a lifetime.

D. For persons ages 21-59, roll over into an IRA all citizen and employer contributions that have been made to the beneficiary's account (with accrued interest).

E. Implement a gradual pay-out to recipients under Categories B, C, and D above to spread out the Social Security Administration workload and the financial impact to the federal government. A specified percentage of citizens a week could be contacted for their payout option based on random selection of social security numbers for citizens in the affected age category. How many per week would be based on the total number of citizens with a social security account and how quickly the total phase-out of SS is desired. For example, if there are 100 million Category B, C, or D enrollees, that would be 192,308 "conversions" to private investment per week over a 10-year period. That may seem like a monumental task, but how many social security checks are presently issued each month by the SSA? Those monthly checks would now only be issued to Category A and Category B, Option 1 recipients.

F. Encourage working citizens age 18 and older to save for retirement by amending the retirement contributions deduction to apply to a much higher income bracket and increasing the annual allowable contributions to an IRA. The tax code could also be amended to encourage other types of retirement savings, such as 401(k) accounts. Allow parents to set up and make small (\$500 per year?) after-tax retirement plan contributions to a minor's IRA account, to instill the mindset of saving early for retirement and allow parents to provide a future inheritance for their children in this manner.

G. Eliminate taxes on social security benefits. This money was already taxed as income when it was earned! Furthermore, it is retirement benefits - not "income from whatever source derived!"

H. Do not require employee or employer contributions to a retirement plan; leave that to the discretion of both individuals. Let the employer decide to offer retirement matching as part of a benefits plan, if he wants to. Let the employee decide if he has discretionary income to put toward retirement.

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I. Immediately revoke the Social Security tax!!!

For this plan to work, the current social security program must not be a PONZI scheme that requires perpetual taxation in order to fund future retirees. I sincerely hope that the program is sufficiently solvent to fund the lump sum payouts I recommend and thereby free workers and employers from the burden of government taxation and regulation brought on by decades of this misguided program.

The solutions to social security are not complicated, but they do require a new approach that adheres to the boundaries of both the Constitution and economic principles. The challenge is on for Congress to implement legislation to abolish social security rather than simply reforming it.

Evalyn Bennett is Vice President of the Lemhi County Tea Party and lives in Salmon, Idaho. She wrote this letter to express the viewpoint that social security is inconsistent with the tea party values of Constitutionally limited government, fiscal responsibility, and free markets.

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Progressive Paranoia & Gun Free Killing Zones

By Bob Neugebauer



Campus Carry Hearing

How many more innocent children must die because of progressive paranoia and gun free killing zones? If anyone bothered to read the Insight section of The Idaho Statesman's Sunday edition, you would think that the Senate State Affairs committee and its Chairman Curt McKenzie committed a crime because of the time allotted for speakers at the public hearing on SB 1254. I would ask of those who were critical of Chairman Curt McKenzie and his committee to take a step back and think about the time wasted by our two Democratic senators, Stennett and Werk. These two senators made a mockery of the hearing by asking the same inane questions over and over only to receive the same answers. They were essentially hoping to run down the clock to push for an extension of the hearing in hopes of delaying a vote on the bill.

It should also be noted that the President of BSU and other dignitaries against the bill were given way more than their allotted three minutes by Chairman McKenzie to get their points across. So if Police Chief Masterson thinks he was slighted or as he suggested "Democracy has Failed us" because he didn't get a chance to speak, then he should look at the facts and next time sign up early.

Approximately 60% of the hearing time was allotted to the folks against the bill (excluding the presentation of the bill by the NRA representative) and about 40% of the time for those wanting to pass the bill. It's not as if we haven't heard the pros and cons of this issue before. The problem lies with the liberal progressives who don't believe that every citizen 18 years of age has the right to carry a gun to defend themselves. Basically they don't believe in the second amendment of our Constitution. We should always remember BSU's Director of Governmental Relations, Bruce Newcomb's infamous words as he testified about "Our Dead Constitution". He seems to forget it is our Constitution that governs us, and those that think it is dead should find another country to live in.

Our children have a right and in fact an obligation to protect themselves at our public colleges and universities. It's the progressive administrators who would take that right away because they think they know better how to protect our children. After listening to the various dignitaries from the Universities speak about their security solutions, it scared me half to death. We have so little security on our campuses that it is shameful. Yet our two Democratic senators, supposedly concerned about costs continued to ask questions about how much it would cost to upgrade security at our schools if SB1254 passed. If the only thing between one of my grandchildren getting killed by some crazed gunman is a phone system that alerts everyone to a danger on campus and a security force that doesn't carry guns, then I will encourage them to conceal carry. If there had been armed students or off duty police officers on the Virginia Tech. campus, things might have turned out quite differently.

You don't have to be a genius to understand that criminals are less likely to commit crimes in places where they know people are carrying fire arms. This has been proven time and time again. It is also a fact that gun free zones are potential targets for criminals, the mentally ill and terrorists. So why do we allow these zones to exist? It's because the progressives want our children to be afraid of guns when they should be embracing the idea of self protection and exercising their constitutional rights as United States citizens.

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The liberal media will always blow up any incident that they think is viable in inhibiting the use of fire arms because it is part and parcel of their agenda. According to the NRA, there are millions of incidents which take place every year where a legally armed civilian stops a crime because they are carrying a concealed weapon. The liberal media seldom, if ever, publicize these events as they do not want to validate the fact that carrying a concealed weapon is the best defense in a life or death situation.

The arguments presented by the opposition were no more than a diatribe against our second amendment rights with little or no data to back up their objections. By the same token, examples were brought forward by those in favor of "Campus Carry" citing there have been no problems for colleges in Colorado and Utah which have had concealed carry rights for a number of years. Why is it ok to send our 18 year old men and women to war to defend our country and not ok to allow them to defend themselves at the colleges and universities they attend? This would seem a bit hypocritical to anyone except to the people who run our Universities and Colleges.

I would personally like to thank all of the Senators on the State Affairs Committee that stood up for the rights of Idaho citizens by voting Yes on SB1254. It is because of them that our children will have a fighting chance in the event of an unforeseen attack on one of our campuses.

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Smith who recently moved back to the state from Florida, served two terms in the Senate before losing the 2002 primary to John E. Sununu, who went on to win the election. In 1999, Smith ran for president, dropped out of the Republican party, became an independent, ended his presidential campaign and returned to the GOP. Bob is 72 years old and plans to formally announce his candidacy on March 4th in Concord. Bob was a representative for New Hampshire for three terms in the 1980's and served as Senator from 1990 till 2003 when he lost to John Sununu.

Q. Would you consider yourself a tea party conservative or an establishment Republican?

A. I consider myself a Regan conservative and certainly a tea party guy. I gave a speech in 1999 when I left the party. I became an independent because the leaders of the party were walking away from the party platform and were kowtowing to Clinton on gun control, the right to life and tax and spend, and I got frustrated. So I figured if I left and became an independent it would force the Republican leadership in the Senate to come around to the conservative principals we all espoused, but that didn't work. I did it to try to make a statement and came back a few months later. So I would say that I was a tea party guy before tea party was cool. We have to unite around our principals, and we all know what they are; less government, less spending, honest officials, less taxation and less of the government peeking into your private records. These are all the things that the tea party is upset about. If that's what uniting the party means, then I'm all for it, but on the other hand we can't compromise our principles. I'm hoping that those that call themselves establishment will move our way and help us because if they don't, they need to move out of the way because that's the direction I believe we are heading. If we do not do this, then I think the Republican party will die on the vine.

Q. We have a situation in 2014 where we could take over the majority of the senate and increase our seats in the house; however, there is a problem because of these attacks on the tea party conservatives by the establishment Republicans. How would you see this playing out?

A. Well that's not the way I look at it. Primaries are designed for candidates to put their views out there so the voters can decide who they want to represent them on the party ticket. If the voters decide to pick someone more in the tea party than the establishment vein then that's what the voters decide, and the party should applaud that and support them. I don't have a problem with tea party people challenging so called establishment Republicans because that's what it is all about. It's hard to have challengers, especially when people are going off the reservation in terms of the principles of the party.

Q. Let's talk about a couple of the big problems we have. What would you do to change the entitlement programs like social security and Medicare as they are both going down the toilet very quickly?

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A. Well they are bankrupt and there is no money, there is no trust fund, and we know that the deficit is 17 trillion, and those are only the numbers on the books. All of the payments due people from a baby born today till that baby dies in terms of social security, Medicare and other “so called entitlements,” if you put them all together you are looking at a 60 to 80 trillion dollar liability by the federal government. This is all going to be passed on to our children and grandchildren and their grandchildren which is wrong. As a candidate, but also as a human being and citizen of the U.S., it’s insane and selfish for any of us to live today and pass that kind of burden on to our children. When we pass away, most of us are farsighted enough to leave a will and would like to leave assets to our children not debts. We have all been down on the stump about cutting this little program and that little program and I agree anything that is wasteful should be cut, but discretionary spending is only 20% of the budget and 80% are the programs which have been called entitlements. Keep in mind that the only thing you are entitled to is what the tax payers are willing to provide you.

We clearly need reform, but that does not mean necessarily that people would lose benefits they have been promised, but I think prospectively we have to reform those programs. There are ways to do it, but there is too much detail to go into here. Certainly we should look at programs like Medicare and Medicaid and maybe pass them back to the states where they could be administered for less cost. We’re getting to the point where we could have people put money into private accounts so they can supplement their social security. You could means test it, raise the age limits or maybe even privatization without taking away the benefits that were promised to those who paid in. A 20 year old that comes into the system could have their own IRA account which could reduce the cost that would come out of the social security. The short answer is we must reform entitlements. You cannot take 80% of the budget off of the table and expect to balance it. We can’t do it in a year, but we could do it in 10 at most and maybe less.

Right now we have to reform these programs, but no one right now has the political courage to step up and say we need to change now. A because they are bankrupt, but B because if they are bankrupt there are people in the future that are not going to receive any of these benefits, and it’s not going to be us, it will be our grandchildren. That is very selfish of us and we need to correct it, and I intend to speak to it and address the issue. I’m not going to lie to the American people in my campaign, I’m going to tell them the truth that we have to reform these programs. If you want to pass this debt on to your children, then vote for my opponent cause I don’t want to do that.

Q. What do you think the chances are that the government will try to confiscate pension and IRA money on the premise that the people don’t know how to run it and having the government control individual IRA’s would be a much better solution. This has been proposed by several treasury officials at private meetings that have been held in the last year.

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A. When you have a government that is basically broke and is printing 80 billion dollars a month and throwing it out into the economy to keep us afloat, you should not be surprised by anything that gets put on the table. They are looking for money everywhere they can find it as opposed to cutting spending, cutting taxes and creating the incentives for the economy to grow. All of us who are conservatives are smart enough to understand what the left does not. When you cut taxes and relieve the financial pressures on business and allow them to put their money into expansion and growth, jobs are created and when jobs are created more people pay taxes to the treasury and revenues grow, not decrease. Unfortunately our liberal friends believe they have to raise taxes on the productive people in society to make the treasury grow. We all know that this doesn't work, nor has it ever worked.

Regan cut taxes, Kennedy cut taxes and when they did the economy picked up. So nothing surprises me and I would not be surprised if there were not proposals like that to look for revenues wherever they could find them. That is why it is absolutely essential to the survival of our nation to stop this constant tax and spend before we are bankrupt. It will get to the point where the bondholders, whether they be Chinese or you and I, who buy government bonds will be stuck with worthless paper or we will offered 20 cents on the dollar. We have got to stop this insanity as this problem will not solve itself. You have to do it by sitting down in a room and coming up with solutions. If it were my job, I would find the best business minds in the world and say here is our problem. How do we get this budget balanced? Forget the politics. What do we have to do with entitlements, what do we have to do to create growth and more jobs?

We all know that more regulations and taxes do not help businesses grow and when businesses grow they create more jobs. It's a numbers game and our leaders know that. You also have to have enough votes in the house and the senate and I'm talking about conservative republican votes to make the changes. You also need a good conservative president who will sign these bills to reform entitlements, cut spending, balance the budget and move forward to begin reducing the debt. I want to stand in front of a debt clock where the numbers are going down not up. That's the day that I pray for.

Q. We have three more years with this president and much confusion in the house and senate about who is doing what to whom. Are we looking at three more years of doing nothing?

A. Look, here is the thing, if somebody is doing something bad working with them to make something bad worse is not worth working with them. If you can work with others to improve the situation and make progress that's great. If someone is willing to meet you half way to balance the budget, then you would have some compromise. We have a serious problem in that we have a democrat left wing liberal president and the senate that is left wing because of leadership. We have to take over the senate one vote at a time. We have got to win the house and senate with conservatives who are willing to bite the bullet and make the tough decisions and then in 2016 elect a conservative president and collectively they will act and do what is right. But you know we screwed it up before. The Republican party is not perfect. Just look what John Roberts did on Obamacare. You can't be 100% certain that every Republican is going to be right. If you think that way you are making a big mistake. It's necessary to get the people with the right philosophy and that's where the tea party can be helpful by keeping candidates honest out there when they are running for office, and if they are going in the wrong direction, hold them accountable. If that means defeating them in a primary so be it.

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Q. When you're running for the national seats in the senate and the house, how important do you feel the money is as opposed to a grass roots operation?

A. The future presidents of the United States and the future senators, congressman and governors are going to come from the young folks that are now coming on the political stage. It's very important to organize at the grass roots. I know that is a very trite term which is over used, but for lack of a better term, getting people involved at the local grassroots activist level is the future. It may not be the future today, but it is the future tomorrow and we have got to do it. You cannot ignore the grass roots as that's where you will find your leaders of tomorrow. There is a propensity in grass roots conservatives to say I can't help with any money. I'll ring door bells and stuff envelopes, which is important, but if every person at the grass roots level who reads this article that you are writing would donate \$25 that's one large cup of coffee worth about two bucks for the next year or roughly a 25 dollar contribution. So by giving up one cup of coffee a month not a day you can put twenty five dollars together and give it to the candidate of your choice. Then you're doing your part, and you can still ring the door bells and stuff the envelopes. Look back at the Founders of this country. They pledged lives, fortunes and sacred honor, and many lost it because of taking on the King of England. There was a huge sacrifice on their part and we need to commit to that same type of sacrifice today because if we don't get it we are going to lose our nation. Our founders gave us this Republic but only if we can keep it. The sacrifices we have to make today are nothing compared to the sacrifices the Founders made.

I'm not a negative person and, we must as Americans rise to the challenge. We need to have a positive spirit and take the liberals on. We don't need to focus so much on the debt. We need to focus on growth. Don't focus on Obamacare, focus on reforming, changing or throwing it out. Look for the alternatives like medical savings accounts, tort reform and allowing insurance to be sold across state lines. We are positive people, and if we come with that spirit and face these liberals, we will win but we can't win if we just keep complaining about the debt and Obamacare. We need to rise up and figure out what we can do to change our country. I will say it again and make people mad. Give \$25 bucks to some candidate out there that you support and still ring door bells and stuff envelopes. That will make the difference because we can't ignore the fact that it takes money to run a race. You can't just expect the candidate to make the sacrifice to go through what you have to in a political campaign. The big money guys hand over a check and send the candidates on their way, but the grass roots have the fire in their bellies, and if they can be persuaded to hand over 25 bucks, we can win any campaign.

Thank you Senator Smith for giving us your time for this interview, and we certainly wish you well in your pursuit of a senate seat for New Hampshire.

STEALING THEIR POWER FROM OUR LIBERTY

By Jim Chmelik Candidate for Lt. Governor

My friends we get the Government we tolerate.

Today politicians, bureaucrats, and judges are taking their power from our liberties. Recently while rereading the Declaration of Independence I ask myself this question would I have the courage to sign the Declaration today. I would tell you yes because my life would have no meaning without my liberty and my fortune would be for naught without the freedom to share it as I see fit and all that would remain would be the honor to stand for principal, and as Patrick Henry stated "Give me Liberty or Give me Death."

However I do have hope, not a false hope, but a real honest sense of what hope is. You see some talk of hope, however, they do not understand that hope is a verb. To have hope is to have taken action in the promise of what you are hoping for. My child hopes for a good grade because he studied for the test. We hope to change our current course of action because we are engaging in the process to take back our government, back from those who do not understand the principal law of sovereignty as endowed through our creator, that sovereignty begins with the individual and you have a right to Life, Liberty, and Property; and governments are instituted among men to protect these rights and any infringement upon these rights is an infringement upon the natural law as granted within our charter, and it is our duty to protect and fight if necessary to ensure no one takes these from us. It will be our own faults. if we allow this to happen.

There are those who would tell us we are a nation founded in the rule of law, I would ask who's law, man's law or the natural law. For many times man has gotten it wrong. Where would we be today if 56 men had not challenged King George's rule of law. What if Dred Scott had not challenged our rule of law enshrined within our constitution. And what happens when we do not stand for the law of liberty, we enslave men as we did at the beginning of our new nation and later lacking the fortitude and duty to follow our conscience we interned Americans as we did during WW II and deprived them of their Liberty and Property. What about Rosa Parks who in 1955 refused to go to the back of the bus. America has a storied tradition of standing against the rule of law when that rule is in direct violation of ceding the freedom and liberty of the individual.

Today Idaho has a choice to make

Our system of government was not established for the collective but to protect the right of the individual and the protection of these rights are worth the battle, and so as I travel around the state, I have hope because I see it in your actions. "So let's go forth with a stout heart and good cheer, happy warriors to take back our state and our country to freedom." Ronald Reagan echoed these words in the 1980's when he also told us, "this is a wonderful time to be alive."



Senator Russ Fulcher
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A CONVENTION OF STATES ARGUMENT

Part Two By Darr Moon

To better understand my position against an Article V Convention and the anticipated varieties of Amendments that would surely spawn, you need only review the Amendments ratified to date to discover the folly of improving the content and character of our founding document. It is from this premise that I can hopefully convince many well intentioned conservatives that the direction to establish a more perfect union is by way of repeal rather than promulgation. The reconstruction Amendments after the Civil War give clarity to the changing perception of the balance of power between the federal agency, the States and the People. To the victor the spoil and so to as recorded by the Thirteenth Amendment which gave freedom to a class of people who under the terms of our great separation with Britain should have been free all along. The inequities of the day should never have been allowed but for popular compromise that would one day put some 600,000 to an early grave. Maybe the Thirteenth Amendment should have just proclaimed "All men are created equal" as intended by the Declaration of Independence. The great struggle bore cover for a broader scope that would come to defile the balance of power between the States and the Federal Agency. The Northern States lost equity in the struggle just as the South to a new and powerful centralized government. The Fourteenth Amendment made all sovereigns of the States citizens of the United States giving the federal government citizens to whom they could grant rights and bestow liberties they previously enjoyed but lost apparently at the point of a sword in a conflict that freed certain slaves and indentured others.

The reconstruction Amendments gave rise to further federal encroachment upon States powers by burdening the citizen with income tax in support of a growing federal bureaucracy via the Sixteenth Amendment. The Seventeenth Amendment blew a gaping hole in the Constitution's balance of power with the States and the concept of a compound Republic by abolishing States suffrage to elect their Senators. This small, seemingly inconsequential shift in power from Senators elected by State Legislatures to the People of the States effectively destroyed the balance of fiscal responsibility inherent in the original Constitution's framework. The action created two houses of the People who clamored for more and more as the throttle of economic responsibility was firmly stuck in high gear free of State oversight. The budget was no longer restrained by the vote of the States that kept a lid on federal spending. You may notice since this 1913 enactment the federal budget has grown enormous and been financed on a pile of IOU's that can never be repaid. States are now at the mercy of a federal sugar daddy who can print money baiting the States with all sorts of grants, special concessions and privileges unheard of in days past. May I remind you how well Idaho has resisted federal tyranny; ObamaCare, the introduction of the wolf, and over 63 percent of this State still a federal territory. Makes you wonder if we've any manhood (Statehood) left.

Maybe the best of the subsequent Amendments was the Twenty First which repealed the Eighteenth prohibiting alcohol. More Amendments would come which did not give more freedom just defined it from the perspective of a central governments charity that bargained to grant further rights. The Nineteenth Amendment gave women the right to vote, a vote they would have had if we were all indeed created equal under the law.

The Twenty Second Amendment term limited the President by popular demand. So has it helped eradicate the imperial Presidency? No, the Amendment was a sideshow that made us feel better but had no effect on the proliferation of Presidential power. Need I remind you the antics and Executive Orders of the current occupant from Pennsylvania Avenue?

Even the Twenty Sixth Amendment which granted 18 year olds the right to vote was predicated on a flimsy premise that if they could be called to die for their country they ought to be able to vote. Maybe they should have considered that no person should be called to die for their country until they are 21 years of age, more mature and level headed so as to head off such ineffective and unconstitutional wars we've conflicted since Korea. Continued on page 27

A CONVENTION OF STATES ARGUMENT PART TWO CONTINUED By Darr Moon

My point is we have done a damn poor job of Amending our Constitution to date and should consider restoring the original balance of powers between the federal agency, the States and the People before we try piling on further transgressions of liberty under felonious false flags of presumed supplemental liberties. Could a batch processed number of additional amendments really confine the unscrupulous, the notoriously calculating and conniving to give more liberty? Please take a closer look at history, the current fraught with corruption body politic and the master spin doctors of the woefully ignorant media, then give me a call.

In Liberty,

Darr

A View to a Kill in the 5th Dimension The Staged Massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary

When the moon is in the seventh house and Jupiter aligns with Mars you may find yourself in the 5th Dimension, or you may be watching the nightly news. I have attached below a YouTube video link that may astound you if you think you've got the news 'fair and balanced'. The video presents a case contending that the Sandy Hook school shootings were a staged hoax to direct an agenda to further gun control legislation. I know how bizarre this sounds, so please read on and watch the video documentary. The video is incredible if true and would be an amazingly well coordinated conspiracy to fraud Americans. At first I scoffed at the suggestion, could such a grand conspiracy be perpetrated with such clockwork efficiency without even a peep from any one of the many braggadocios inclined perpetrators? The suggestion seems absurd, the possibility outrageous. As you will see though, one would be negligent to believe that the ever present media and their mighty propaganda machines aren't directing the masses within their carefully parsed two dimensional world. News alerts tag the headlines with a constant banner of urgent messages scrolling at the bottom of everyone's television screens. People are swooned by emotional testimony and graphic video displays used to manipulate us to focus in the direction their hidden agendas dictate.

Our world is being molded by such media giants and their well-funded propaganda machines. They are fully integrated and a complementary component to America's political establishments. From the pulling of heart strings to the call for purposeful action all major media is orchestrated by moguls whose directives are projected upon millions of television screens across the nation and world. The propaganda artist operate by no accident. News is only the news which those modern day robber barons leak to feed the hungry masses addicted to immediate fixes of non-information. Their methods have proven effective; just observe how advertisers have been able to convince people to divert their money for all sorts of products whose value is exponentially less than the packaging it comes in.

I'm not suggesting the following video documentary is true. I am suggesting the methodology is alive and well. Have we reached the "Capricorn One" moment which suggested that men did not walk on the moon but were rather players in a cleverly staged hoax to dismiss the great endeavor of mankind? The possibility remains that many of us are cast members on a "Truman Show" type sitcom providing us with a contemporary virtual reality controlled by masters unknown.

Your mother said "don't believe everything you read", maybe it's time we add "don't believe everything you watch".

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1yfJDCMU64&feature=youtu.be>

In Liberty, Darr Moon

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
OUR STATE CONSTITUTION A LIVING DOCUMENT? By Robert Forrey

The Idaho Land Board members are supporting a Senate Joint Resolution (SJR105) to amend the Idaho Constitution. It is apparent that the Board views our Constitution as a "Living Document, that must be changed to "conform to modern business practices." (Asset Management Plan, page 31). SJR -105 calls for changing language in the Idaho Constitution that eliminates the requirement to dispose of school endowment land at public auction. (Art. IX, Sec.8)

The Resolution also will remove a constitutional "restriction prohibiting the sale of more than three hundred and twenty acres of land to any one individual, company or corporation." This acreage will be increased 20 times to 6,400 acres.

This Constitutional change was first recommended by the Hartland Corporation of Seattle, Wash. In 2010. They stated on page 3 of their Executive Summary, "...that will allow for direct marketing and sales of certain endowment assets in a business-like manner that is consistent with modern real estate investment practices."

Why is it important to keep the auction requirement in the Constitution?

The Idaho Supreme Court in Wasden v. Idaho Land Board (2012) explained it this way, "...the state shall receive the greatest possible amount for the lease of school lands for the benefit of the school funds and for this reason competitive bidding is made mandatory."

The maximum return can only be achieved if the Land Board has the largest possible population of bids to select from. The auction must be open to all who may wish to bid. The simple participation in the auction process of even "unfit" bidders will necessarily drive up the bids of the other parties.

The auction clause in our Constitution must be retained so as to achieve the maximum long-term financial return on Idaho's school trust lands.

"The Constitutional requirement for auctions is no hollow process, to be enforced merely because the Constitution says so, but rather serves as an initial phase to ensure that the bids the Land Board reviews are as high as possible." (Idaho Law Review 2003)

SJR-105 should be defeated.

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MULTICULTURALISM, THE OLYMPICS AND THE DESTRUCTION OF EUROPE

By Darr Moon

Multiculturalism is the popular theme at these Olympic Games, let peace and harmony reign as collectively we down another Coke-a-Cola and feel good about ourselves. A lovely ideal that falls short on culture and long on the common theme from establishment bureaucrats that one world collective thinking will bring peace and harmony to all. The transformational concept that humanity need look beyond our differences and see the world as one is destroying culture, stripping people of their heritage and leaving the world ablaze with socio-economic resentment. The political push to collectivize is providing fodder that is fueling a conflagration that could soon erupt in blazes of gunfire.

As the Sochi Winter Olympics kicked off another welcoming ceremony, the world's governments behind the scenes sharpen their axes in a continued hunt for wealth and power. Vladimir Putin smiled stoically as future victims of his new world order marched by. The Ukrainian team most likely felt the chill of his presence as prospects for civil war loom back home. The Russian East and the European West look to divide their homeland that has seen its share of suffering. Ice dancers and ski jumpers soar as the people of Kiev are fighting in the streets leaving the world's media to focus on headlines from the games of civilized competition.

This unsettling news is not confined to the Ukraine as most of Europe is on the edge of chaos. Lofty ambitions to make all the same in polite society is leaving many ethnic peoples without a future losing their economic and cultural battles to the globalists. The Euro and the European Economic Union are fine examples of this one size fits all strategy. In their attempt to unify the economies of several nations and their currencies they have effectively reduced Europe to third world status with a mountain of debt their youth can never pay. Debt, unemployment and civil disobedience is rising across the continent all because of a collective mindset that is reducing Italians to be more like Germans than Portuguese. The multicultural experiment has nothing to do with the unique identities of their fellow man and their cultures. The strategy employed is reducing all to a common easily controlled population dependent upon government for subsistence. Sound familiar?

There is a serious power struggle behind the scenes at these opulent winter games. Underneath the fresh snow lurks an uneasy tension of empires in decline and the struggle to grab as much as they can before bitter fruit bears this spring. Just as the bright lights of the Olympic ceremony hide the unfinished rooms where toilets don't flush, the collectivist parade their banners of people power to dismiss transgressions of their past. Governments have robbed the people of their wealth, their opportunity and given little hope to the youth. The combination of poverty and ethnic division will soon rear its ugly head and be used by the establishment as an excuse to chop heads. The reality is that the entire show has been orchestrated to usher in more government and more police to control the savage populations. Tolerance for cultures and peoples ethnic diversity will end in concentration camps reminiscent of 75 years past. The manifestation and horrors of obtuse overwhelming government and their regulations are vividly on display across the European continent, soon to be coming ashore in America.

Don't get me wrong, I love the spirit of international competition on all fronts. If people really believed in the concept, the best athletes as well as the most successful societies and cultures would be on display and cherished.

Read more on this subject by checking out Martin Armstrong's blog. He has been ahead of economic and social affairs across the globe and is not a media pawn of the statist. I use Armstrong to balance many perspectives of socio-economic issues that the general media will not report.

<http://armstrongeconomics.com/2014/02/page/4/>

More on the Ukraine Situation from Reuters:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/02/06/us-ukraine-idUSBREA151QL20140206>

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Remember this form is only if you are registered with another party. Just click on the link and follow the instructions

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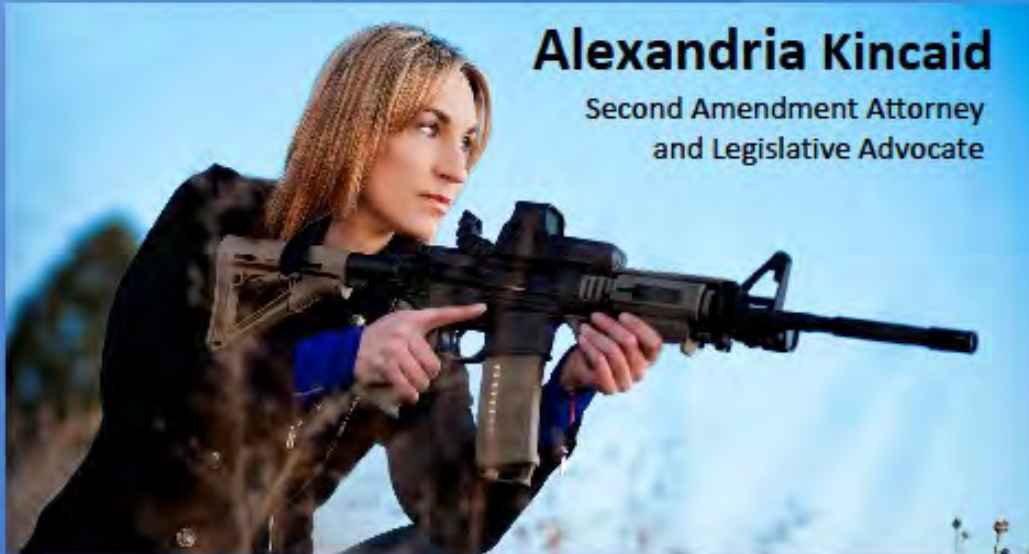
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SCHEDULE OF ORGANIZATIONAL EVENTS FEBRUARY & MARCH

Mar. 4th. 6:00PM Central Idaho Tea Party will hold their monthly meeting at Dave and Kathy's Double Eagle restaurant in Donnelly. Discussion on St Luke's tax in the McCall taxing district.

Mar. 5th. 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Fuddruckers 1666 S. Entertainment Ave. Boise William N. Grigg Author, Journalist and Sr. Editor for New American magazine along with A.J Ellis will speak on Sharia Law

Mar. 5th. 6:30 - 8:30 PM Gem county Tea Party Will hold it's one year anniversary meeting at the American Legion Hall, 120 N. Hayes, Emmett

Mar. 12th. at 6:30 PM Gem County Lightfoot Militia will meet at The Triangle restaurant on highway 52 in Sweet. Sheriff Rolland will be there to answer questions.

Mar. 12th. at 12:00 PM The Ada County Republican Women's Club will hold their Red Jacket Luncheon at the Grove Hotel Ballroom at 245 South Capital Blvd.

Mar. 13th. Mini-Cassia Tea Party will hold a meet the challenger forum for candidates running for Idaho's Constitutional Officers and the Candidate for House of Representatives for district 2 Idaho.

Mar. 20th. At 7:00 PM Canyon County Tea Party will meet at Hubler Terminal, Caldwell Airport

MAR. 29th. Duck Dynasty will land at the Idaho Center Nampa. Sponsored by Lawrence Denney for Idaho. See page 32 for further details on tickets.

Apr. 4th. At 6:30 PM Washington Payette County Tea Party will meet at the Payette High School Auditorium. We are planning to have our local Superintendent's take part in a debate on Common Core with questions from the audience.

The Gem State Patriot Begins Producing Weekly TV Show

Thanks to the generosity of TVCTV Treasure Valley Community Television the Gem State Patriot has embarked on a new venture. We will be producing a weekly TV program which will bring you an opportunity to get caught up on the issues affecting Idahoans. The program will be called "YOUR IDAHO". This program will be live every Thursday from 6:30 to 7:00 PM. These programs will be available on the following link.

<http://www.tvctvonline.org/schedule/ch-11-live-streaming>

We completed our first pilot video last week on the State Health Care Exchange. You will be able to access this program by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=feWFeuFsNuA&feature=youtu.be>

Our many thanks to our friends at Treasure Valley Community Television We would ask if you could show your support for this great organization by going to their web-site and make a tax deductible donation to help keep this alternative media alive. <http://www.tvctvonline.org/>

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